

SUPPORT TO UKRAINIANS

WEEKLY UPDATE #2

Monday 11 April 2022

#	TOPIC	DETAILS
1	Auditor	In my Mon 4 Apr update, I indicated that I was looking for someone to act as “auditor” for our TD Bank/Wave accounting system account. I am pleased to report that Corryn Grayston of Tappen has volunteered for the task. Corryn has a financial and accounting background, and is familiar with Wave; a perfect fit. Thank you Corryn.
2	Survey	Since last week’s update, an additional 10 individuals/couples have indicated an interest in supporting this initiative; the total is now 28 individuals/couples. As a result, the focus area breakdown is now as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Fundraising: 62. Employment: 03. Housing: 24. Welcoming: 135. Transportation: 106. Health: 37. Schooling: 18. Social/recreation: 89. Orientation: 710. Financial: 811. General support: 612. In-kind donations: 10
3	Scoop	I contacted the South Shuswap Scoop about publishing an article in their 6 May edition. Initial feedback was promising. More to follow.

4	BC Portal	<p>BC has launched a new, dedicated Welcome Ukraine portal which provides information to Ukrainians who are moving to the province, as well as for British Columbians who want to volunteer or donate to show their support.</p> <p>https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/tourism-immigration/ukraine/welcome</p> <p>I e-mailed the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) on 19 Mar and completed the online “I Want to Help” form on 25 Mar. I will follow-up this week with UCC, Service BC and the Shuswap Immigration Services Society (Salmon Arm).</p>
5	Furniture	<p>A resident of Cedar Heights who is moving in early May has offered free furniture (dining room table with 4 chairs, living room chair, bedroom (bed frame, mattress, dresser, 2 night tables), and 4 display shelving units)) for the Ukrainian family. As we do not yet have an arrival date, I am looking for temporary storage space for all items except the dining room table/4 chairs (I will store those). Please let me know ASAP if you can help with the temporary storage.</p>
6	GoFundMe	<p>\$460. raised to date.</p> <p>https://gofund.me/2bcbd1f9</p>
7	Fundraising	<p>Still being explored. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 risks, in-person fundraisers are not planned at this time.</p>
8	Family arrival	<p>I mentioned in my 4 Apr weekly update that I was contacted by the Sadok Ukrainian Dance Ensemble about the possible arrival of a family in mid-May in our area. To make a long story short, the family is moving to North Bay, not Blind Bay.</p>

<p>9</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>On 9 Apr, The Prime Minister announced a series of measures to make it easier for Ukrainians fleeing the war to come to Canada including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted charter flights to Canada for Ukrainians; • Short-term income support (up to six weeks) to ensure basic needs are met; and • Temporary hotel accommodation for up to two weeks. <p>Canada is also offering temporary federal support to help Ukrainians settle in their new communities, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • language training; • information about and orientation to life in Canada, such as help with enrolling children in school; • information and services to help access the labour market, including mentoring, networking, counselling, skills development and training; • activities that promote connections with communities; • assessments of other needs Ukrainians may have and referrals to appropriate agencies; • services targeted to the needs of women, seniors, youth and LGBTQ2+ persons; and • other settlement supports available through the Settlement Program. <p>As of March 30, 2022, Canada has received more than 91,000 applications from Ukrainians under the new emergency travel program. The federal government has not limited the number of people from Ukraine who are eligible to apply for the program. When Ukrainians arrive, they may settle in any province they choose. B.C. is estimated to receive approximately 17% to 20% of arriving Ukrainians.</p>
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