

Miramichi Regional Multicultural Association



We acknowledge that MRMA operates on the traditional unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Mi'kmaq People first signed with the British crown in 1725. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



Parade of Lights Open House

On December 6, we opened our doors to everyone to warm up and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. The room was filled with wonderful people and smiles. The 37th Annual Parade of Lights started at 7 PM, and everyone had a chance to see the beautifully decorated floats and enjoy some candy.

Pumpkin Carving

On October 27th, we celebrated Halloween with the little ones as our Settlement Worker in Schools, Sofiya, guided them through carving pumpkins. Everyone received carving kits to take home and had the chance to carve pumpkins—many for the very first time! Despite a bit of a struggle cleaning out the pumpkins, the final creations turned out fantastic.



Legal Rights Information

On November 26th, we hosted an information session on legal rights and responsibilities for newcomers with special guest lawyer Nushka Blais, B.Sc., J.D. Nushka covered key topics like family law, marriage rights, renting, workplace rights, and wills. The session was incredibly useful, sparking many questions from the participants.



MRMA BOARD MEMBERS

We would like to thank the following members for their years of volunteer service on the MRMA Board of Directors: Dr. Zbigniew Nowak, Dr. Niaz Khan, Madge Lagman, Arun Mistry, Imelda Ungab.

We would like to welcome the following members to the MRMA Board of Directors: Omkar Bhojani, Vanessa Green, Dario Urdapilleta, Nushka Blais, Yuliia Kondratska.



Current Board of Directors - from Left to Right: Michael Mersereau, Andrew Frost, Vanessa Green, Dario Urdapilleta, Omkar Bhojani, Nushka Blais, Joy Aspe. (Missing from photo: Ibrahim Faizal, Yuliia Kondratska)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Canada Revenue Agency: Taxes for Newcomers information Session

Winter Safety Information Session

Timberwolves Hockey Game

Sliding Party

Dates to be determined. Check our facebook page regularly for updates! Please contact info@mrma.ca or 773-5272 for more information or to register.




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COMMUNITY FEATURE



Ciress Thomas - New Citizen

1.What country did you come from? The beautiful island of Jamaica, the land of wood and water.

2.What was the hardest thing about moving here? Culture shock because there wasn't a lot of African Americans here, and the food-there was no island food. Also, there was a lot of paperwork and it was stressful. There was a lot of travelling back and forth between Chatham and Newcastle to get my papers, and the deadlines and time limits for my paperwork was also very stressful.

3.How do you feel now that you are a Canadian citizen? I feel great. It's great to be a Canadian. When the judge was swearing us in, I felt proud that the journey to be a Canadian brought me from where I was to where I am. I am proud to be a Canadian-I can stand tall to sing my new national anthem and say my pledge. I feel lighter-the weight and worry of my status that was always at the back of my mind is gone. I feel at peace because I don't have that weight of worrying on me anymore.

4.What is your favorite thing about living in Canada? Getting the four seasons of the year.

I like summer because I can travel to different provinces and get to know my new country and the people and the different cultures.

5.Did the multicultural association help?

How? Yes. In a 101 ways, they went above and beyond. My first journey to Woodstock to get my work permit, the immigration officer told me I was the first person they didn't have to turn back-there was no mistakes in my paperwork-everything was perfect-it took me only about 15 minutes. They (MRMA) were there with me every step of the way to guide me.

6.A piece of advice you have for new people in Canada?

Be patient, listen to the advice of the multicultural agent and embrace the change. Join a little group or volunteer where you can, participate in every poster or workshop the multicultural advertises-take part in it-you don't know who you will meet. You never know... Also, every summer I do my Jamaican cuisine and sell it at the Night Market, by popular demand! Don't be afraid to start your own business!

I would like to thank the multicultural association for all the support and advice they gave.

