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MESSAGE FROM MAXINE RENNIE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As always, summer on PEI has been full of sun, heat, and adventure. Our team has been busy with AIP settlement plans, employer engagement, and popping up all over the island in parades and events with our community partners! As many of our clients adjust to the long hours of summer sunlight and Mother Nature's schedule, we assist with client's ever evolving needs across PEI.

We continue to celebrate with individuals and families as they achieve their dreams, from receiving their Permanent Residency status and passing their Citizenship exams, to receiving a Provincial Nomination, or closing on their first home on PEI. Together, we are building strong and prosperous communities.

-Maxine Rennie

OUR MISSION

Individuals and families who choose to settle in rural PEI offer incredible value to the communities that they settle. In each of our numerous communities dotting the coastline or the inland rolling hills of our Island, you'll find a diverse group of community members who settled in PEI or were born as Islanders, coming together to help each other and create a prosperous and fulfilling life in Rural PEI. We are here to support the inclusion of our newest residents in all aspects of rural PEI life.



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FROM THE WESTERN PEI COMMUNITY NAVIGATORS



What's Coming Up??

India Independence Day
Ukraine Independence Day
Newcomer Fun Day and Market
Come Try Paddleboarding and Kayaking
PEI Neighbour Week
Mexico Independence Day

MEMORIES



What a busy and fun few months it has been in Western PEI!

We had a great time partnering with four local schools to celebrate multiculturalism days: Sharing of culture with presentations, food, stories, music and more!

A fishing information session saw a great turnout, where we learned about rules, species, bag limits and even some tips and tricks for more successful outings!

We celebrated the hard work and dedication of our steering committee member and Faith Leader Representative Rev. Bethe Cameron, as we said farewell and wish her all the best in her new adventures.

Staff were out celebrating CBDC day and enjoyed many great chats with local businesses that day.

June 9th we celebrated Philippine Heritage Month with music, games and food.

We had the pleasure of hosting an employer roundtable with representatives from IRCC and PEI Office of Immigration in attendance.

On June 21, we visited Lennox Island to be a part the National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration. It was truly a lovely experience .

We finished off July by marching in the O'Leary Potato Blossom Parade, showcasing flags from around the world. A fun day was had by all.



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FROM THE CENTRAL PEI COMMUNITY NAVIGATORS

Good things ARE COMING



- ZUMBA IN THE PARK
- BEACH, GAMES AND CORN BOIL
- KENSINGTON HARVEST FESTIVAL
- PEI NEIGHBOUR WEEK
- BORDEN-CARLETON GET TO KNOW YOUR LIBRARY

TO FOLLOW OUR SOCIALS FOR MORE!!!



Good Times



THE SUMMER MONTHS HAVE BEEN A BLAST SO FAR!

WE PARTNERED WITH GO CENTRAL FOR AN EXCITING SPORTS FAIR WHERE KIDS HAD THE CHANCE TO EXPLORE VARIOUS SPORTS THROUGH "COME TRY" ACTIVITIES, WHILE PARENTS ATTENDED AN INFORMATION SESSION.

WE LAUNCHED ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLES FOCUSED ON WORKPLACE SAFETY COMMUNICATION. WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT A SECOND ROUND HAS JUST BEGUN.

IN JUNE WE CELEBRATED FILIPINO HERITAGE MONTH WITH A VIBRANT CELEBRATION FEATURING DELICIOUS FOOD, DANCING, AND MUSIC.

OUR PICNIC AT CHELTON BEACH WAS ALSO A FUN TIME WITH LOTS OF FOOD, GAMES, AND GREAT MUSIC.

THIS QUARTER OUR REGION SAW A VERY SUCCESSFUL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING WITH SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS BRINGING FRESH PERSPECTIVES.

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FROM THE EASTERN PEI COMMUNITY NAVIGATORS



**COMING
SOON**

- Community Beach Day/Come Try Paddle Boarding in Souris
- Women's Circle
- Eastern Kings Exhibition
- PEI Neighbour Week
- Mexican Independence Day Party in Murray Harbour
- Fire Safe Information Session
- English Classes

The Eastern PEI Community Navigators have had a joy filled start to the summer. We began the summer with Family Day at Kings Castle which was an absolute blast. We celebrated Filipino heritage month in Souris, kicked off Wellness Week with a beautiful bike ride along along St. Peters Bay in Partnership with Go! East and attended many incredible summer festivals and socials.

We look forward to kicking off new information sessions and fall events- check out our social media for more information on upcoming events.



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PEI Migrant Workers Support Program Corner

Temporary Foreign Workers in PEI



Learn your rights in Canada

Build Community Connections



Access Support



Available for One-on-One Meetings



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COMING SOON!



& more fun activities!!!



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ESL News

PEI Community Navigators Deliver English Language Training for Workplace Safety



Pictured here is Maggie Larocque delivering a dynamic final English lesson to some of PEI Community Navigators clients. Since its foundation, the PEI Community Navigators program has provided free general English conversation circles in the Eastern, Central, and Western regions of PEI. This very special class focusing on language for safety developed recently when Thane Smallwood of the PEI Bag Company contact the central Navigators, Marla and Kristi, to discuss available language support for their employees.

Newcomers bring many talents to our beautiful Island. These employees are highly skilled workers and are eager to learn the language skills necessary to help them excel, including the often high demand area of safety language. This innovative class sought to bridge an existing gap by proving the basics of safety language, ensuring employees can apply their expertise in the most effective way possible. In searching for a teacher, Marla and Kristi welcomed Maggie, who has an extensive background in teaching English as a Second Language, and who always makes class an interesting and friendly place to learn. The course is three months in length for two hours weekly, Currently delivered to 12 students in the William Callbeck Centre in Central Bedeque.

Since their initial meeting, the PEI Community Navigators and the PEI Bag Company have worked closely to ensure participants are getting comprehensive support. We will soon start a second round of the course that all are welcome to join, and we can't wait to see what other ideas grow from our partnerships with businesses across the Island!



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Camille Pansoy



"I came to PEI on February 24, 2024 at around 12 midnight from Dubai. I am currently working in Kings County Memorial Hospital, coming from Dubai and moving here alone was quite challenging at first. It was tough navigating a new country & community on my own, the difference in accessibility to transportation compared to Dubai where transportation is easily accessible, as well as the time difference away from my husband and family back home. But I'm just so grateful that everyone here is so nice and friendly. They made me feel that I belong here and accepted me with open arms. Thanks to Rachel from the PEI Community Navigators for guiding me through the process of getting settled here. Also, my Filipino friends who helped me in every way possible and gave me a feeling of being home. And most especially with my KCMH colleagues, I was overwhelmed with their support and care like they treat me as their own family. What I like the most here in PEI is the people and the nature. I love walking on the confederation trail in the mornings and chatting with random people. I can say now that I am really blessed to be part of this community and I loved being here in PEI. I can't wait for my husband to be here with me and I'm certain that he will love this place as much as I do!"

-Camile Pansoy

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