

AROUND TOWN

Welcome Spring!



Don't forget!



Victoria Day Monday May 21

BCIS Office closed that day.

Canada Day Sunday July 1

BCIS Office closed Monday July 2.

Lines Written In Early Spring

I heard a thousand blended notes,
While in a grove I sate reclined,
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran;
And much it grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man.

Through primrose tufts, in that
green bower,
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and played,
Their thoughts I cannot measure:
But the least motion which they made
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

By William Wordsworth





CELEBRATING VICTORIA DAY

For some people, Victoria Day is a sign that summer is just around the corner.

The holiday, which is only celebrated in Canada and Scotland, began as a celebration to honour Queen Victoria's birthday. The British queen was born on May 24, 1819. She was the longest reigning

monarch in England, remaining on her throne for 63 years, 216 days until September 9th, 2015 when Queen Elizabeth II took the title of longest reigning monarch in British history.

Victoria Day was declared a Canadian holiday by the government in 1845. At that time, it was celebrated

with picnics, parades, sporting tournaments, fireworks, and cannon salutes. When Queen Victoria died in 1901, Canada's parliament officially named the holiday **Victoria Day**. It was decided that the day would be celebrated on or about, May 24th each year to allow Canadians a long week-end to enjoy!

CELEBRATING CANADA DAY

In Canada, we celebrate, on average, 11 national holidays per year. Plan to spend these days with the people you love and get out and enjoy your community.

On July 1, 1867, the nation was officially born when the Constitution Act joined three provinces into one country: Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the "Canada" province, which then split into Ontario and Quebec.

However, Canada was not

completely independent of England until 1982.

The holiday, called Dominion Day, was officially established in 1879, but it wasn't observed by many Canadians, who considered themselves to be British citizens. Dominion Day started to catch on when the 50th anniversary

of the confederation rolled around in 1917.

In 1946, a bill was put forth to rename Dominion Day, but arguments in the House of Commons over what to call the holiday stalled the bill. Eventually it was decided that Canada Day would be the name for the national holiday.

O Canada!
 Our home and native land!
 True patriot love in all of us command.
 With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
 The True North strong and free!
 From far and wide,
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
 God keep our land glorious and free!
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.



SETTLEMENT COUNSELLOR

Hello! My name is

Juliet Collingwood and I have lived in Brooks for about ten years now and during the past five (5) years, I have worked in the non-profit sector.

As a part of the BCIS team, I provide information and support to our clients by connecting individuals and families to

local community resources.

These services are designed to improve family life here in Canada.

I take great pride in my job, and enjoy helping those I serve. I strongly believe that by helping people, we can we change this world for the better.



Juliet Collingwood

SETTLEMENT COUNSELLOR

My name is **Bezaye Beyene** and I am a settlement counselor at BCIS. After arriving to Canada from Ethiopia, I lived in Calgary for more than two years. During my stay I was working and volunteering with different non-profit organizations. Recently I was working with *Making Changes Employment Organization*, supporting and empowering immigrants by providing relevant programs and resources. It was during this time that I came to believe in the saying; *"One kind*

word can warm three winter months."

I enjoy working with people from different backgrounds. I am a very sociable person and enjoy serving people to the best of my knowledge. I look forward to providing you with relevant information so you can be confident and feel secure enough to live your life in Brooks. Serving people is my passion, seeing them succeed is my happiness.



Bezaye Beyene

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Immigrating to Canada was a dream that came true. I am **Jelene Siaron** and I have been living in Brooks since December 2009. I started as Temporary Foreign Worker at Tim Hortons, which has been a blessing to me because they paved the way for my Permanent Residency application. In my journey to complete the immigration process,

I learned about BCIS as a place that offers support and guidance for newcomers in Canada. With their help, I was able to understand the process of our Permanent Residency Application.

Since I was given the opportunity to live in Canada, I would like to be part of helping others, so I became a volunteer for the organization. I am delighted to assist new

immigrants and answer their questions on how best to start living here. I also enjoy volunteering at BCIS during tax season.

This experience is not only assisting others but helping me to develop my passion in serving people.



BCIS volunteer Jelene Siaron

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Employment Workshop 1-3 pm	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 OFFICE CLOSED Victoria Day	22	23 Newcomer Orientation 11 am <u>OR</u> 5 pm	24	25	26
27 Banking Basics 1-3 pm	28	29	30 Lunch & Learn 12 noon	31		

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Domestic Violence 1-3 pm	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 RCMP 101: Understanding Canadian Law 1-3 pm	18	19	20 Newcomer Orientation 11 am <u>OR</u> 5 pm	21	22	23
24 Employment Workshop 1-3 pm	24	26	27 Lunch & Learn 12 noon	28	29	30



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