December 11, 2019

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 [Our File #: AESL/083/2019]

On November 14, 2019 the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour received your request for access to the following records/information:

“All emails received by Minister of AESL regarding immigration and refugees, including emails from the public. Time period: June 2019 to date of this request.”

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to this information has been granted in part. Access to the remaining records, and/or information contained within the records, has been refused in accordance with the following exceptions to disclosure, as specified in the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 (the act):

Section 40. (1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant where the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party’s personal privacy.

Please note that pages 3-23 and 57-63 have been redacted in their entirety under section 40 of the act and as such were removed from the attached.

As required by subsection 8.(2) of the act, we have severed information that is excepted from disclosure and have provided you with as much information as possible.

Section 42 of the act provides that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this partial refusal of access or you may appeal the refusal to the Supreme Court Trial Division. A request to the Information and Privacy Commissioner shall be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner.
The address and contact information of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

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2 Canada Drive
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John’s, NL. A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

In the event you wish to appeal to the Supreme Court, you must do so within 15 business days of the date of this letter. Section 52 of the act sets out the process to be followed when filing such an appeal.

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Completed Access Requests website within one day following the applicable period of time.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (709) 729-4276 or SharonSeaward@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

SHARON SEAWARD
ATIPP Coordinator

Attachment
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Hi Minister,

Please see below...OIM was asked some questions about their participation in a ‘Tea and Talk’ session at MUN back in Feb. This is for an article in the Gazette.

Are you OK with the QA’s below? Fiona and Michelle have approved. Please advise.

Thanks,
Debbie

Please see below:

- How did you hear about Tea & Talk and what inspired you to attend?

The Office of Immigration and Multiculturalism (OIM) periodically attends the Tea and Talk events, to build general awareness of provincial immigration pathways to permanent residency among international students, and to better understand international students’ everyday experiences in Newfoundland and Labrador. OIM has a team of officials supporting immigration in the province, which often get questions about the nature of work and career paths that lead to work in immigration policy, strategy, and operations. Tea and Talk is an opportunity to get to know some of our prospective clients, and to provide information about the immigration priorities in Newfoundland and Labrador, in collaboration with other government departments.

OIM was invited to the Tea and Talk event by Francesca Boschetti, International Student Career Advisor at Memorial University. After attending, the Office invited colleagues in other departments to participate in the event. It was an excellent networking opportunity for students and for the OIM team.

- As an employer, how valuable are networking events, like Tea & Talk?
The everyday work of the Office requires resourceful, skilled, qualified professionals with a global perspective. Events such as Tea and Talk allows OIM to demystify our work, meet interesting young people, and most importantly, build connections.

A colleague from the Human Resource Secretariat recently connected a student at Tea and Talk to a local business – the student is studying in natural sciences, and has a keen interest in cosmetics manufacturing. During an exchange, they informally suggested a local business operating in this field, as they explored career possibilities together. The student was extremely impressed by the suggestion and subsequently connected to the co-owner of the local business, to discuss opportunities for business collaboration.

For international students, building local professional and personal connections is the first step toward building community and a sense of belonging in Newfoundland and Labrador. It is also how big ideas turn into concrete projects – having an idea is the first step toward success, but getting to know the right people, and being in the right environment, are equally important.

- **What advice would you give to university students as they explore career options?**
  For international students, students from rural and remote areas of Newfoundland and Labrador, and students from other parts of Canada, coming to a new place to study is a destabilizing experience – leaving family and friends behind is unsettling and can be a difficult adjustment, but it can also be an opportunity to build resilience, community, professional experience, meet new friends and get to know a new place.

  Students can explore their surrounding community; engage with people outside of the university setting; join volunteer organizations and sports teams; organize celebrations and commemorations of cultural and personal significance, so others can share in those happy or solemn moments; and visit libraries and other community spaces.

  Students are active members of our communities, and as such, share in the collective responsibility to address challenges that surface in our social, cultural, and economic spheres. Issues and challenges are opportunities for students to learn what gaps exist in communities, and how students’ skills, experience and education can help address them.

  Most importantly, students have the opportunity to explore new interests and their curiosity – research shows that taking part in new activities can trigger creativity and innovation in our thinking. Whether you enjoy contemporary dance, coding, or cooking, this is an opportunity to explore it all.
Thanks!

From: Davis, Bernard
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 11:35 AM
To: Marnell, Debbie <DebbieMarnell@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Connors, Kara <KaraConnors@gov.nl.ca>; Crocker, Ryan <RyanCrocker@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Re: For Approval re Media Request - CBC request (Halifax)- AIPP NL

Good to go.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 4, 2019, at 11:12 AM, Marnell, Debbie <DebbieMarnell@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

Hi Minister,
Please see media request summary below for your review and approval.
All good? Note – other provinces will be issuing their stmts by mid-afternoon today.
Fiona has approved. Please advise.
Thanks,
Debbie

Date: August 30, 2019

Media:

Angela Maclvor, CBC Halifax

Reporter's Deadline:
Week of Sept 3

Context:
Request regarding possible cases of fraud through the Atlantic Immigration Pilot Project. Reporter is reaching out to all Atlantic provinces for comment.

Questions:

Good afternoon,

My name is Angela Maclvor and I am an investigative reporter for CBC based in Halifax.
I am working on a story about immigration fraud through AIPP. We have talked to many people who have confirmed that consulting companies and designated employers are accepting money for job offers. We have also been told that provincial departments that endorse and monitor these applications are aware of this activity, and that some steps are being taken to enforce it.

Would someone be available early next week for an interview? I am contacting all four Atlantic provinces. Please let me know if you are not the right person to contact for this request.

**Suggested Approach:**
Statement from AESL

**Suggested Statement/Key Messages:**
Ensuring the integrity of the Atlantic Immigration Pilot Program is a priority for the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, and a shared federal-provincial objective of the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Agreement on the Atlantic Immigration Pilot Program. Officials from the four provinces and the federal department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada and the Canada Border Services Agency regularly share information on program integrity priorities and developments.

We continuously assess all applications to ensure program integrity, and work together with Maritime and federal colleagues on potential trends.

As part of the endorsement process, employers report on local hiring efforts, provide a rationale for hiring internationally, demonstrate that the individuals they wish to hire are qualified and meet program criteria, and provide relevant information, including job offers. Provincial officials also visit businesses to determine the genuine nature of business and work location.

Provincial immigration officials also receive relevant program integrity training to assess individual applications, prevent and detect misrepresentation and fraud.

While program integrity is a priority for the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, we recognize that the vast majority of immigrants to our province are here because they wish to build a better future for themselves and their families.

In our efforts to increase immigration, we strive for the right balance between ensuring applicants who want to live and work in Newfoundland and Labrador undergo a rigorous assessment process, and opening doors to their future in our province.

**In consultation with and approved by:**
Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter signed by the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, in response to your correspondence of July 9, 2019.

Thank you,

B. Lacombe
Ministerial Enquiries Division

This electronic address is not available for reply.
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The Honourable Bernard Davis, M.H.A.
Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour
Minister Responsible for Atlantic Workforce Partnership
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
BernardDavis@gov.nl.ca

Dear Minister Davis:

Thank you for your correspondence of July 9, 2019, regarding enhancements to the Atlantic Immigration Pilot (AIP) and the National Occupational Classification C (NOC C) Initiative.

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) appreciates all comments and values all feedback. Such input is taken into consideration by the Department with a view to continuous improvement of its programs and policies.

I recognize the need to share the benefits of immigration across the country. The Government also recognizes that Atlantic Canada faces specific demographic and economic challenges, including out-migration of youth, aging populations, and chronic labour market shortages.

Atlantic Immigration Pilot Allocation

The AIP, now in its third year, has seen significant growth with over 2,000 Atlantic employers participating to date. These employers have made nearly 4,000 job offers in key sectors, including accommodations and food services, manufacturing, and health care. This has resulted in over 2,900 approved permanent residents destined for or already in the Atlantic region. Consequently, in July of 2018, I approved an increase in the region’s allocations from the original 2,000 to 2,500.

I am pleased to inform you that I have approved the request on behalf of the Atlantic Workforce Partnership for an additional 250 AIP allocations for 2019, for a total of 2,750 spaces for the region. I will base the distribution of the additional spaces on the reported and forecasted endorsement usage to date and directly communicate the allocation decisions to the provinces that will receive additional spaces.

I am encouraged to see steady growth in Newfoundland and Labrador’s use of AIP endorsements. I would also like to encourage the Atlantic provinces to maximize allocations by using the additional authorities provided by IRCC to the provinces in May 2019 to focus their AIP spaces to meet in-demand labour market needs.
I remain committed to ensuring flexibility within the AIP throughout the year, including by facilitating the redistribution of unused endorsements to jurisdictions that have the capacity to use them before the end of the year. I am asking each Atlantic province to provide IRCC with an update on the status of the redistribution of unused spaces by September 30, 2019, as stipulated in the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Agreement on the Atlantic Immigration Pilot Program.

I would also like to encourage officials from our respective departments to continue to work together to monitor the results of this pilot program. This includes supporting IRCC with program outcome information that is essential to track the performance of the pilot to-date.

**NOC C Initiative**

As you know, the Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) ensures that all areas of the country benefit from economic immigration. Through the PNP, provinces and territories design programs to attract and retain immigrants who will meet local labour market needs and contribute to regional economic development. In 2018, Canada welcomed over 62,000 admissions through the PNP.

As you know, from 2019 to 2021, IRCC is providing an extra 2,000 spaces per year under the PNP to help provinces and territories transition temporary foreign workers at the intermediate skill level NOC C. IRCC has also heard from employers that there is a need for skilled workers at this level. As such, I encourage you to continue to work with employers to use these spaces to meet your labour market needs.

I appreciate your feedback on the potential uptake of these spaces in the Atlantic region. Nevertheless, I would like to acknowledge that in response to the 2016 Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (HUMA) report on temporary foreign workers, the Government committed to providing more opportunities for temporary foreign workers to transition to permanent residence.

Thank you, once again, for your comments and suggestions.

Yours sincerely,

Ahmed Hussen, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship
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From: Marnell, Debbie
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 9:52 AM
To: Davis, Bernard
Cc: Crocker, Ryan; Connors, Kara
Subject: FW: FOR REVIEW - NR - FQR

Hi Minister,
Just looping back with you now, are you OK with this release?
Please advise.
Thanks,
Debbie

From: Crocker, Ryan
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 1:36 PM
To: Davis, Bernard <BernardDavis@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Marnell, Debbie <DebbieMarnell@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: FOR REVIEW - NR - FQR

Good afternoon, Minister,

Below for your review is a news release regarding foreign qualification recognition. Remzi, Michelle, and Fiona have approved.

Thank you,

- Ryan

Advanced Education, Skills and Labour
September X, 2019

New Initiatives to Help Foreign-Trained Professionals Work in their Fields in Newfoundland and Labrador

The Honourable Bernard Davis, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour, today announced funding for four new initiatives to help foreign-trained professionals, including newcomers to the province, get their credentials recognized and work locally in their fields.

These initiatives were chosen following a fourth call for Expressions of Interest under the federal-provincial Foreign Qualification Recognition Agreement. The agreement is supported by $800,000 in federal funding.

The four initiatives approved are:
- Approximately $49,000 for College of the North Atlantic to develop a 10-week Foreign Occupational Readiness Training Program for internationally-trained Newfoundlander and Labradorians. This training will focus on job search and communication skills;
- $49,000 for the Association for New Canadians to expand its Workplace Communications and Integration Training Program. This phase will include the development of an employer-focused unit as well as a series of employer testimonial videos;
- Approximately $42,000 for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to develop an international teacher application process and assessment procedures, as well as an international institution database. These measures will reduce application barriers to certification as well as assessment wait times; and,
- Approximately $36,000 for Chartered Professional Accountants Newfoundland and Labrador to develop an outline of the internal processes involved in obtaining designation for internationally-trained professionals. Once collected, this useful information will ensure international applicants know everything required to attain designation in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Enhancing foreign qualification recognition delivers on commitments in The Way Forward to strengthen the province’s economic foundation by enabling foreign-trained professionals to more fully participate in the social, cultural, and economic growth of the province.

**Quote**

“It benefits all of us when we take the time to assess the skills and training of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who studied abroad, including newcomers. By recognizing their credentials, we enable them to pursue employment in their field of choice right here at home. Our government recognizes the value of post-secondary education and this is one of the many steps we are taking to ensure our province is a supportive and satisfying place for highly-skilled professionals to live and work.”
Honourable Bernard Davis
Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour

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Seaward, Sharon M.

From: Crocker, Ryan
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 11:41 AM
To: Davis, Bernard
Subject: FOR APPROVAL - MA/SN - SEED Funding
Attachments: SN - SEED revised.docx

Good morning, Minister,

Attached for your approval are the speaking notes for tomorrow’s remarks at the SEED Funding ceremony.

Thank you!

- Ryan

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SPEAKING NOTES
Honourable Bernard Davis
Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour
SEED Funding Award Ceremony
August 23, 2019

- Good morning and thank you for the invitation to join in your celebration today.

- This exciting event clearly shows that Newfoundland and Labrador has a bright future thanks to brilliant students from around the world who want to start innovative businesses right here.

- I cannot thank you enough for investing so much of your time and talent in creating these business ideas, and congratulations to the five students getting grants today.
• As you know, the Newfoundland and Labrador Study and Stay initiative complements existing provincial priority focus areas of encouraging entrepreneurship, and supporting international student and graduate retention. This approach to Study and Stay is unique to our province.

• The SEED Funding Competition is just one of the many great initiatives of the Study and Stay Newfoundland and Labrador Pilot Project.

• This project is a great benefit to the province and I want to thank the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and our federal partners for their commitment to making it easier for you to build a bright future in Newfoundland and Labrador.
• This project enables us to capitalize on another opportunity to promote the province as a destination to study, live, and work, and confirms Government’s commitment to increasing the recruitment and retention of international students, and hence immigration, to Newfoundland and Labrador.

• In addition to economic benefits, this approach demonstrates Newfoundland and Labrador’s commitment to inclusive growth where newcomers are welcomed, celebrated and supported.

• We are making great progress on increasing the number of newcomers to the province.
• In 2017 and 2018, we supported the highest-ever number of individuals toward permanent residency through provincial immigration programs.

• Early results for 2018 are encouraging. Based on year-end federal data, 1,530 individuals became permanent residents in Newfoundland and Labrador, representing 90 percent of The Way Forward 2022 target of 1,700 newcomers.

• More recently, we fulfilled our commitment to add a dedicated stream for immigrant entrepreneurs with the addition of two new categories under the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Nominee Program – International Graduate Entrepreneur and International Entrepreneur.
• The Study and Stay initiative plays an integral role in assisting international graduate entrepreneurs who are keen on obtaining permanent residency by establishing businesses and creating jobs in our province.

• I want you to know that your ideas, projects, and startups are welcome here. You are the future for this province. You will lead its social, cultural, and economic growth.

• I look forward to continuing to work with our partners, including many of you in this room, to welcome more international students and graduates, and to celebrate the impressive accomplishments we will continue to see.

• Thank you.
Seaward, Sharon M.

From: Crocker, Ryan
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 9:41 AM
To: Davis, Bernard
Subject: FOR APPROVAL - NR - EOI

Good morning, Minister,

Below for your approval is a news release we would like to issue on Monday. It’s the next four EOIs for the international entrepreneur/graduate entrepreneur categories.

Kamrul, Remzi, and Fiona have approved.

Thank you,

- Ryan

Advanced Education, Skills and Labour
August 26, 2019

Provincial Government Announces Four Rounds of Expressions of Interest for International Entrepreneurs

The Provincial Government will open four rounds of Expressions of Interest for prospective immigrants around the world who wish to settle in the province and be engaged in the daily operation of a business they create, join, or take over.

The Expression of Interest process for individuals interested in being considered for the International Entrepreneur category under the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Nominee Program will open on the following dates:

- September 13 to 20, 2019;
- October 11 to 18, 2019;
- November 8 to 15, 2019; and,
- December 6 to 13, 2019.

More information, including eligibility guidelines, is available here.

In addition, the International Graduate Entrepreneur category also remains open to international graduates of Memorial University and College of the North Atlantic who wish to create or co-own and manage a business in the province. Expressions of Interest for individuals interested in being considered for this category may be submitted at any time. More information on this category, including eligibility criteria, is available here.

Quote
“Canada is widely recognized as one of the best countries in the world to live, and our province of Newfoundland and Labrador is a safe, welcoming home for prospective immigrants. I encourage anyone interested in settling here and growing their business to learn more about this remarkable opportunity to build a new life for you and your family.”
Learn more
Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Nominee Program

International Entrepreneur Overview

International Graduate Entrepreneur Overview

Immigration Action Plan Progress Report 📺

The Way Forward on Immigration in Newfoundland and Labrador 📺

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From: Crocker, Ryan
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 9:15 AM
To: Davis, Bernard
Cc: Langor, Fiona; Snow, Michelle; Cej, Remzi
Subject: Question from PO

Good morning,

Minister, PO has of course approved you bringing greetings at Study and Stay NL’s SEED Funding Competition Award Ceremony on Friday.

They asked if you would also like to phone into the Open Line after the event to highlight progress on the immigration action plan. Open Line will be over before you’re free on Friday, but if you’d like to call in Monday we can arrange it.

Thank you!

- Ryan

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Dear Minister Davis,

My name is Ying Zhang, Retention Coordinator of the Atlantic Canada Study and Stay NL Program.

The Atlantic Canada Study and Stay™ NL Program is a pilot project funded by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) in collaboration with International Education Newfoundland and Labrador (IENL), the provincial government, Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN) and College of the North Atlantic (CNA). This province-wide program connects international students directly to the entrepreneurial ecosystem and to the labour market, helping participants to build valuable professional and entrepreneurship skills, gain workplace knowledge, and build meaningful connections through workshops, networking, and mentorship. The goal of the program is to support international students to stay, live, and work in Newfoundland and Labrador after graduation. This is consistent with the goals in the provincial strategic plan elaborated in The Way Forward on Immigration in Newfoundland and Labrador.

On August 13th we held the SEED Funding competition for the Atlantic Canada Study and Stay NL Program. Ten students were invited to pitch their business ideas, and the selection committee reached the consensus that five students would receive a grant in support of their startup ventures.

We are planning to have a grant award ceremony on August 23rd (Friday) between 11am-12 noon. The location will be in the Bistro (G 208) on CNA Prince Phillip Drive Campus (1 Prince Phillip Dr., St. John’s, A1C 5P7). We are pleased to invite you to attend and represent the provincial government. The official invitation is attached for your perusal.

Best regards,
Ying
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August 20, 2019

Honorable Bernard Davis  
Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour  
Confederation Building  
P.O. Box 8700  
St. John’s, NL A1B 4J6

Dear Minister Davis:

On behalf of International Education Newfoundland and Labrador, I would formally like to invite you to attend the SEED Funding Competition Award Ceremony of the Atlantic Canada Study and Stay™ NL Program.

The Atlantic Canada Study and Stay™ NL Program is a pilot project funded by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) in collaboration with International Education Newfoundland and Labrador (IENL), Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN) and College of the North Atlantic (CNA). This province-wide program connects international students directly to the entrepreneurial ecosystem and to the labour market, helping participants to build valuable professional and entrepreneurship skills, gain workplace knowledge, and build meaningful connections through workshops, networking, and mentorship. The goal of the program is to support international students to stay, live, and work in Newfoundland and Labrador post graduation. This is consistent with the goals in the provincial strategic plan elaborated in The Way Forward on Immigration in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The objective of the competition is to support the development of international student entrepreneur business ventures from ideation to commercialization. This initiative reflects the commitment of the federal and provincial governments and partner institutions to support innovation, entrepreneurship and immigration in view of fostering increased economic prosperity for future generations in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The grant award ceremony will take place in the Bistro on CNA Prince Philip Drive Campus (located at 1 Prince Philip Dr, St. John’s, NL A1C 5P7). I hope you will be available to attend this event. I would respectfully request that you RSVP your response indicating your availability to bring greetings. Please contact our Retention Coordinators Ying Zhang yingzhang@ienl.ca to confirm your availability.

Yours respectfully,

Elizabeth Vincent  
Director, IENL

Marc Coady  
Director, IENL
Seaward, Sharon M.

From: Crocker, Ryan
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 11:48 AM
To: Davis, Bernard
Subject: FOR REVIEW - NR - ANC

Good day, Minister,

Below for your approval is a news release we would like to issue this Friday. Fiona has approved.

Thank you,

- Ryan

Advanced Education, Skills and Labour
August X, 2019

Provincial Government Extends Pilot Employment Programs for International Students

The Honourable Bernard Davis, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour, today announced nearly $415,000 through the Labour Market Partnerships Program to extend two pilot employment programs for international students and graduates. This continues to fulfill commitments in The Way Forward on Immigration in Newfoundland and Labrador to provide international student placement and graduate internship opportunities.

The two programs are delivered by the Association for New Canadians AXIS Career Services and provide the following:

- The Student Internship Pilot Program connects full-time international students at the province’s recognized post-secondary institutions with a small or medium-sized business for a full-time 12-week or part-time 21-week internship in their field of study.
- The My First Job in Newfoundland and Labrador Pilot Program matches international graduates from Memorial University or College of the North Atlantic with a small or medium-sized business for a 16-week placement in their field of study.

Through these programs, international students are able to secure gainful employment and expand their professional networks in their field of study, making it easier to permanently settle in Newfoundland and Labrador. Additionally, employers gain access to highly-skilled international interns and employees who can provide a fresh perspective and insight into the international marketplace.

Launched in 2017, the programs have supported 41 international students and graduates to date.

Since 2017, the number of individuals supported toward permanent residency by the Provincial Government has increased by over 25 per cent. Preliminary data for 2018 indicates 1,530 individuals became permanent residents in Newfoundland and Labrador, representing a 20 per cent increase in the number of permanent residents over 2017.
Quotes

“Our post-secondary institutions are a magnet for students from around the world who want a safe and welcoming place to get a world-class education. These students spend years getting to know Newfoundland and Labrador and by graduation time, many would love to stay. These two innovative programs by the Association for New Canadians help international students and graduates do just that. By introducing them to local employers in their field of study both while they’re in school and following graduation, these programs increase the likelihood and ability of international students and graduates to permanently settle right here.”
Honourable Bernard Davis
Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour

“AXIS Career Services, the employment division of the Association for New Canadians, developed and piloted the My First Job in NL and Student Internship Programs for 40 International Graduates and Students from 2017-19. Designed to match a talented and skilled pool of newcomers with local employers, the positive response to these leading-edge programs exceeded our expectations. We are delighted that these targeted initiatives have been extended until 2021 and we look forward to continuing our collaboration with government, post-secondary and employers to expedite labour market entry for international students and graduates who have chosen to make Newfoundland and Labrador their home.”
Eileen Kelly-Freake
Director, AXIS Career Services, Association for New Canadians

Learn more
The Way Forward on Immigration in Newfoundland and Labrador -
aesl.gov.nl.ca/publications/pdf/ImmigrationPlan.pdf


Provincial Nominee Program - nlpnpc.ca

Office of Immigration and Multiculturalism - nlimmigration.ca

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Hello Mr. Davis.

I just want to make you aware of the experience our firm has with in dealing with applications under the immigration program in other districts. We are already on the approved list of service providers but just hoping I can give you some background on our own experience. Also, would love to get an update from you on how think the process is going so far.

Again, hope things are well and looking forward to hearing from you.

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Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the Honourable Trevor Holder, New Brunswick Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour, and myself as co-chairs of the Federal-Provincial-Territorial (FPT) Forum of Ministers Responsible for Immigration (FMRI), I am pleased to invite you to a teleconference on June 17, 2019 from 12:00 – 1:30 pm ET. A draft agenda with dial in details will follow shortly from the FPT Immigration Secretariat.

This meeting will provide us with the opportunity to discuss key federal and provincial-territorial priorities, including the renewal of the 2020-2023 FPT Strategic Plan for Immigration (formerly the Vision Action Plan), regional immigration, and immigration levels planning.

Please confirm your attendance or indicate the names and titles of your delegates to Natalie Theriault, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada by email at Natalie.Theriault@cic.gc.ca and Amanda Stephens Maillet, Director of the Provincial-Territorial Immigration Secretariat, at Amanda.StephensMaillet@gnb.ca.

I look forward to speaking with you.

Chers collègues,

Au nom de l’honorable Trevor Holder, ministre de l’Éducation postsecondaire, de la Formation et du Travail du Nouveau-Brunswick et en mon nom, à titre de coprésidents du Forum fédéral-provincial-territorial (FPT) des ministres responsables de l’immigration, je suis heureux de vous inviter à une téléconférence le 17 juin 2019 de
12 h à 1h30, HE. Le Secrétariat FPT de l’immigration vous fera parvenir sous peu un ordre du jour provisoire avec les instructions pour se joindre à l’appel.

Cette rencontre nous donnera l’occasion de discuter des principales priorités fédérales et provinciales-territoriales, y compris le renouvellement du Plan stratégique FPT pour l’immigration 2020-2023 (anciennement le Plan d’action concernant la vision), l’immigration régionale et la planification des niveaux d’immigration.

Veuillez confirmer votre présence ou indiquer les noms et titres de vos délégués à Natalie Thériault, directrice des relations intergouvernementales, Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada par courriel à Natalie.Theriault@cic.gc.ca et à Amanda Stephens Maillet, directrice du Secrétariat provincial-territorial de l'immigration, à Amanda.StephensMaillet@gnb.ca.

Au plaisir de discuter avec vous.
Also for 83

From: Langor, Fiona
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 9:39 AM
To: Mitchelmore, Christopher <CMitchelmore@gov.nl.ca>
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We will have this letter ready for your signature this week.

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A letter should be sent as requested to Feds for office here

Best Regards,

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On Nov 3, 2019, at 9:29 AM, Langor, Fiona <FLangor@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

FYI... this may be raised in the house. Why aren’t we doing more to encourage a federal immigration presence in NL.

Fiona
Office of Immigration expanding to Summerside

A new office of immigration is opening in Summerside to improve access to services for newcomers and employers in the region.

The office, located at 268 Water St., will open with five staff including:

- a bilingual employer outreach and marketing officer to market immigration and pathways to PEI employers and address workforce gaps;
- a program officer to provide information to employers and newcomers about program eligibility and assess applications;
- a senior program integrity officer to manage the office and work with federal-provincial colleagues to maintain the integrity of immigration programs in Canada; and
- two program integrity officers to process files and deter fraud related to provincial immigration policies and programs.

"Immigration is really important to the overall growth and success of Prince Edward Island and newcomers contribute greatly to our social and economic fabric. Newcomers are working when they arrive and many are young adults with young families, which bring positive changes to our province. An office of immigration in Summerside, encourages more of this growth in Prince County."

- Economic Growth, Tourism and Culture Minister Matthew MacKay

“We are very excited to have this new office opening in the heart of our city that will provide critical services for newcomers and help them feel more at home in the area,” said Summerside Mayor Basil Stewart. “The collaboration between municipal and provincial governments to create this office means people will have easier access to services and immigration in the Summerside area will be strengthened.”

The office will open at 268 Water St. by end of this year.

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