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COMMUNITY UPDATE


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Find local community organizations
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Volunteers may be able to complete and
file your taxes for free, by phone,
videoconference, or through a modified
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For more information, contact our
office.



DEAR NEIGHBOURS,

On March 15th, I sat in the House of Commons and heard a powerful personal speech from Ukrainian President Zelensky. His address called Canada a world leader, and he reminded us of the friendship between our two countries. He described the atrocities being played out in Ukraine in a compelling address, asking us to imagine Canadian cities being invaded. It puts into perspective the tragedy that is unfolding there.

During that address, we were united as Canadians. There was no partisanship, only solidarity. We stood in support of each other's ideas. To see political differences put aside reminded me that we are all Canadians at the end of the day and need to work together.

Whether it is opening our hearts and homes to people fleeing Syria, Afghanistan, Ukraine, or other countries, we welcome those arriving to seek a better life.

Here in our region, we are a resettlement community. I have attended numerous meetings with stakeholders and volunteers who have the willingness and the capacity to help. The collaboration of so many, and the goodwill coming from our community, is inspiring.

As a government, we have taken strong immigration measures to help those fleeing violence. Humanitarian and military aid is being provided, and the economic sanctions put in place are effective. We will continue to be there for Ukraine and democracy.

Please reach out to me if you can help. My office and I will direct you to the organizations that can get resources to those who need them most.

Thank you,

@TimLouisKitCon



Canada Education Savings Grant (CESG)



Helps to pay the costs of a child's full or part-time studies after high school at:

- Apprentices Programs / Trade Schools
- Universities / Colleges

Anyone can make contributions for a child and, not just the child's parents.

A child can get grants up to \$7,200

For more information, visit:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/canada-education-savings.html>

Canada Digital Adoption Program

The Canada Digital Adoption Program can help your small and medium-size business grow your digital presence. This program helps provide access to funding and expertise. There are two streams of funding for entrepreneurs looking to invest in digital and technology to generate business and improve productivity:

- **Grow Your Business Online** - Apply for micro-grants up to \$2,400 and access e-commerce advisors
- **Boost Your Business Technology** - Retain the services of a digital advisor, up to a maximum grant value of \$15,000 per SME, to develop a digital adoption plan. You can also secure a zero per cent interest loan from the Business Development Bank of Canada to facilitate the acquisition of new technology

Applications open now

For more information, visit:

<https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/152.nsf/eng/home>



We stand with Ukraine

Beginning April 1, 2022
**FEDERAL MINIMUM
WAGE OF \$15.55
per hour**

www.immigrationwaterlooregion.ca/ukraine



Government of Canada will remove pre-entry test requirement for fully vaccinated travellers



Effective April 1st, travellers from any country qualified as fully vaccinated no longer need to provide a pre-entry COVID-19 Test.



Fully vaccinated travellers may still be selected for random testing, but do not need to quarantine while awaiting results.



Requirements for partially or unvaccinated travellers do not change, and all travellers, regardless of status, are still required to submit mandatory info in ArriveCAN.