



July-August 2018

Brooks & County Immigration Services

AROUND TOWN



Canada Day July 1
BCIS Office closed Monday July 2

LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER!

Canada Day in the Park

The city of Brooks is hosting Canada Day at Duke of Sutherland Park. Thanks to the generous support of sponsors, the events of the day are **FREE** for everyone!

8.30 am-noon | Brooks & District Museum

Pancake breakfast | Teddy bear picnic | Speeder car races | Ice cream | Cake cutting & candy scramble

Noon-4 pm | Duke of Sutherland Park

FREE BBQ lunch (1pm) | Bouncy castle | Face painting | Live entertainment | Games & more

10 pm-midnight | Duke of Sutherland Park

Movie Screening: "Wonder" | Fireworks (11pm)

Canada Day draws over 2000 people, uniting all members of our diverse community while celebrating our shared pride as Canadians as we recognize when our country first began.

SUMMER FAMILY DESTINATIONS

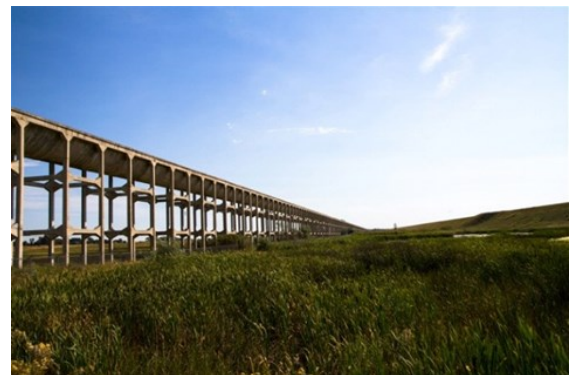
1. Lake Newell A hidden gem of the prairies, Lake Newell is open, beautiful, and deep. This is the perfect combination for boaters and recreation enthusiasts. Take to the water and enjoy the many powered sports that a lake of this size can offer. The boat launch offers plenty of room to park your boat trailer while you enjoy the water on Newell.

2. Brooks Corn Maze The Brooks Corn Maze is open every weekend from mid-August to the end of October. Children's activities include a magnetic fish pond, the human hamster, pasture putt golf, the corny sandbox and fun times petting the lambs, bunnies and goats.



3. Brooks Aqueduct Like a giant centipede, the Brooks Aqueduct spans a shallow 3.2 km wide valley, suspending a concrete sling twenty meters above the parched prairie landscape. Once filled to overflowing with precious water bound for the thirsty croplands of southwestern Alberta, today it holds only memories. It was erected over ninety years ago by the Canadian Pacific Railway's irrigation division to serve as a vital link in its expansive irrigation network. The Aqueduct stretched the limits of engineering design and technology at that time.

4. Duke of Sutherland Waterpark A great place for families to cool off in the hot, dry summers. Filled with lots of obstacles, a water gun section, a slide, and other fun sprayers for children of all ages! The park is open from May to September and the water will run automatically if the outdoor temperature is 20 Celsius and above. Oh! and did we mention, this spray park is FREE to all users! Being one of the largest parks in Brooks, Duke of Sutherland also has an "Everyone Plays" playground, an outdoor fitness center, two baseball diamonds and all kinds of green space!



HERITAGE DAY | MONDAY AUGUST 6, 2018

Heritage Day is not an official national holiday, though it is widely recognized throughout Canada and in Alberta. It was created in 1973 by the Heritage Canada Foundation to preserve and promote Canada's natural, architectural, and historical heritage.

In Alberta, residents use the long weekend to go on out-of-town trips and to spend time with family and friends. Activities could include camping trips, hiking tours or quiet retreats. Be sure you enjoy Heritage Day this year!



ADMIN ASSISTANT

Hello, my name is Glineth. I have lived in Brooks since June 11, 2011. Originally from the Philippines, I am currently working as the Administrative Assistant/front desk receptionist at BCIS. I consider myself a success story having started as an active volunteer.

Now that I have been given an opportunity to work here, I consider it an honor and a privilege. Every day is a learning process and experience for me. I do believe that "the most important thing that you can give to others is your time." I am very happy and willing to assist you in any way I can.

I hold a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Hotel and Restaurant Management and have spent much of my career as a Restaurant Manager for a well-known restaurant in the Philippines. I had a chance to work here in Canada and I started as a Temporary Foreign Worker at Tim Hortons. I was promoted from a Food Counter Attendant to a Food Counter Supervisor. During my free time I like to spend quality time with my son who is into sports, with my friends and singing.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

My name is **Mohamed Ibrahim**. I moved from Winnipeg to Brooks about three and half year ago. I am originally from Somalia, a country from which my family and I had to flee when civil war broke out. We were settled in one of the world's largest refugee camps; Hagadera. I grew up in that refugee camp where our basic human needs were barely met. With stamina and devotion, I finished my primary and secondary education in Hagadera camp. I also managed to get an opportunity to further my education and study in Nairobi.



Coming to Canada and the land of opportunity was a dream come true! Little did I know or expect that I would wait over a year to get a permanent job. Looking for a better opportunity, I left Winnipeg the morning of December 27th, 2014. Unlike the uncertainty and job scarcity in Winnipeg, I got a job with JBS Foods on January 2, 2015. Though a small city, Brooks has a big welcoming heart!

I have always liked to support others; *once a volunteer always a volunteer!* My mood improves whenever I can help vulnerable people in our community, especially newcomers. I have been fortunate to assist other new Canadians with interpretation, taking them shopping, getting them familiar with what the city offers and being a friendly face when they arrive.

SAVE THE DATE

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Canada Day	2 Office Closed	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 JOB FAIR 9 am-4 pm	18 Newcomer Orientation 11am-noon or 5-6 pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Lunch & Learn 12-1 pm	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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19	20	21	22 OPEN HOUSE Noon-3 pm	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Lunch & Learn 12-1 pm	30	31	

AUGUST



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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8.30am-4.30pm
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Friday 8.30am -2.00pm

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