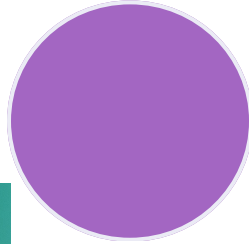




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Immigration Partnership Changes

The long-awaited arrival of spring heralds exciting changes for the Immigration Partnership. We have moved our office location to the Employment and Education Centre, 105 Strowger Blvd., Brockville. We thank our partners there for their warm welcome and cheerful assistance during our transition.

Our Partnership Council continues to grow and evolve. We welcome a new member, the Keys Job Centre, represented by Trish McNamara. All the dedicated members of our Council are listed on Page 4. As always, thank you for your hard work, creativity and commitment!

This year, Council has decided to form two special working groups to address the priorities of the Immigration Partnership in Leeds and Grenville:

- Economic Development and International Students
- Employment and Settlement

Reports on their work and activities will be available on our portal at www.leedsgrenvilleimmigration.ca

Our program is funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

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CSE Consulting

Providing Flexible Avenues to Employment

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The journey to gainful employment is different for each individual. This is why CSE Consulting offers diverse programming which helps clients to meet their unique employment goals. For over 20 years, CSE Consulting has delivered a wide range of services to support those who are seeking to increase their career potential. A perfect example of this is the *Online Job Search Program*. It is not always possible to travel to CSE's Employment Resource Centres (in Kemptville and Prescott) to meet with an Employment Consultant and/or attend employment workshops and perform job search activities; the Online Job Search Program provides an economical and interactive learning environment from the comfort of one's home. In addition to its flexibility, the Online Job Search Program, in coordination with a CSE Facilitator, helps clients to job search, explore skill sets, identify networking opportunities, hone resume and cover letter skills, and increase their chances of success in an interview setting.

In addition to providing remote job search support, as an Employment Ontario Service Provider, CSE Consulting is proud to help local unemployed individuals between the ages of 15 and 29 access youth employment funding. *The Youth Employment Fund* helps youth get job placements that provide more opportunity for training, gaining skills, and valuable work experience. The fund provides financial incentives to employers to help cover the cost of wages and training for new hires, and helps youth cover costs such as transportation or tools required for the job. It helps to connect employers with the skilled workers they need, while helping youth build the skills and confidence necessary to reach their employment goals.

CSE Consulting's mission is to provide customer-centric, professional quality services for individuals, employers and the community; adopting flexible options to support the particular needs of clients positively contributes to CSE's aim of fostering growth, independence and sustainable employment. As such, CSE offers many more services tailored to the individual needs of those they serve.

Some of the many **free** supports and services offered in Brockville, Prescott and Kemptville are:

- Ontario Disability Support Program – Employment Supports for persons with disabilities throughout Leeds & Grenville
- Summer Job Service – connecting students and employers for summer employment
- Computer and employment preparation training and work transition for injured workers
- Targeted Initiative for Older Workers

For more information, please visit www.cseconsulting.com or call 613-925-0222 (Prescott) and 613-258-6576 (Kemptville).

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Leeds and Grenville welcomes Jackie Cho and her family, the new owners of a Becker's convenience store located in the strip mall on the corner of Stewart and Parkedale in Brockville. Originally from China, the Chos moved to Brockville from Toronto last year, after successfully identifying a small business in which they wanted to invest. They embody a driving entrepreneurial spirit, often working long past the traditional 8 hours a day. "Fridays are busy", says Jackie with a smile. The Becker's store has a constant stream of customers stopping by to purchase groceries, lottery tickets, cigarettes, drop off dry-cleaning, and check out the week's specials.

The Chos are happy with their decision to come to Leeds Grenville, stating that although they are too busy to explore their new surroundings very often, the customers who come into their store have been friendly and welcoming. Jackie reflects back on her limited English skills when she arrived in Canada 34 years ago, the journey to improving those skills through a series of English as a Second Language courses, and concludes that proficiency in English should be a priority for newcomer entrepreneurs.

"It's all about having good communication with your customers," she states.

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Multiple Entry Visitor Visas

Effective February 6, 2014, visitors to Canada are automatically considered for a multi entry visa. These visas allow visitors to come and go from Canada for six months at a time, for up to 10 years.

In making the announcement, Chris Alexander, Canada's Citizenship and Immigration Minister stated " By making the multiple-entry visa the standard visitor visa, we are evolving to meet the needs of international travelers who are looking for flexible, fast, and convenient options to come to Canada." www.cic.gc.ca/english/department/media/releases/2014/2014-02-03.asp

Each year more than 35 million people visit Canada. The top five countries of origin are the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Germany and Mainland China.

Source: Statistics Canada, Tourism and the Centre for Education Statistics

Destinations Canada



Louise Van Winkle Francophone
Promotion Immigration Section

In February, LIP staff partnered with the 1000 Islands Region Workforce Development Board and the Francophone Immigrant Support Network of East Ontario to host an information session for community partners. Staff from the Canadian Embassy in Paris presented information regarding a Citizenship and Immigration Canada program that encourages French speaking individuals from overseas to relocate to communities outside of Quebec with the objective of filling skills gaps and promoting linguistic duality in Canada. Points of interest for local employers are the rapidity of the process – a worker can be in Canada within 1-2 months, and

the job language requirements don't need to include French. Contact Malika Séguin (Francophone Immigrant Support Network) for more information: malika@cesoc.ca

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Beautiful Leeds and Grenville is at its best during the gorgeous days of summer. Cooling off in the St. Lawrence River, lazing on the beach at Brown's Bay Park, taking a boat cruise from Gananoque, exploring some of the biking or hiking trails, visiting the historic Rideau Canal, buying fresh vegetables from a Farmer's Market... the list of possible activities is endless.

Newcomers may be hearing their friends and neighbors planning a camping trip and wondering what that experience is like. Ontario Parks has put together a useful guide to help you prepare for and plan a camping trip. For information, please visit: www.ontarioparks.com/learntocamp

New citizens of Canada are eligible for a free Cultural Access Pass which will allow you to visit many parks, museums and historical sites free of charge. You can apply on-line at: www.icc-icc.ca/en/cap/eligible.php

Passes are available at the Parks Canada Mallorytown Landing office (2 County Road 5, Mallorytown, 613-923-5261).

Area libraries also offer free day passes to Ottawa area museums for their members. Whatever you do this summer, get out and explore some of the wonderful places in this region we are privileged to call "home"!



RESOURCES CORNER

- ⇒ **Triple P Parenting** offers easy to understand information and tips on parenting in general and what to expect at your child's stage of development www.tripleontario.ca/en/about_triple_p/The_Power_Of_Positive_Parenting.aspx
- ⇒ **Your Legal Rights** website contains resources on a wide variety of legal topics in multiple languages. <http://yourlegalrights.on.ca/>
- ⇒ **Information on starting your own business** From a popular Canadian newcomers magazine www.cnmag.ca/employment/start-a-business

PREPARING FOR CITIZENSHIP

Becoming a Canadian citizenship is an exciting step for many of our region's newcomers. There are numerous federal government requirements you must meet, in order to be eligible to apply for citizenship. You can find those requirements on the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website: www.cic.gc.ca under 'Citizenship', or call 1-888-242-2100 to speak with an agent.

NEW!

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES AVAILABLE THROUGH TR LEGER SCHOOL IN BROCKVILLE

As a part of Brockville's English as a Second Language program, citizenship classes may now be offered. Classes will be designed to help newcomers study the booklet *Discover Canada* on which the citizenship test is based.

This is the last step in the citizenship process and requires knowledge of Canada's history, geography, economy, culture, government and judicial systems and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

Classes will be available **free** of charge to anyone who is qualified to write the test (minimum Canadian Language Benchmark score of 4). Availability of classes will depend on demand.

If you are interested (or someone you know is interested) in taking a citizenship class, please contact Julie Case by cell phone at 613-803-0653 or by email at julia.case@ucdsb.on.ca. TR Leger School is very pleased to be able to make this opportunity available.

NEWCOMER BUSINESS PROFILE—PRESCOTT NAILS



L-R Sang Dang and Son Pham with daughters Tuongvy and Yenvy

A customer walks through the door of Prescott Nails , 305 King Street West, and owner Sang Dang immediately greets her by name and with a smile. “I like my job and giving good service” he says. Sang migrated to Canada from an area near Ho Chi Ming City, Vietnam in 1990 and worked at various local companies before deciding to open his own business. Taking a leap of faith, he opened the salon in December 2012 after talking with friends and carefully researching the market. A decisive factor was the fact that that there was no nail salon in town. “My customers are happy to be able to stay in Prescott”, says Sang. His wife Son and two daughters came to Canada in early 2013, and the entire family works in the nicely-appointed salon. They all attended courses to learn how to do nails and waxing, and they take great pride in their work. When time permits, Song attends English classes. She would like to take a Business English course one day to better communicate with her customers.

The family is happy with their decision to move to the Fort Town. Sang says that the town was helpful in arranging his business permit and that friends have been very supportive. Business is brisk in the summer, although it slows down somewhat in the winter months. Sang and Son are hopeful that in the future they will be able to extend their lease to 5 years. They attribute their success to working hard (the salon is open Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.), affordable prices, and doing quality work. Sang beams when he says that the Vietnamese are known for their skills in cooking and in operating nail salons!

The Immigration Partnership extends our best wishes to Sang and his family. Follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Prescott-Nails/531427430200819>



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Immigrating to Canada: New Express Entry System

In early 2015, Canada will launch a new recruitment model known as the “**Express Entry**” system. Express Entry will work in two steps. First, prospective immigrants will indicate their interest in coming to Canada by providing information **electronically** about their skills, work experience, and other biographical information. This will be a mandatory first step in the Federal Skilled Worker Program, the Federal Skilled Trades Program and the Canadian Experience Class. Provinces and territories will also have the option to use Express Entry to identify additional provincial nominees for the Provincial Nominees Program. Individuals who meet certain eligibility criteria will have an Expression of Interest placed in a pool and be ranked against others already in the pool.

Second, Citizenship and Immigration Canada will invite the best candidates, including those with in-demand skills or with job offers, to submit an electronic application for permanent residence.

For more information, visit www.cic.gc.ca/english/department/acts-regulations/forward-regulatory-plan/irpr-eoi.asp

Following extensive consultations with employers across the province, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce has published a report containing 13 recommendations to the federal government as it finalizes the system. For details, see:

www.occ.ca/Publications/ThinkFast_immigration_OCC.pdf

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