

Transcript of the Multisectoral Newcomer Welcome Video

Intro:

The city of Regina is located within Treaty 4 territory, which is recognized as the traditional lands of the nêhiyawak, or Cree; the Nahkawē or Saulteaux; the Anihšīnāpēk, Dakota, Lakota, Nakoda; and the homeland of the Métis Nation. We humbly acknowledge these Indigenous nations' longstanding and ongoing relationship with the Land, and we continue to work towards building and strengthening our own relationships with all who live here, including Indigenous, settler, immigrant, and newcomer members of this community.

Regina is a friendly, welcoming city, with many organizations that offer programs and services to help newcomers settle here. We hope you enjoy learning about some of the supports available to you in this community.

Office of the Treaty Commissioner of Saskatchewan:

[Speaking in Anishinaabemowin] Aaniin!

[Speaking in English] Hello.

My name is Mary Culbertson. I am the Treaty Commissioner for Saskatchewan. The Office of the Treaty Commissioner works with various organizations and partners with places such as Open Door Society to welcome newcomers to these Treaty Territories.

The Treaty Territory that you are in is Treaty Number Four. It was entered into between the Crown and First Nations in 1874. We hope that you will take every opportunity to understand and learn about the original relationships that created Treaty, here in Turtle Island, to learn about Residential Schools, to learn about broken Treaty promises, and how all these things have affected the society that we live in today.

So welcome to Treaty Four territory. Once again, please take all the opportunities that you can to seek out information so we can all be good Treaty partners.

[Speaking Algonquin] Meegwetch.

[Speaking in English] Thank you.

City of Regina Mayor:

I'm Sandra Masters, Mayor of the city of Regina. On behalf of my Council colleagues, I want to warmly welcome you to our city and our beautiful province!

We are a city that prides itself for our multiculturalism. It is something that we celebrate and intentionally support. We want new residents to feel accepted and have equal opportunities for success at work and at home and within our community. Our hope is to create an environment where you can act on your dreams, work hard and achieve them.

I strongly encourage all of you to participate in the many cultural and recreational services that we are so proud to offer our residents here in our city. We take advantage of our cold weather here with activities like snowshoeing, skating and ice sledding. There are so many activities and opportunities for you here in our city.

I want to welcome you again to Regina, and thank you for choosing to call us home!

Regina Region Local Immigration Partnership (RRLIP):

We are the staff of the RRLIP, and we welcome you to Regina.

The Regina Region Local Immigration Partnership, or RRLIP, works to support those who support newcomers in our community. We bring people and organizations together to develop local solutions to meet the needs of newcomers.

The RRLIP is guided by a Partnership Council representing many organizations in Regina, and is informed by an Immigrant Advisory Table or IAT. We are looking for volunteers with lived experience as newcomers, to join the IAT. IAT members share newcomer insights and concerns so that the whole community understands the challenges and opportunities newcomers face. In this and many other ways, the RRLIP strengthens the community's ability to welcome and support those settling in Regina.

If you are interested in volunteering with the RRLIP's Immigrant Advisory Table, please contact us at info@rrlip.ca or call 306-529-6505 for more information.

You can also find helpful information on our website, RRLIP.ca, such as listings of Ethnic Grocery Stores, Cultural and Faith-Based Organizations, emotional wellness supports, networking tips, employment-related events, a guide on How to Ride Regina Transit, housing-related resources, and many others.

We regularly publish a blog sharing information and events related to immigration, employment, and other settlement topics. Sign up to receive the blog at RRLIP.ca.

Once again, welcome to Regina. We're so glad you're here!

RRLIP Immigrant Advisory Table (IAT) Chairperson:

[Speaking Arabic] Welcome to Regina! We're glad you're here and with us. We wish you all the best.

[Speaking English] Welcome to Regina! We are glad you are here and with us. We wish you all the best.

I am Manal, Chair of the Immigrant Advisory Table for the Regina Region Local Immigration Partnership. The IAT gives newcomers an opportunity to share their stories, concerns and insights to enrich the work of RRLIP, [its] partners, and can often positively impact the broader community. The IAT has offered feedback on many issues, such as housing, employment, access to food, mental and emotional wellness, racism and discrimination, and many other aspects of life in Regina.

In my own experience of settling down in Regina, I have found these three things to be very helpful: engaging, networking, and integrating with the others in the community; connecting with institutions

like the Regina Public Library, recreational centers, and settlement agencies; gathering in communities, friend groups and neighborhoods where you live.

We are so glad you have come here and look forward to meeting you in person.

RRLIP Immigrant Advisory Table (IAT) Members

[Speaking in Karen] Welcome to Regina. We are glad you are here (with us).

[Speaking in Vietnamese] Welcome to Regina!

[Speaking in Arabic] Welcome to Regina. We are glad you are here (with us).

Assemblée Communautaire Fransaskoise (ACF):

[Speaking in French] The Assemblée Communautaire Fransaskoise welcomes you to Saskatchewan. As the voice of Saskatchewan's Francophone community, the Assemblée Communautaire Fransaskoise represents 55,000 French speaking people. Our mandate is to ensure the development of the community, while advocating for French-language services.

In a few words, the Assemblée Communautaire Fransaskoise is the political voice for the Francophone community when communicating with the government of the Province of Saskatchewan and of Canada. Our mission is to recognize the rights and protect the assets and interests of the Francophone community.

The Assemblée Communautaire Fransaskoise also believes in cultivating and strengthening collaboration among all the groups with the network of Francophone associations.

The French language continues in Saskatchewan thanks to various associations that offer services intended for French speakers or people wanting assistance in French. In particular, there are reception and settlement services intended for newcomers to facilitate the settlement process, such as the Service d'accueil et d'inclusion francophone en Saskatchewan (SAIF-SK) or les Communautés Francophones Accueillantes (CFA) for the cities of Gravelbourg and Moose Jaw.

We offer various entrance doors according to your needs. Life in French is supported through a network of organizations offering dynamic and diversified activities in French. In addition to community centers and regional and provincial associations, the Fransaskois community benefits from a quality French language school system as well as French immersion programs.

We welcome you to Saskatchewan.

If you want more information regarding Saskatchewan's Francophone community, please visit our website or social media channels.

See you soon!

RIWC:

[Speaking in English] Welcome to Regina!

[Speaking in Arabic] Welcome!

[Speaking in Hungarian] Welcome!

[Speaking Hindi] Welcome!

[Speaking in Punjabi] Welcome!

[Speaking in Farsi] Welcome!

[Speaking in Mandarin] Welcome!

[Speaking in Cantonese] Welcome!

We strive to educate, enrich, empower, and integrate newcomer women, men, youth, and seniors into our city of Regina! Our team can help you to start your new life here in Regina by providing: education, employment training, family support and recreational activities to help you with all aspects of your life.

We care. We support. We speak your language.

[All] RIWC welcomes you!

Regina Open Door Society:

Welcome, from the Regina Open Door Society. We are a non-profit organization that offers services and programs to help newcomers settle and feel welcome in Regina.

If you are new to Regina and need help finding a job, learning English, or have any settlement-related needs and don't know where to start, contact us, and we'll be happy to help you!

You can give us a call at 306-352-3500 or visit our website at rods.sk.ca

Regina Open Door Society Youth Program Participants:

Hi. I wanted to give a warm welcome to all the newcomers into Regina, as well as Canada.

I understand that as a newcomer, it may be tough to settle into an unfamiliar environment, but you will always have the support of your peers as well as your community.

There are many reasons to love living in a city like Regina. For one, there are many activities offered during or after school. By joining these activities, it is a great way to engage within your community and make new friends.

The people here are also very kind and will support you with any problems that you may be facing.

Another reason to love a city like Regina is because it's very accessible. For one, there's always transportation, bussing, and there's always easy access to information regarding job or volunteering opportunities.

Finally, my advice to newcomer youth is to not be afraid to talk to others as well as engage within your community.

Warm welcome to you from Regina!

Regina is a beautiful small city with a population of about 280,000 people who are warm and friendly. Regina is the capital of Saskatchewan; hence, it has a great opportunity to offer.

I have received a lot of support and guidance from the different settlement organizations and people in Regina who are interested in learning about new culture and being welcoming neighbors. You'll have a good chance of easily connecting and settling in.

My advice to young people is to take advantage of all the opportunity and the resources available to live a healthy and balanced lifestyle, and to embrace the diversity of Regina and Canada.

I wish you all the best on your journey to Canada.

Regina Public Library (RPL):

I'm Ziba from Regina Public Library. I'm happy to welcome you to the library! We have a lot to offer you and your family.

You are welcome at any branch of Regina Public Library. We have eight branches in Regina, as well as a Central Library downtown.

You can sign up for a free library card. It will allow you to borrow books, DVDs, and more.

We have free WiFi, as well as computers you can use to fill in forms. You can also print documents for a small fee.

We have online and in-person books, newspapers, and magazines from around the world, written in home languages.

There is always a lot of activities at our branches. You can learn English at the library, and also learn about Canadian culture and customs. We offer programs for all ages, including small children. We offer many of our programs online as well as in person.

We have events you can attend, such as free symphony concerts, speakers, and cultural events. We have two art galleries that showcase Canadian art. We have free movies at our Central Library film theatre.

We can help you if you are interested in setting up a small business, or need help with income tax forms, or other government documents.

We have a lot of information about library services on our website: www.reginalibrary.ca.

If you would like to learn more about our programs, you can register online for an Events Guide that can be sent to your email.

There is something at the library for everyone!

Regina Fire and Protective Services (RFPS):

Hi, I'm Regina Fire Chief Layne Jackson, and I am pleased to welcome you to Regina as a new member of our community, and hope you enjoy living here.

Regina Fire and Protective Services assists residents every day. Our members fight fires, deliver emergency medical services, and provide many other life safety services such as building inspections and public education.

Our staff are diverse with varying backgrounds, and are here to assist you through your settlement journey.

Please don't hesitate to contact us. We are a free service, and our Department's number one priority is to keep you and your family safe.

Remember, if you see or experience an emergency, call 9-1-1 and we'll be there to help. If it's not an emergency and you just have some questions, please contact us at 306-777-7830 or visit our website at regina.ca/fire to learn more.

Thank you.

Regina Police Service (RPS):

Hi there. I am Evan Bray, Chief of Police for the Regina Police Service, and really it's my pleasure to welcome you to our community! Thank you for choosing Regina as your home.

Our police service works very hard to ensure that we keep everyone in our community safe. And I think that's an important thing you should know about Canada, about Saskatchewan, and this community here in Regina. Everyone is equal. Everyone has the opportunity to be given a safe environment in which to live, to raise their families, and to interact with others in the community. And our job as a police service, is to help make that happen.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if there's a way we can help.

Police officers in our city all look very much like myself. Uniform: Our shoulder flash has "Regina Police" on it. Most of them will be wearing a badge very much like this.

And your opportunity [is] to phone us if you need help; if it's an emergency of course, you can call 9 -1 - 1. Otherwise you can call us at the Regina Police Service at 306-777-6500, and we're always there to help.

It is my hope that I get the chance to meet you in person someday, but for now, thank you very much for choosing Regina as your home!

Saskatchewan Safety Council (SSC):

The Saskatchewan Safety Council is a non-profit charitable organization who has been dedicated to the prevention of injuries in Saskatchewan since 1955.

Saskatchewan Safety Council offers a wide variety of community resources and training courses are available online or in person for many topics including workplace safety, home safety, vehicles and more. Specific courses are also available for youth and seniors.

Connecting with our community is important to us. We look forward to working together with you to create a province of safety excellence.

We hope to make sure your experience here is both welcoming and safe, while you discover the amazing place that is Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic:

Hello and welcome to Regina from Saskatchewan Polytechnic.

We are a post-secondary school that offers many educational opportunities.

For newcomers who are Permanent Residents and need to improve their English, we offer Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada, or LINC, at the high beginner and intermediate level, which helps newcomers prepare for further education and a career. These are free classes provided by the Canadian government.

We also have Adult Education classes for those who need to complete their high school education.

We have a Career Enhancement program that helps newcomers and others gain essential skills and Canadian work experience.

And we have more than 150 post-secondary programs, of 1 to 4 years, where students can earn a certificate, diploma, or degree leading to a great career.

We hope you achieve your dreams here in Saskatchewan, and we're here to help!

University of Regina (UofR):

Hi everybody! My name is Jeff Keshen, and I am President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Regina. On behalf of our university, I want to welcome you to Saskatchewan, and to the city of Regina!

As you and your family make your home here, I invite you to become part of the University of Regina community.

Our university is an incredibly diverse and dynamic institution – a place where thousands of people of all different backgrounds, including students from more than 100 countries around the world – they live, they work, and study in a supporting and welcoming environment.

Because we are an educational institution, employer, and provider of many community and recreational services, we have a lot to offer you and your family in the months and years to come.

I encourage you to visit our website at www.uregina.ca to learn more about the opportunities you will find here.

Thank you for joining our community and sharing your culture with us. We are a better place because of you.

Queen City Pride:

Hello. We are Queen City Pride.

We welcome you to Regina, and are excited to have you here.

Queen City Pride is a celebration of the sexual and gender-diverse communities, and is full of events and activities including our Pride Parade.

Our organization is responsible for planning our annual Pride Festival in June.

We look forward to meeting our newest community members, and once again - welcome to Regina!

Ending:

Welcome to Regina! We look forward to connecting with you!