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Office hours:

Neepawa:

Resource
Centre

290 Davidson

Monday 9-6

Tues-Fri

11:00 – 6:00

**All
services
are free
of charge**

Neepawa & Area Immigrant Settlement Services Services for people from around the world

What we do:

We provide assistance to people who are learning to live in a new country. Settlement services help people develop skills and knowledge to participate in a new society.

Settlement Assistance:

- Information and orientation about life in Canada and your community
- Help filling out forms such as: Manitoba Health, SIN, Criminal Record Check, Canada Child Tax Credit etc.
- Review of Manitoba Provincial Nominee and Permanent Resident applications, Criminal Record Check, etc.
- Support, information and assistance concerning immigration issues
- Advocacy referrals
- Referrals for education, employment and housing
- Commissioner of Oaths and Notary Public services

Anytime you call our office and leave a message ... would you please spell your first and last name and give us your phone number so we can call you back? We don't have call display and aren't always sure who left us a message. Thank you!

For those of you who have received their nomination from the Province, we have the list of documents you will need to submit for your Permanent Residency by the due date on your letter. Come on it for the list ... and congratulations!!!

CJ97 Radio is looking to offer a few hours a week of Filipino programming on their local radio station. Are you interested in being on the radio? They will provide training and assistance – but you provide the news and information that is of interest to Neepawa's Filipino community. Contact Donald Phillips at 204-841-4988 if you wish to be a part of this program.

*****Guess What? We are on Facebook!*****

Look for us at "Neepawa and Area Settlement Services" on Facebook. Like us and get updated daily.

Robert Sopuck, MP

(Dauphin - Swan River - Marquette)



invites you to a
Come & Go "Meet & Greet"
for
Senator Tobias C. Enverga
Jr.

Senator Enverga is the first Filipino-Canadian chosen for the Senate of Canada. Senator Enverga is a prominent member of the Filipino-Canadian community in the City of Toronto, and serves as Trustee to the Toronto Catholic District School Board. He is the founder of the Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation, former President of the Philippine Independence Day Council, and serves on a variety of other charitable organizations. Senator Enverga has been employed by the Bank of Montreal since arriving in Canada in 1981.



THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013

"Come & Go" 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Viscount Cultural Center for the Arts
293 Mountain Avenue, NEEPAWA, Manitoba

Light Refreshments - RSVP by
Tuesday, April 9th

to the Office of Robert Sopuck, MP
Toll-free: 1-877-405-8946, Email:
info@robertsopuck.ca

🇨🇦 *EVERYONE WELCOME!* 🇨🇦



Permanent Resident Card Renewal Tips

During the 5 years that you have your Permanent Residence Card, it would be an excellent idea to keep a copy of every plane ticket you have used when you left Canada. Keep your documentation/plane tickets in an envelope in a safe place. That way, when it comes to to renew your card, you can advise CIC exactly how long you have been out of Canada (if at all) AND have the supporting documentation to prove it! ☺ And never throw away your Permanent Resident papers ... ever. Guaranteed you will need them one day.

Winter Activities - Winter goes quickly when you "use" the snow

WINTER PARK - Langford - Neepawa on Hwy 16
- has 10 km of Cross Country Ski Trails
- has 6 km of Snow Shoe Trails
- has a Toboggan Hill
- has a warming cabin

Directions: East on #16 Highway for 6.5 km. Parking on the south side of the highway. If you would like to try Skiing or Snowshoeing, we can give you instruction and some equipment if you give us a minimum of 48 notice. Contact mgamey@explornet.ca

Youth group ages 6 – 18. Ski instruction and fun activities. Sundays 1:30-3:30. Cost is \$ 25/winter, some equipment available to use. Contact Paul Koshel 204-476-3084

**With all this snow we've had we will be cross country skiing until August !!! ☺

Important to Know Stuff:

Please, please, please check your e-mails at all times. Some people have missed some important e-mails from CIC and the Province and no longer have status now!!! Oh no!! Trying to get restoration in Canada takes 3 months and you may not be able to work while you wait for your new work permit. So, please keep up with your e-mails. In-box and spam ... just in case.

When you book an appointment for us to review what you have input for your P.N. application, we will assist you in correcting and/or amending what needs to be done. We will direct you on what is missing as well. Be sure to bring in ALL of your documents ... it really helps our office. Don't ask for anything from the bank until you are ready to submit your application. That way everything is up to date!

We've been through a couple of snow storms here already and Winter is not over yet. Have you got your Emergency Car Kit ready? Click on this link to find out what it should contain ... stay safe, you are important to us!

<http://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/kts/cr-kt-eng.aspx>

Did you know:

- That if you hold a 5A Manitoba Driver's License, you still have to have a fully licensed driver with you at all times as you are still a beginner driver. It is an offence to do otherwise.
- That when you extend your work permit, you must let Manitoba Health and Manitoba Public Insurance (car license and insurance) know as these dates are all tied to your permit!!
- Worried that your medicals will soon be expiring? Come see us at the office. We can help advise you on what to do next.

High humidity will ruin your windows, ceilings, walls, and doors leading to maintenance e

Excessive humidity will quickly lower the value of your home.

**Most important too much moisture in your home could affect your health. Moulds are very h
your lungs and the respiratory system of your loved ones. Please check your home for ex
moisture in both winter and summer.**

You could have an environment which promotes the growth of moulds.

If you:

- have a number of occupants in your home,
- do a lot of cooking on the stove,
- use a lot of water in bathing and laundry

The danger signs are:

- Black, blue, or gray colour on the walls or in the corners in your closets,
- There is fog or moisture on the inside of your windows,
- Water on the windows sills and sometimes water may even be leaking below the wind and end up softening the drywall,
- Moisture may be collecting on outside doors freezing them which will interfere with th and closing of doors,
- Moisture may even be visible on the walls. Dry wall can be ruined in a very short time.

The following are several tips to reduce the humidity in your home

1. Use the kitchen exhaust fan during cooking,
2. Use the bathroom fan while bathing, showering or using the sink,
3. Buy a dehumidifier and use it constantly to reduce humidity,
4. If a ceiling fan exists, let them run constantly as they will circulate the air,
5. Be sure all walls have air circulation: for example, do not have boxes or clothing corners or close to walls,
6. Finished basements should have a dehumidifier working constantly summer & winter,
7. Dryers should be exhausted outside to rid the home of washer/dryer moisture.

Newer dehumidifiers and fans require very little energy. You will need to empty the dehumidifier or connect them to your floor drain with a small hose. Most have thermostats that turn on automatically. You can buy a dehumidifier at any hardware store or large retail store. Dehumidifiers may be purchased on E-Brand or at garage sales. However, you must be very careful to work properly.

Respectfully submitted by Liz Sumner & John Nelson – Real Estate Agents- Gill & Schmall Age

Bank News:

Credit Card Tips for Newcomers

Your credit rating is a public record of your debt history & repayments. Anytime you apply for a mortgage, loan or credit card, the lender will check your credit standing. If you have a good credit rating, you're much more likely to be approved for your loan or mortgage. However, if you have a poor credit rating, you may end up paying a much higher interest rate, or you may not even receive the approval at all.

One of the primary factors for a good credit rating is your credit card usage history. Credit cards can be an effective way to establish a good history. However if you have too many credit cards, or if you carry high balances on those cards (especially if you have made any late payments), this will have a negative impact on your credit rating. As a newcomer to Canada, you may find that you are receiving multiple credit card offers in the mail. While these invitations are very tempting special offers, we highly recommend that you do not accept all offers sent to you. Some feel that having multiple cards will improve their credit rating; however this can often have the opposite effect. Our advice would be to maintain one primary credit card & ensure that your spending does not exceed your ability to repay the amount each month. If you need to carry some of your balance forward, it is important to focus on repaying that balance as quickly as possible, to avoid excess interest charges & the potential impact on your credit rating. If you do find yourself in a situation where you have already accumulated high balances & don't know what to do, please come visit us at RBC for further guidance & advice.

Next month... budgeting tips!

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Interested in buying your first home? Looking for more information?

Please consider attending our First Time Homebuyer's Seminars to be held at the Neepawa Resource Centre on April 16th, at 9:00-11:00 & 4:00-6:00. Please confirm with the RBC Neepawa branch if you plan to attend!

Kathy Drul

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Rental Housing:

Neepawa – 90 Mountain Avenue, 3 bedroom home (each bedroom has 2 beds). Fully furnished home with: fridge/stove/washer/dryer, air conditioner and dishwasher. Wanting \$300/person and damage deposit of \$150.00 per person. Includes water/heat/electricity/internet. Call Val anytime at 204-841-0448. Available immediately.

Neepawa – 407 Mountain Avenue (Churchill Block), extra large 2 bedroom apartments available, includes heat and water, fridge and stove. Call Debbie 204-841-1298.

Neepawa – 617-1ST Avenue, \$280.00 per person, 3 bedrooms to share. Includes fridge/stove/washer/dryer/dishwasher and internet. Contact Julia at 204-841-4806.

Neepawa – 3 bedroom house @5th and Mill Street.

Fridge/Stove/Washer/Driver/Dishwasher. \$1,000.00/month plus utilities. Plus Damage deposit of \$500.00. Lease starts Sept 1st. Call Kate for an appointment @204-841-4498.

Neepawa – 296 – 5th Avenue, includes fridge/stove/washer/dryer. Utilities not included. 2 rooms for 2 people @\$800.00/month for the house. Contact Ladawan Wilier @204-871-0473 NOTE: Not furnished, Owner wanting to charge more for more people.

Neepawa – 302 Fourth Ave \$285 shared basement apartment includes utilities, internet, fridge/stove/washer/dryer/air conditioner. Call Caroline 204-476-4025. Available immediately. Basement suite shared with three Filipinos 1 work days 2 work nights.

Minnedosa – 1 room in basement/ 2 beds. Each bedroom has 2 beds. \$350 w/o car in winter \$400.00 with car in winter. Fridge/stove/washer/dryer/dishwasher. Contact Mary @204-867-3827.

Plumas – 5 bedroom house includes fridge and stove. Garage with large yard. Utilities not included. \$700.00/month or \$250.00/person, minimum 5 persons. Call Martha 204-212-0807 or 204-808-6318.

Plumas – 2 bedroom house includes fridge/stove/washer/dryer/AC. Utilities not included. \$800.00 plus \$800 damage deposit. Contact Don and leave a message at 204-386-2634.

Arden – 4 bedroom house includes fridge/stove/washer/dryer. No utilities included. Rent is \$850.00 plus damage deposit of \$850.00. Call Don and leave a message at 204-386-2634.

Gladstone – 2 bedroom home. Includes 6 appliances, heated garage, front & back patio, no smoking or pets. Contact 204-385-2762 or egclarke@gladstone.ca.

Medical Services

Hurray! You are now in Manitoba and are covered under the Manitoba Health Care Program. Unfortunately, the Health cards are taking a long time to be processed. But until you receive your health card in the mail, it is critical that you bring your passport and CPR papers to the Doctor's and/or hospital so you can be seen free of charge. Once you receive your purple Manitoba Health Card, keep it with you at all times. In your wallet or purse. Always. Your Manitoba Health card expires on the same day as your work permit. So make sure you get your Employer to update Manitoba Health with your new work permit or come to our office if you aren't sure what to do.

Police Clearances

Please be aware that when you include members of your family in your application for PR, police clearances from overseas must be included for your spouse and any children over the age of 18 years old along with your own.

Sending CIC Documents on your own

When you send CIC payments or documents on your own it is critical you write down your file number/I.D. number down on everything you send or scan to them!!! If you do not, CIC does not know who the payment or document belongs to. Remember there are thousands of documents being received daily. This may result in you not getting your work permit and then you

cannot work or your permanent resident application may be delayed. Yikes!

Letter from your Editor:

The days are getting longer and the sun is shining bright! The first day of spring was Wednesday, March 20th! Although you'd never know it by all the snow we've been getting! Stay warm and hang in there ... drive safe and take care.

God bless.

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