



# E-Mail Newsletter

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## Office hours:

### Neepawa:

Resource Centre

290 Davidson

Monday to Friday

11:00 – 6:00

### Minnedosa:

and

### Gladstone:

Please call for an appointment

## Services available in:

English

Filipino

All services are free of charge

Program paid for by the Province of Manitoba

## 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, Manitoba Provincial Nominee, Permanent Resident, Criminal Record Check, etc.
- Support, information and assistance concerning immigration issues
- Advocacy
- Referrals for education, employment and housing
- Cultural Diversity Training
- Commissioner of Oaths and Notary Public services

### Rental Housing:

**Neepawa** – suites available at Churchill Block – contact Debbie at 841-1298.

**Neepawa** – 2 bedroom apartment in lower level of house at 341 Davidson. Contact Julia at 841-1036

**Minnedosa** – 2 bedroom house; furnished; washer, dryer, fridge and stove; \$400.00 per month plus utilities. Contact Darcy at 867-3131.

**Minnedosa** – 2 bedroom (and 2 bedrooms downstairs) house; furnished; washer, fridge and stove; \$400.00 per month plus utilities. Contact Darcy at 867-3131.

**Neepawa** – 3 bedroom house with finished basement, yard and garage. Includes washer, dryer, fridge, stove and air conditioner. Contact Karen at 570-2574

**Carberry** – 2 bedroom house. Includes washer, dryer, fridge and stove. \$875.00 plus utilities. Contact Scott at 724-2156, Koralea at 724-0476

### Service Canada information session:

We will be hosting an information session about Employment Insurance and Registered Education Savings Plans (RESP) at the Resource Centre. It will be on February 15 at 5:00. **Please let me know** if you plan on attending.

### Red Cross Smart Start (Injury prevention):

Last month's workshop was well attended. If anyone missed it who would like to attend one, please let me know and I will schedule it again.

### Neepawa Winter Festival:

Volunteers are needed to help out at the Winter Festival on Monday February 20. Please contact Amanda at 476-7614 if you are interested.

### **Dates for RCMP finger printing:**

The next date for fingerprinting will be **Sunday February 19** at 6:00 pm at the RCMP station.

### **Youth Soccer:**



The Neepawa United Soccer Association (NUSA) is hoping to start a **TRAVELING LEAGUE** this spring. Our Neepawa teams would play against Brandon, Rivers and Minnedosa. The **under 10 (players born in 2002 and 2003)** and **under 12 (players born in 2000 and 2001)** boys teams would play on Mondays and Wednesdays. The **under 10 (players born in 2002 and 2003)** and **under 12 (players born in 2000 and 2001)** girls teams would play on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The traveling league often starts the last week of April (weather permitting) and ends in June. The cost will be \$100.00. We will be having our registration in the middle of February so please watch for details. It will be advertised in the newspaper and a pamphlet will be sent home from school in the upcoming weeks with more information.

### **Permanent Resident Cards: Important!**

We are still seeing a lot of PR cards not being received due to the mailing address being incorrect. Please be sure that when you land you tell the Immigration Officer that your mail is delivered to a box number. If your family is arriving, be sure to write the box number on a paper for them to give at the airport. Even if the officer does not ask for this information, it must be on your landing document or you will not receive your PR card.

### **Income Tax time is coming!!**

Income tax is based on how much money you earn in a year. The tax year is from January 1 to December 31. You must complete an income tax return once a year. It must be mailed in by April 30, 2012. If you file it later than this you will have to pay interest on any amount owing and benefits may be delayed until the return is filed.

For those of you who are filing for the first time, please remember; if you have a wife/husband or common-law spouse be sure to list her/him as your spouse on the space provided. If someone is helping you with your return, be very sure to tell them if your spouse is in Canada or not. It will make a big difference in how much money you get back! If it is claimed incorrectly, you will end up having to pay it back at a later date.

As a resident of Canada, you must report your world income (**income from all sources both inside and outside of Canada**) on your Canadian income tax return and you must pay the correct amount of taxes according to the law.

Even if you have no income to report or taxes to pay, it is important to file an income tax return as you may be eligible for credits or benefits. In order to receive these benefits, you must file an income tax return.

Your employer must provide you with a T4 slip by the end of February. You will need this information to file your income tax return. **You must keep copies of all your tax paper work for at least 7 years. This includes the statements that they send you.**

**Service Canada in Brandon:**

A Representative from Citizenship and Immigration Canada will be available to answer enquiries.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 AND  
Thursday February 16, 2012

WHERE: Service Canada Centre  
Government of Canada Building  
1039 Princess Avenue  
Brandon MB

HOW: \*\*\**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY*\*\*\*

CALL 726-7623 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday

**Self-employment:**

The Farmers' Market Association of Manitoba is hosting an information session for anyone interested in selling food or crafts at Farmers' Markets.

When: March 8th from 5:30-6:30

Where: Neepawa Resource Centre, 290 Davidson Street  
Please call (204) 803-3659 to register for this free event.

**Message from the Editor:**

The weather has been fantastic this year. With a bit of luck it will continue for the Winter Festival on the 20<sup>th</sup>. I encourage you to get down to the "Flats" in Neepawa to enjoy this day of fun filled activities!

**Contact information:**

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