

The Connection

"Keeping our Community Connected"

JULY 2026

Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.



EAST CENTRAL NEWCOMER
WELCOME CENTRE INC.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc. acknowledges that we are on Treaty 4 territory, the ancestral lands of the Cree, Saulteaux, Dakota, Lakota, Nakota and the Métis Nation.



We have adjusted our office hours to align with the holidays

Our adjusted hours are as follows:

CLOSED JULY 1, 2026

Otherwise, our staff is available

Mon. - Fri. from 8 am to 12 pm and 12:30 pm to 3:45 pm.

Call (306)783-2777 to book an appointment.

INFORMATION FROM

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

**Federal-Provincial-Territorial Immigration Ministers
meet to discuss sustainable immigration.**

The Forum of Ministers Responsible for Immigration (FMRI) met today to advance collaboration on the 2027-2029 Immigration Levels Plan and discuss federal-provincial-territorial (FPT) priorities. They discussed returning immigration to sustainable levels while considering regional, rural and northern contexts, addressing labour shortages, reinforcing key economic sectors, and supporting communities across the country.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The 2025-2026 year was marked by significant changes within Canada's immigration landscape, including reduced intake levels and rapidly evolving policies that created uncertainty across the settlement sector. Despite these challenges, ECNWCI remained committed to delivering essential services and supporting newcomers across our region. Throughout the year, we maintained stable operations, expanded our programming with the introduction of Needs and Assets Assessments and Referral Services (NAARS) and Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY), and strengthened our Employment Program. Demand for services remained high, driven by diverse newcomer pathways and increased interprovincial migration.



We are proud to have met and, in many cases, exceeded our targets under both Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada and the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training contribution agreements. This was made possible through the dedication of our staff and the strength of our community partnerships, which also enabled us to enhance programming through additional grant funding.

While funding reductions under the federal Comprehensive Expenditure Review presented challenges, our organisation continues to deliver valued and impactful services recognized by clients, stakeholders, and the broader community.

Lastly, this will be my final message as Executive Director of ECNWCI, as I will be stepping down towards the end of this year. It has been a true privilege to serve in this role over the past eight years. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such dedicated staff, supportive Board members, and committed partners, and to contribute to meaningful and impactful work that supports our community.

EXPLORE OUR COMMUNITY

Museum Fun Day

 **July 15, 2026**

 **WDM - Highway 16
A West, Yorkton, SK**



Community Activities & Events July 2026

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.

Yorkton Exhibition 2026 Summer Fair

What: Rides and games to live entertainment, delicious food and family fun.

When: July 1, 2, 3 & 4, 2026 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Where: At the Yorkton Exhibition Fair Grounds



In-Class Driver Education

What: Important driver information for newcomers

When: July 3 & 4, 2026 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Where: At the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre



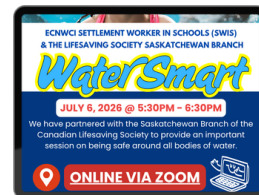
Water Smart

What: Session on being safe around all bodies of water

When: July 6, 2026 5:30PM

Where: ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Cost: FREE Contact: llutz@ecnwc.ca/jtolentino@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777 to register



Art to Bridge to Belonging

What: Art Classes for newcomers ages 10 - 15 years

When: Wednesdays at 1:00PM - 3:00pm (Starting July 8th)

Where: At the Godfrey Dean Art Gallery

Cost: FREE Contact: jtolentino@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777 to register



CN Station House Museum Tour

What: Museum tour and family fun

When: July 13, 2026 1:00PM

Where: At the CN Station House, 100 Railway Ave, Canora

Cost: FREE Contact: llutz@ecnwc.ca



Learn to Paddle

What: Learn to paddle at the YCKC

When: July 17, 2026 5:30PM

Where: At the YCKC - York Lake Regional Park, SK

Cost: \$5 Contact: rguthrie@ecnwc.ca



MULTIFAITH FESTIVALS IN JULY 2026

Buddhism - July 2 - Asala-Dharma Day

Judaism - July 22 - 23 - Fast of Tish'a B'Av

Hinduism - July 18 - Puri Rath Yatra

Baha'i - July 10 - Martyrdom of the Bab*

Sikhi - July 23 - Guru Har Krishan Birthday

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



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