

# SHUSWAP SUPPORT TO UKRAINIANS

## WEEKLY UPDATE #38

Monday 19 Dec 2022

#	TOPIC	DETAILS
1	<b>THANK YOU</b>	<p>As this is the last update for 2022 (there will be no update on Mon 26 Dec), I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our community who have contributed in one way or another to our Shuswap Support to Ukrainians project. Your dedication and generosity have been overwhelming and energizing. This project has united members of our Shuswap community in a common cause to assist Ukrainians families affected by the ongoing war in Ukraine.</p> <p>Since Aug, we have welcomed with open arms Daria, Illia, Alex, Vasyl, Dmytro, Mykhailo, Sofiia and Vasilisa. We look forward to welcoming Mariia and Dmytro on 28 Dec, and hopefully in January, the Balabak family (Dario, Anna, Nikol, Dilan) and the Mozol/Zasiekina family (Mikhailo, Svitlana, Vitalina, Olesia, Marika). In 2023, we need to continue to provide the support they need to not only settle but thrive in our community.</p> <p>I wish you a Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year. I look forward to continuing to share with you this crucial and rewarding journey.</p>
2	<b>CUAET</b>	<p>Here is the data for the Canada-Ukraine Authorisation for Emergency Travel program for the period 17 Mar to 13 Dec 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Applications received: 735,927 (an increase of 11,433 since last week).</li><li>➤ Applications approved: 456,083 (an increase of 4,825 since last week).</li></ul> <p>Reference: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/ukraine-measures/key-figures.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/ukraine-measures/key-figures.html</a></p>

3	<b>GoFundMe status</b>	<p><b>\$39,903.</b> raised to date.</p> <p><a href="https://gofund.me/2bcbd1f9">https://gofund.me/2bcbd1f9</a></p>
4	<b>Next scheduled arrival</b>	<p>Daria Bulgakova's husband (Dmytro) and mother (Mariia) on <b>Wed 28 Dec</b> in Kelowna at 8:35 am. Bob Burechailo will lead the welcoming delegation.</p>
5	<b>Ukrainian New Year's Eve dance</b>	<p>Saturday 14 January at the Eagles Hall in Vernon. See poster on website for more information.</p>
6	<b>Christmas Guides</b>	<p>With the holiday season upon us, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) has developed two guides to assist both settlement agencies, and Ukrainians who are experiencing Christmas in Canada for the first time.</p> <p><b>The first guide</b> is written in English and entitled, <i><u>Ukrainian Christmas (Rizdvo) Traditions and Customs</u></i>, which summarizes the rich heritage of traditions and customs that are such an integral part of the life of Ukrainian Canadians. Intended for friends and neighbours of Ukrainian Canadians, the guide explains the key aspects of Ukrainian Christmas such as St. Nicholas and the 12-dish meal on Christmas Eve. We hope this guide will add to the understanding and appreciation of Ukrainian Canadian life as it is widely practiced in our communities.</p> <p><b>The second guide</b> is written in Ukrainian and entitled, <i><u>Christmas in Canada</u></i> and provides a broad overview of the holiday season in Canada for those who are celebrating here for the first time. It details the dates of celebration, including opening and closing of shops and services, Canadian traditions such as Santa Claus, stockings and Christmas trees, as well as winter activities and weather.</p> <p>Included in both guides is a QR code for quick access to the UCC website, which features the annual Koliada Christmas Campaign at <a href="#">Koliada 2022 - The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) official website</a></p> <p><i>Koliada</i> is a Ukrainian word meaning "caroling" - a longstanding and important tradition in our community. The campaign launched December 10<sup>th</sup> and is an important educational and fundraising platform for the UCC.</p> <p><b>Both Christmas guides can be accessed from the Shuswap Support to Ukrainians website.</b></p>

7	<b>Next weekly update</b>	There will be no weekly update on Mon 26 Dec. The next update will be on Mon 2 Jan which will include pictures of Mariia and Dmytro's arrival in Kelowna.
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