E-Mail Newsletter

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Office hours:

Neepawa:

342 Mountain Ave, 2nd Floor

Mon – Friday 9-5

All services are free of charge

This is your Newsletter too!

What would you like to learn about?

Drop in and tell us what you would like to add in next month's newsletter

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**
- **Assistance in completing forms**
- **Support, information and assistance concerning immigration issues**
- **Advocacy referrals**
- **Referrals for education, employment, language and housing**
- **Commissioner of Oaths and Notary Public services**

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Come visit us in our new space at our OPEN HOUSE on Friday, January 24th, 2014 from 12-5 p.m. Community members and service providers welcome. Please drop by to meet your local NAISS, learn more about our settlement services, and enjoy light snacks and refreshments.

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If you move to another Province, you need to update the following contacts of your new address and information:

1. Citizenship Immigration Canada
2. Manitoba Health
3. Manitoba Public Insurance and your car insurance agency
4. Canada Post Office in order to have your mail re-directed to your new address. They will not forward Government mail.
5. Revenue Canada regarding Child Tax Credit and Income Tax.

To not advise the above contacts is misleading Government Agencies and is considered fraud.

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Effective November 1st, 2013:

• Any employee of HyLife Foods who are Temporary Foreign Workers or Provincial Nominees will now need to report to their Human Resources Office for any Immigration issues.
• Any Temporary Foreign Worker not employed by HyLife Foods will need to contact the Immigration Manitoba Office at 1-800-665-8332, 204-945-2806 or their General Inquiry line at 204-945-6300.

• Any Provincial Nominee Worker not employed by HyLife Foods will need to contact the Citizenship Immigration Canada office by calling 1-888-242-2100.

Anyone who is a Permanent Resident, or has been invited by CIC to present their passports to become a Permanent Resident will have their Integration and Settlement needs performed by Neepawa Immigration Settlement Services.

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As you will have noticed there have been some changes happening recently with Neepawa Settlement Services.
The first is that we have moved locations. We are now located on the second floor of the CO-OP building at 342 Mountain Ave.
The second change is probably the biggest one for us and many of you. The Federal government (CIC) has changed what our office does in Neepawa. They have directed us to provide settlement services to Permanent residents and their families ONLY. Our new role is to help these families learn about the new country they have moved to and aid them in understanding the Canadian culture.
This means that unless you are a Permanent resident we are unable to provide you any service. We no longer assist people with their applications for Provincial Nominee or Permanent Residency. We do not assist people who are waiting to be asked for their passports.
We can only assist those who have been asked to hand in their passports for VISA's to CIC and then had their passports returned to them from CIC with their Confirmation of Permanent residence attached.
All Settlement Services across Canada are directed by CIC. The change to our office was made so that our office would be doing the same work as all the other CIC sponsored offices across Canada.
We will miss the work we used to do with the newcomers to our community but we really look forward to working with them when they become Permanent Residents.

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We would like to introduce our new Receptionist, Myla Ignacio.
Myla is fluent in Tagalog, Bisaya, English and Surigaonon.
We are very excited to have Myla with us!!

In fact, Myla has taught the children at HMK Elementary School's Diversity Day about the Philippines and taught the children how to make parol star for Christmas!
We are not sure who had more fun, the children or Myla!

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Check out the following website for the road conditions:
We are in the South West area.

Road and Traveller Information | Infrastructure and Transportation | Province of Manitoba

roaddata.gov.mb.ca

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Were you aware that a person can lose their Permanent Resident status if they don't stay in Canada at least 2 years out of 5? This includes children, spouses ... Anyone. Same rule applies when you renew your Permanent Resident card every 5 years.
Please see us for information regarding your eligibility.

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Looking for a new Doctor? Phone the Family Doctor Connection Program at 1-204-786-7111 or 1-866-690-8260 to register

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Guess What? We are on Facebook!

If you haven't "liked" us on Facebook yet you are missing out on a lot of good instant information! Search for us at "Neepawa and Area Settlement Services" on Facebook. "Like" us and get updated daily. However, our Facebook is for information purposes only please. Your comments will be removed.

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Government money for your child's education

You know that education is important to your child's future success, but you're not sure how to pay for it?
For more information and videos go to www.smartsaver.org
Available in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Tagalog and Korean.

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Keep your Manitoba Health Card, with you at all times.
In your wallet or purse. Always.
Just in case you need to go to the hospital in case of an emergency. Then hospital staff will have your name, numbers and your health history in order to assist you better.

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A new Honorary Consul General for MB, upon taking the position of Honorary Consul General, Orli Marcelino will handle consular matters such as visa and passport processing.

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The ENTRY program is a great place for Newcomers to learn about their new community. Watch out on our Facebook page for the dates and times. We really hope you choose to come by. Free daycare will be available.

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We've been told that there is a bedbug issue currently in Neepawa. We will have copies of the fact sheets in our office if you want to have either an English or Tagalog version.

http://www.gov.mb.ca/.../en/bedbugs/bed_bugs_fact_sheet.pdf

http://www.gov.mb.ca/.../en/bedbugs/fact_sheet_tagalog.pdf

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Letter from your Editor

The weather has been extremely cold for over 4 weeks now and it's only been winter for a short while! Take the extra measures in dressing warm and driving carefully. You mean a lot to us.
Happy New Year and God bless.

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