



# 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** – bedroom in shared house \$250.00 per month, everything included. Call 212-0689 for more information.

**Neepawa** – bedroom in shared house \$300.00 per month, everything included. Call 704-0114 for more information.

**Neepawa** – bedroom in shared house \$225.00 per month, everything included. Call Andrea at 841-0842.

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

**Neepawa** – 1 bedroom apartment in house with yard. Utilities included; \$400.00 per month. Contact Paul at 967-2296

### Service Canada in Brandon:

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

WHEN: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 AND  
Wednesday September 21, 2011

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

**Canadian Citizenship:**

To apply for Canadian Citizenship you must have 3 years of residency. This is calculated at half time for the period that you were in Canada as a temporary foreign worker and full time for the period after you became a permanent resident. For example: if it you were in Canada for 2 years before becoming a permanent resident; you will need another 2 years after you became a permanent resident before you can apply for citizenship. There is a lot of learning to do before taking the test. If you are interested in starting to learn, there is a section on the CIC website that has interactive games to learn the information. Here is the link to the site:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/games/youth-corner.asp>

**Dates for RCMP finger printing:**

For those of you who need to have their finger prints taken for police clearances, the RCMP has set up a special time. They will be doing them at the RCMP office on September 12 at 6:00 pm. Please come to the settlement office before you go, to have your identification copied and your application form checked. Bring your passport and SIN card to the settlement office and to the RCMP. This will make it go much faster when you go to the RCMP.

**Travel Visas for Returning TFW:**

It is possible to get a travel visa for the length of your current work permit through the CIC office in Buffalo. This will make it much easier and you will not have to worry about the processing time when you are home for your vacation! It takes 2 to 3 months to process so you must plan ahead to be sure you get your passport back on time. If you have questions, please come and see us about it.

**Buyer Beware!**

I have heard that there have been some very aggressive sales people in the community recently and I would like to share a word of warning. First of all, just because a salesperson looks respectable and is very nicely dressed does not mean that he is reputable! Beware of anyone who tells you something is "free". Nothing is free! For instance I have heard about the alarm monitoring system that is advertised as "free". While this may seem true, you must sign a monitoring contract for several years and pay a monthly fee. The company simply gets the payment for the "free" system through the monthly payments. In most cases, once you have signed a contract, you must pay for the whole term. This can mean that if you moved out of the house, you would be paying for years for a system that is not even yours! So, please consider very carefully what a salesperson may tell you. If you have any concerns do not sign anything! Give yourself a few days to think about it and ask for an opinion from someone you know and trust.

**Message from the Editor:**

We will be having a Community Immigration Team meeting on September 22 at 6:00. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please let me know if you plan to come!

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