



# The Connection

“Keeping our community connected”

## MAY 2021

Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.



### ECNWC OFFICE UPDATE

The ECNWC office is open for appointments. Please book appointments ahead of time. Preventative measures including sanitizing, masking and physical distancing are followed.

To book an appointment, please call (306) 783-2777 or email [ecnwcinfo@ecnwc.ca](mailto:ecnwcinfo@ecnwc.ca). Our service hours are Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Our Office will be CLOSED on May 23 for Victoria Day.**

Upcoming Satellite Office Schedule:

May 10 – Churchbridge    May 24-Invermay

June 14 – Kamsack        June 28 - Preeceville

### Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

To support Canada's economic growth and help address labour market shortages, we're making some changes:

- We will end the pause on Express Entry draws and resume inviting qualified candidates to apply for permanent residence in July.
  - Starting in mid-June, former international students in Canada whose post-graduation work permits expired or are expiring between Jan 31, 2022 and Dec 31, 2022, will be able to get an additional open work permit of up to 18 months duration.
  - New measures for temporary resident to permanent resident pathway applicants will take effect in June, including: longer duration open work permits (OWP) and OWP eligibility for immediate family members outside of Canada who were included in the PR application. These changes will help ensure Canadian employers have the workers they need to address shortages and grow Canada's labour force.
- Learn more click [HERE](#). News Release on IRCC website on April 22/22.

### FUN Fact about Canada!

Canada has six times more oil than Russia It's thick, it's sticky and Canada has an estimated 176.8 billion recoverable barrels of it. That's right, crude bitumen—a semi-solid source of petroleum—is available in abundance in Canada's oil sands.

There's an estimated 249.67 billion accessible barrels of the black stuff in the world and Canada has about 70.8 per cent of it—four times more than Kazakhstan and six times more than Russia.



### This is HOME

#### Meet Oksana Hemm

Oksana moved to Canada on November 18, 2007 with her younger brother Vasyl, who was 17 at the time and she was 24. Their parents moved to Yorkton earlier under the SINP program in September 2007 and started working at Harvest meats. The family decided to move to Canada because Canada has the 3rd largest Ukrainian population in the world.



*“We moved from the beautiful city Ternopil, which is known for its architectural and cultural monuments. Ternopil has something for everyone – an idyllic town center with two effusive fountains, small cobbled boulevards lined with a profusion of colored flowers, a few book stalls and a variety of cafes and restaurants.*

*I've been living in Yorkton since November 2007 and now I call this my second home. The place where I met my husband and where we're raising our family. I've worked in settlement services since May 2011, first as a Newcomer Liaison Worker with Partners in Settlement and Integration with Sask Abilities and then from January 2014 until present as a Settlement Worker. In January 2018, we switched over from Partners in Settlement and Integration and are now East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc. What I like about Canada and Saskatchewan is there are extremely friendly and helpful people and government programs which helps and support the needs of people. Yorkton Saskatchewan has been our home for almost 14 years and I really appreciate to call Yorkton my home.” - Oksana*

### SPRING CLEANING & RUMMAGE SALE!

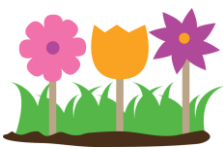
Spring is here and many of us take this time to do some spring cleaning in our homes. With spring cleaning comes decluttering and getting rid of stuff that we don't make use of anymore. People either donate this stuff or sell it in a rummage sale (also known as a garage or yard sale). The City of Yorkton has organized Yorkton's Largest Indoor Rummage Sale! This multi-household Rummage Sale will be held on May 21st in the Gallagher Centre Curling Rink from 9am to 4pm. This is a great opportunity for people to purchase items at low costs or make money by selling things they no longer use or need.



If you're interested in renting a table to sell items at the Gallagher Centre Rummage Sale please click [HERE](#) to register for a table. The Rummage Sale is an outlet for exhibitors to sell personal items and is not intended for commercial sales. Deadline to register is May 13th.

For more information and updates, please visit and like our [East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Facebook Page](#).





# Community Activities & Event

Here is a list of some of the upcoming activities or events happening in our community!  
If you are interested in any of these please call our office at (306) 783-2777 and we can help you register and /or attend with you.



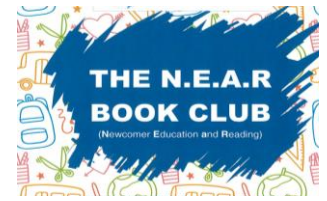
**The N.E.A.R. (Newcomer Education and Reading) Book Club** SWIS Students Grades K to 3

**WHAT?** Please join our SWIS team for the reading of ABC of Canada by Kim Bellefontaine.

**WHEN?** May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6PM

**WHERE?** Online through ZOOM.

**COST?** FREE but must be a registered SWIS client with ECNWC and register for the activity.  
Contact Leah Lutz at 306-783-2777 or at [lmceill@ecnwc.ca](mailto:lmceill@ecnwc.ca) to register for this activity.



**Victoria Day** Statutory Holidays in Canada

**WHAT?** Victoria Day is a federal Canadian public holiday celebrated on the last Monday preceding May 25. Initially in honour of Queen Victoria's birthday, it has since been celebrated as the official birthday of Canada's sovereign.

**WHEN?** Monday, May 23, 2022

**WHERE?** It is informally considered to be the beginning of the summer season in Canada so many people enjoy the outdoors weather by camping or planting their gardens



**Newcomer SWIM Lessons (Set #2)** Newcomer Youth Age 11 to 13

**WHAT?** We have partnered with the Access Waterpark to offer Newcomer Swim Lessons for Newcomer Youth aged 11 to 13. These lessons will provide a safe welcoming setting to learn the basics of swimming!

**WHEN?** Mondays & Wednesdays at 3:45pm to 4:15pm starting on May 30<sup>th</sup>.  
(Lessons on the following days May 30, June 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20)

**WHERE?** Access Water Park in Yorkton

**COST?** \$5 per participant. Thank you to Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association for funding through the Community Cultural Diversity Inclusion Grant to offer this programming!  
Spaces are limited! Please register by emailing [sallard@ecnwc.ca](mailto:sallard@ecnwc.ca) or call (306)783-2777.



## EAST CENTRAL NEWCOMER WELCOME CENTRE INC.

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Via Zoom Meeting

All are welcome to attend.

Members of the Board of Directors for the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc. are pleased to announce their 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Please RSVP by June 10, 2022 by email to [emontesclaros@ecnwc.ca](mailto:emontesclaros@ecnwc.ca) or call (306) 783-2777.

### Multifaith Festivals in May

- Baha'i Faith** May 2 – Twelfth Day of Ridvan  
May 17 - Azamat  
May 24 – Declaration of The Bab  
May 29 – Ascension of Baha u'llah
- Buddhism** May 16 – Wesak (Buddha Day)
- Christianity** May 26 – Ascension
- Islam** May 2 – 'Id al-Fitr
- Jainism** May 3 – Akshaya-tritiya
- Judaism** May 4 – Wom HaShoah
- Scientology** May 9 – Dianetics Day
- Shinto** May 21 – Sanja Matsuri
- Wicca** May 1 – Beltane
- Zoroastrianism** May 4 – Ghambar Maidyozairem ends
- Aboriginal Spirituality**  
May – Penawen (Moon of the Camas Harvest)  
May 24 – 27 – Aboriginal Awareness Week
- Supplemental** May 8 – Mother's Day  
May 16 – Total Lunar Eclipse

These dates were highlighted in the Multifaith Calendar which is distributed by the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan.



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