

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016  
9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair  
Councillor Darlene Norman  
Councillor Brian Fralic  
Councillor Jack Fancy  
Councillor Susan MacLeod  
Councillor Raymond Fiske  
Councillor Peter Waterman  
Councillor Bruce Inglis  
Richard MacLellan, Chief Administrative Officer  
April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk  
Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Clarke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2.0 CHANGES / APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Fralic that the Agenda be approved as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Mayor Clarke said that he attended the North Queens Fire Hall Community Hub opening on March 6, 2016 which was well attended.

He also attended the Business Excellence Awards on March 7, 2016 and updated Council that the Port Grocer Café won the Hospitality Award and Lloyll Custom Building won the Innovation Award.

**3.0 PRESENTATION(S):**

**3.1 YREACH / YMCA - Tina Mirchandani**

Tina Mirchandani was welcomed to Council and provided a review of the YMCA's role in the Reaching Extending Aligning Community Horizons (YREACH) and what the organization offers (copy attached to original set of Minutes).

Some highlights included:

- YREACH – Role;
- Why the YCMA is involved;
- Community Settlement;
- School Settlement;
- Partners;
- Federal and Provincial Plans;
- Discussed why people come to Nova Scotia; and
- Identified some of the challenges and barriers faced.

The government funding for the YREACH program will expire at the end of March 2016 and Ms. Mirchandani has reapplied and indicated that a letter of support from the Region would be appreciated.

In response to questions, Ms. Mirchandani indicated that she is advocating for additional people who may assist her with clients in the Liverpool and surrounding area.

**4.0 TABLING OF PETITIONS:**

There were no petitions to come before this meeting.

**5.0 PUBLIC QUESTION / COMMENT SESSION:**

David Dagley, 9 Meadow Pond Lane, Liverpool – Mr. Dagley asked for an update on when the audio recording system would be functional. April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk, stated that a new amp is on order and will be tested to see if this is the issue with the system before taking the next step to resolve.

Leon Robertson, 45 College Street, Liverpool – Mr. Robertson enquired about the use of the Hills Acre Bus for transportation and housing issues under Item 16.1 Age Friendly Discussions. Mayor Clarke responded that progress is ongoing and indicated that a survey for housing through the Queens Care Association is underway.

**6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

6.1 Council Minutes – February 23, 2016

**It was moved by Councillor Waterman and seconded by Councillor Fiske:**

**THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on February 23, 2016 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

6.2 Special Council – February 17, 2016

**It was moved by Councillor Fancy and seconded by Councillor Waterman:**

**THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on February 17, 2016 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**7.0 DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES:**

There were no issues to come before this meeting.

**8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

There were no items to come before this meeting.

**9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES:**

There were no items to come before this meeting.

**10.0 ENGINEERING AND WORKS:**

10.1 Landfill Tipping Fees

**It was moved by Councillor Waterman and seconded by Councillor Fiske:**

**THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the tipping fees for solid waste disposal and contracts for Residual Municipal Solid Waste, Sorted Construction and Demolition Material,**

**Mixed Construction & Demolition Material, Metal/White Goods, Ash and Contaminated Soil increase by 1.80% effective April 1, 2016.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

10.2 Pre-Budget Approval of Queens Skatepark Project

**It was moved by Councillor Waterman and seconded by Councillor Fiske:**

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality gives pre-budget approval in the amount of \$529,133.00 for the design and construction of the Queens Skatepark as included in the 2016/2017 capital budget; and that the total project budget be adjusted by the actual fundraising received.**

Brad Rowter, Director of Engineering & Works stated that as a result of combined planning and funding efforts of the Queens County SkatePark Association and the Region, the skatepark project is planned to begin this summer with completion in the fall. The design will include a combination of different features including street elements, flow section and transition; with each section testing different skill sets.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

10.3 Skatepark Design Award

**It was moved by Councillor Waterman and seconded by Councillor Fralic:**

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality award PW01-2016 "Queens Skateboard Park Design" to Spectrum Skatepark Inc. at a cost of \$40,000.00 (plus HST).**

Mr. Rowter stated that the skill set required for a successful design is highly specialized. In response to an RFP issued on February 1<sup>st</sup> with a closing of February 23, 2016, three packages to qualified firms were distributed. One proposal was received from Spectrum Skatepark located in Vancouver, B.C. Spectrum is an award-winning premier design firm, having designed 170 skateparks, 150 of which are located in Canada. Each skatepark is unique, with local youth engaged for input and local history considered during the design phase, through consultation workshops.

In response to a question, Mr. Rowter confirmed that the cost associated with the design is included in the total budgeted amount.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

COUNCILLOR INGLIS DECLARED A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND LEFT CHAMBERS AT 10:07 A.M.

Mayor Clark turned the chair over to Deputy Mayor Norman.

**11.0 FINANCE**

11.1 Group Insurance Rates

**It was moved by Mayor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Fiske:**

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approves the renewal of the group insurance plan with Great West Life, for the year ending March 31, 2017, as follows:**

Employee Life Insurance	\$0.39/\$1000 of salary (same)
Dependent Life Insurance	\$4.45 per family (same)
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$0.05/\$1000 of salary (same)
Long Term Disability	\$4.99/\$100 of benefit (same)

Jennifer Keating-Hubley, Director of Finance, stated that although there was a slight increase in the LTD rate last year, the rates remain unchanged for the 2016 / 2017 fiscal year.

In response to a question, Ms. Keating-Hubley confirmed that the costs were split 50 / 50 employee / employer.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

COUNCILLOR INGLIS RETURNED TO CHAMBERS AT 10:10 A.M.

The chair was returned to Mayor Clarke.

#### 11.2 Blue Cross Coverage

**It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Fralic:**

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approves the renewal of Blue Cross coverage, for monthly costs effective April 1, 2016 as follows:**

Single Coverage	\$126.86
Family Coverage	\$328.57

Ms. Keating-Hubley said that the medical costs are increasing by 7.85% and the dental coverage remains unchanged. The costs for this coverage are non-negotiable, as the Region participates in the program through UNSM's group plan benefits.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

#### 11.3 Administrative Policy 9 – Respecting Tax Exemptions

**It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor MacLeod:**

**THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the Administrative Policy 9 respecting tax exemptions, as amended (copy attached).**

Ms. Keating-Hubley said the qualifying combined household income level will increase this year to \$22,868, with the exemption amount remain unchanged at \$250. The \$250 is comparative to levels offered in other municipalities. The budget allows for 265 exemptions; however, there is no limit on number of applications accepted. Applicants who qualified last year will automatically be sent the application for this year.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

### 12.0 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

There were no items to come before this meeting.

### 13.0 PLANNING:

#### 13.1 Brooklyn Sewer Project – Easement Agreement

**It was moved by Councillor MacLeod and seconded by Councillor Fralic:**

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality enter into an easement agreement with the Queens Recreational Boating Association and the Brooklyn Recreation Committee Society to allow for the installation and ongoing maintenance of sewage pump station, related sewage piping and system control panel on a portion of lands owned by the Association and leased to the Society, identified as PID #70227186.**

Mike MacLeod, Planner, said that as part of the next phase of the Brooklyn Sewer Project from last year, the installation of a pumping station will be required to accommodate the installation of services on Markland Avenue. During discussions with both parties involved, it was agreeable to proceed with negotiations.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

13.2 Streetlight Request, Pleasant Street, Milton

**It was moved by Councillor MacLeod and seconded by Councillor Fancy:**

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approve the installation of one new street light in front of civic number 41 Pleasant Street in Milton.**

Mr. MacLeod said that residents on Pleasant Street, Milton have requested a new street light to be installed due to safety issues at Queens Association of Supported Living. Although the application does not conform to Policy 27 for spacing of the streetlight, under clause 27.11 lighting may be considered if dangerous circumstances are present, at the discretion of Council.

**MOTION CARRIED 7 for and 1 against.**

13.3 Milton Canoe & Camera Club

**It was moved by Councillor MacLeod and seconded by Councillor Fancy:**

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality enter into negotiations with the Milton Canoe & Camera Club to lease a portion of Pine Grove Park for the purpose of erecting a boat house to store equipment and becoming the base of operation for carrying out the activities of the Club;**

**AND THAT the development and activities of the Club within the Park be sensitive to the surrounding area and not detract from the primary purpose as a nature walking trail;**

**AND THAT Pine Grove Park remain free of motorized vehicles, except for scheduled maintenance activities.**

Mr. MacLeod stated that due to the loss of the Milton Canoe & Camera Club house for the new bridge approach, the Club is looking for new accommodations and a proposal has been received to lease a portion of Pine Grove Park to erect a boat house to store equipment.

Some items discussed for consideration during negotiations:

- the park is a nature trail and must minimize any impacts that may occur;
- absence of motorized vehicles;
- location of proposed structure and design must fit into park environment; and
- uses of structure to remain as boathouse.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**14.0 QUEENS PLACE EMERA CENTRE:**

The upcoming concert will be announced on March 9, 2016 at Queen's Place at 12:15 p.m.

**15.0 REPORTS**

There were no reports to come before this meeting.

**16.0 OTHER:**

16.1 Age Friendly Communities Discussion

Richard MacLellan, CAO, gave a brief update on the discussion held on January 28, 2016, between the Queens Care Society and Region of Queens Municipality at Queens Place Emera Centre to identify priorities for seniors in the region. Input from discussions on housing, transportation and accessibility were received.

A group associated with the Queens Care Society has approached the Region about a trial project on transportation and have enquired about access to the Hillsview Acres Bus. Costs associated with the trial are not included in the operating budget, and funds for the fuel costs may include a fare or contributions for external organizations.

A survey is being issued by the Queens Care Society to households in the region for input on housing needs.

A suggestion was made that follow-up discussions should be planned when information is available so that everyone in the region is aware of the survey results.

16.2 Appointment of Traffic Authority

**It was moved by Councillor Fiske and seconded by Councillor Inglis:**

**THAT the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality approves the appointment of Staff Sergeant Derek Smith of the Queens RCMP Detachment, to Act as the Region of Queens Municipality's Traffic Authority;**

**AND FURTHER THAT in the absence of Staff Sergeant Derek Smith, Corporal Doug Brannen of the Queens RCMP Detachment, shall act as Traffic Authority for Queens.**

**AND FURTHER THAT Policy Number 66, attached, be approved with the above noted amendments.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

16.3 Community Celebration

**It was moved by Councillor Fralic and seconded by Councillor Inglis:**

**THAT the Region of Queens Municipality partner with the South Shore Multicultural Association and host a welcome/education event on March 24, 2016 at the Town Hall Arts and Cultural Centre to celebrate the arrival of our new Syrian Family;**

**AND FURTHER that Council approves an expenditure of up to \$500.00 in support of the event with the funding coming from Other General Government Contingency Fund.**

Councillor Fralic said an event scheduled for March 24, 2016 is to introduce the new Syrian family to the region and will be held at the Town Hall Arts and Cultural Centre. The event will be held in the afternoon with refreshments, events for the children and entertainment are being planned.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

#### **17.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS**

It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor MacLeod that the proceedings go "In-Camera" at 10:55 a.m. to discuss the following:

##### **17.1 Property Matter MGA 22(2)a**

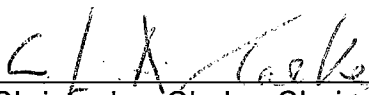
**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

It was moved by Councillor Inglis and seconded by Councillor Fiske that the proceedings come out of "In-Camera" at 11:18 a.m.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

#### **18.0 ADJOURNMENT**

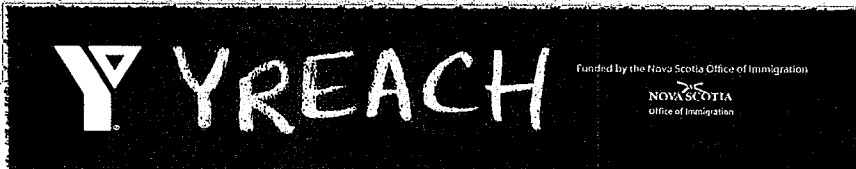
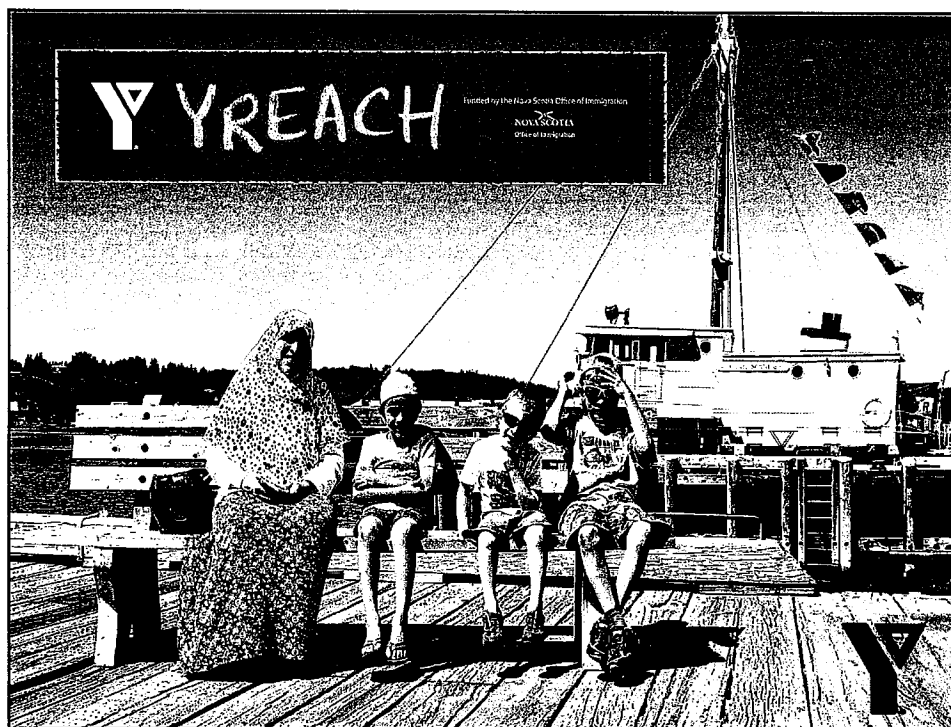
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

  
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Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair

  
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April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk

  
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Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

Date Approved: March 22, 2016



**YREACH - YMCA Reaching  
Extending Aligning  
Community Horizons.**

Funding from Nova Scotia Office of Immigration to have a Settlement Staff in the communities of Bridgewater, Fundy Shore, Yarmouth, Truro, Amherst, Sydney and Pictou.

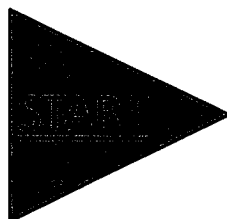
Focus is to support immigrant families and Temporary Foreign Workers





## Embracing the Spaces Between

**Watch YREACH launch video trailer**



**YREACH**

Funded by the Nova Scotia Office of Immigration  
**NOVASCOTIA**  
Office of Immigration

### **Role**

- Community Based, in-person, rural settlement and integration services
- Referrals
- Awareness raising sessions about needs and challenges that the newcomers and the community face together (Diversity Week, Remembrance Day projects, Transportation, adapting to a new language, culture, climate, culture shock etc.. )
- Collaborating with community groups and agencies (Employment Solutions etc..) to coordinate efforts in welcoming immigrants and to plan welcoming initiatives
- School Settlement –On Site
- NOW- On Site, Job Coach Facilitation



## Why the YMCA?

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/1232132-stephenson-the-y-factor-can-help-immigration>

- The Y is recognized in 120 countries around the world and has a 160-year history in this province.
- Has been delivering school settlement services for over 20 years
- In Nova Scotia, the YMCA has been providing settlement services for over 25 years
- Expertise with immigrant children/youth and their families
- Expertise in outreach programming
- YMCA infrastructure already established in the communities



## YMCA Community Settlement

**YREACH has a mandate to provide community based, in person settlement and integration services. Our approach is to work collaboratively with local community agencies and organizations to promote and support retention.**

**Some of the examples:**

- Meeting with families to assess needs and goals
- Connecting clients directly to settlement necessities and resources (banks, grocery stores, libraries, housing, employment centers)
- Providing home and work place visitations
- Supporting clients to participate in social and recreational events
- Referrals to language and labour standards and employment services
- Helping clients navigate the health care system
- Working with schools to support successful school settlement
- Delivering school/community awareness raising sessions through presentations about settlement, diversity and inclusion



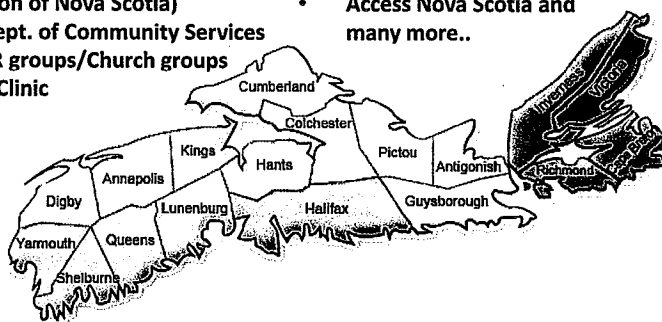
## YMCA School Settlement

- Orientation to the school & community
- Liaison between home & school
- Academic support
- Solution focused settlement counseling
- Bridging to extracurricular activities
- Advocacy and awareness raising sessions
- Referrals
- School staff support



## Who are we Collaborated with ?

- South Shore Multicultural Association
- New Voice Language
- TIE Program- Teaching Immigrants English
- Employment Solutions
- NSCC
- ISANS (Immigration Services Association of Nova Scotia)
- RCMP, Dept. of Community Services
- Local PSR groups/Church groups
- Refugee Clinic
- Local Immigration Consultants
- South Shore School Board
- South Shore Libraries
- Retail outlets- Wicker Emporium, Dollarama, Walmart, Canadian Tire
- Dept. of Community Services
- Service Canada
- Access Nova Scotia and many more..



## Current Federal Plan

The Federal Government has committed to bring 25,000 refugees to Canada. The goal is to have 10,000 Syrian refugees arrive in Canada by the end of 2015, with the remainder arriving by the end of February 2016.

The national plan to bring these refugees to their new home has five phases;

1. Identifying Syrian refugees to come to Canada
2. Processing Syrian refugees overseas
3. Transportation to Canada
4. Welcoming
5. Settlement and community integration.

Find out more about the plan.

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/refugees/welcome>

Source: Gov. of Canada Immigration website  
<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/refugees/welcome/phase5.asp>



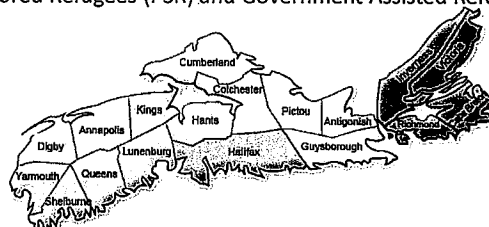
## Provincial Plan

- The Nova Scotia Office of Immigration is working closely with multiple governmental departments, Service Providers and the Emergency Management Organization to plan for the influx of refugees.

- The first wave of refugees have already started to arrive in Nova Scotia.

- NS government prepared to accept 1,500 government-assisted refugees
- 60-80 private sponsorship groups across the province: Halifax, Truro, Elmsdale, Antigonish, Digby, Sydney, Lunenburg, etc.

- 1500 Syrian refugees will arrive in Nova Scotia by the end of February consisting of both Privately Sponsored Refugees (PSR) and Government Assisted Refugees (GAR).



## Federal Plan

*The refugees coming to Canada will be a mix of Government and Privately sponsored refugees*

### GARs

Government Assisted Refugees receive initial resettlement support by the Government of Canada. Support can last up to one year from the date of arrival in Canada, or until the refugee is able to support himself or herself, whichever happens first. It may include:

- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Help in finding employment
- ✓ Other resettlement assistance

### PSRs

Privately sponsored refugees receive financial and emotional support for the duration of the sponsorship. This includes help for housing, clothing and food. Most sponsorships last for one year, but some refugees may be eligible for assistance from their sponsors for up to three years.

## Why do people come to Nova Scotia?

Community

**Work**

Family

Democracy



Equality

Opportunity

School

Peace

Nature

**Freedom**

Human Rights

**Nationality**

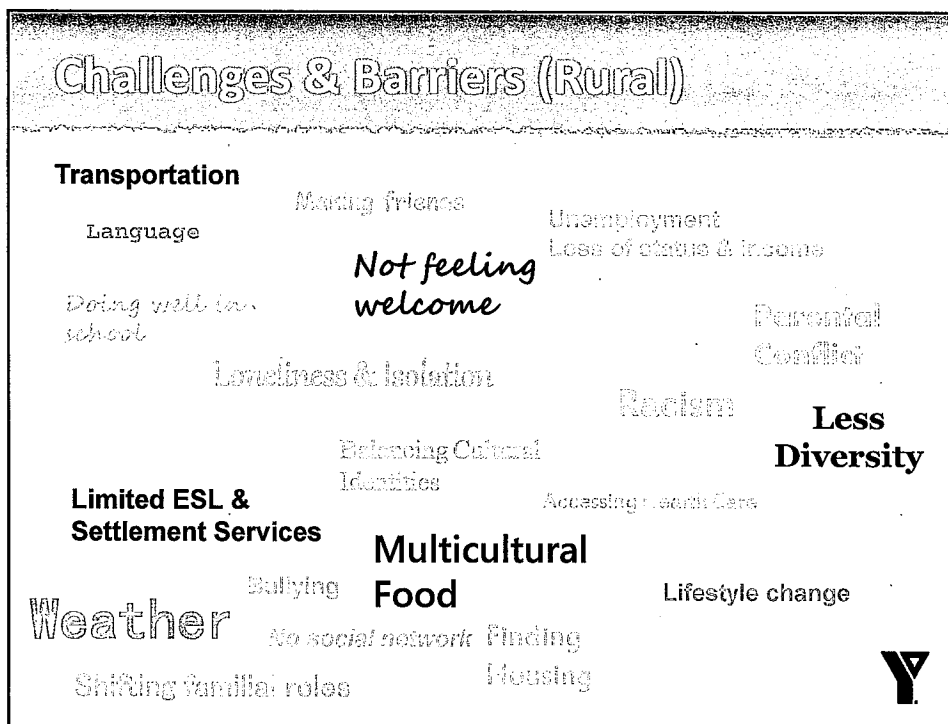
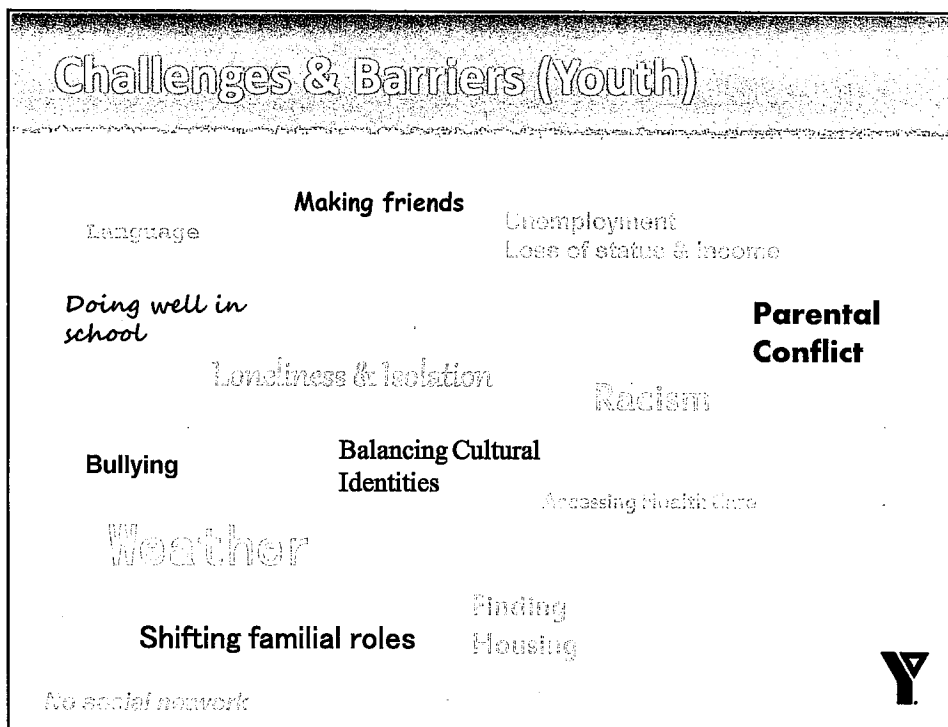
**Health**

Higher Education

**Care**

'They'll come for employment, they'll come for family and they'll come for community.' - thechronicleherald





## Hanukkah Events



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# Chinese New Year



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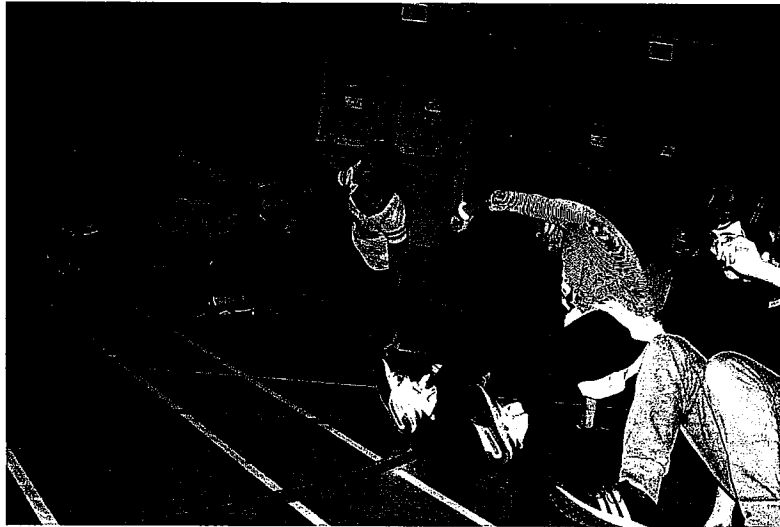




## Breakdance



## Breakdance Night



Halloween Night



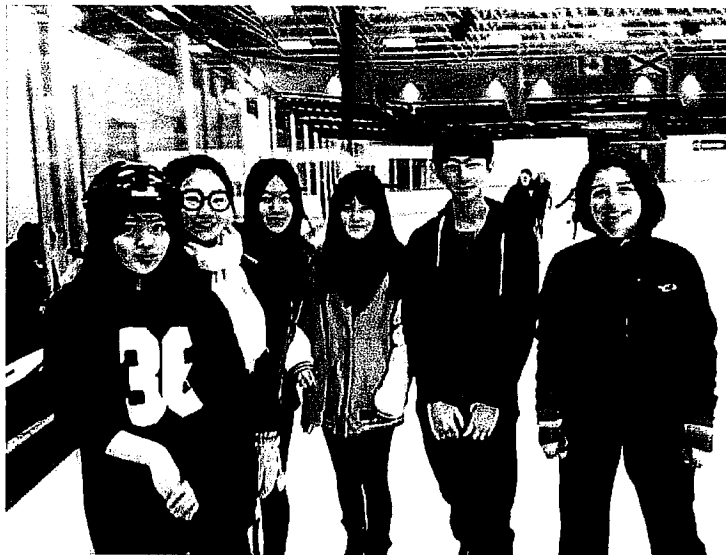
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## Volunteers- Youth Leader



## Bridgewater Skating



## Bridgewater Skating



## Multicultural Day Lunenburg and La Have





### Multicultural Festival- New Germany





## Diwali

- Firworks
- International Food
- Music
- Dance

Potluck Dinner, Music and Fireworks

# HAPPY

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# Diwali

## Festival of Lights

Bridgewater Baptist Church  
564 Glen Allan Drive, Bridgewater  
Saturday, 6:00 - 10:00 PM

**FIREWORKS @ 8:30 pm**

Come join us for a night of celebration with food, music, dance and fireworks. Bring a dish to share!

Contact: southshoremulticultural@gmail.com



**Y YREACH**

South Shore Multicultural Association



**United Way**

nova scotia health authority

Golf



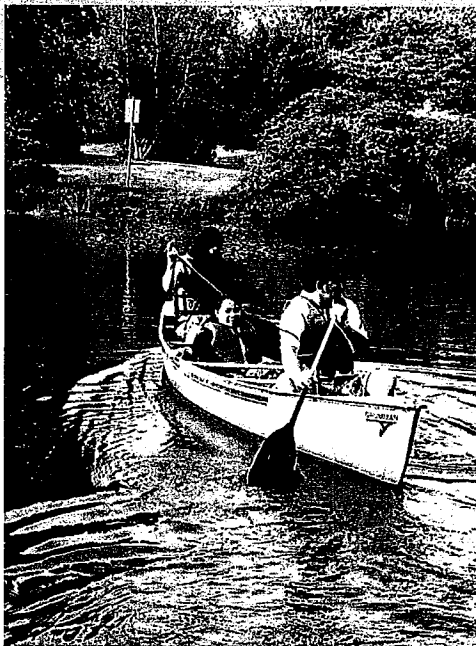
Skating



# Curling



# Canoeing

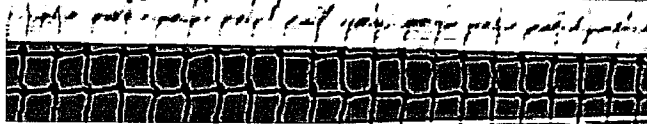
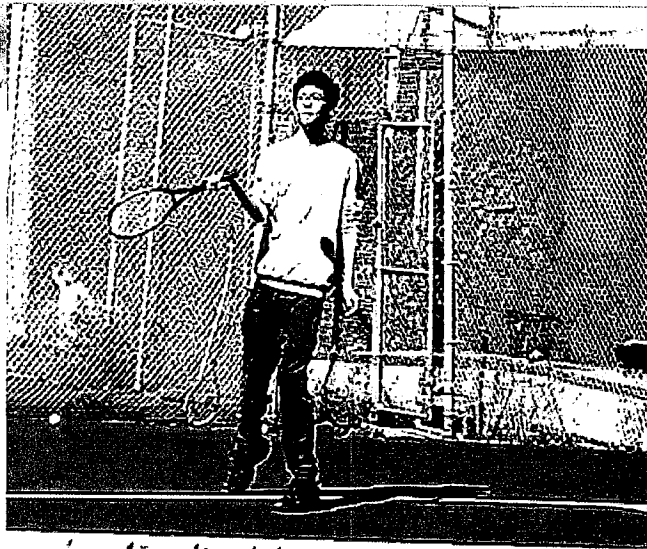


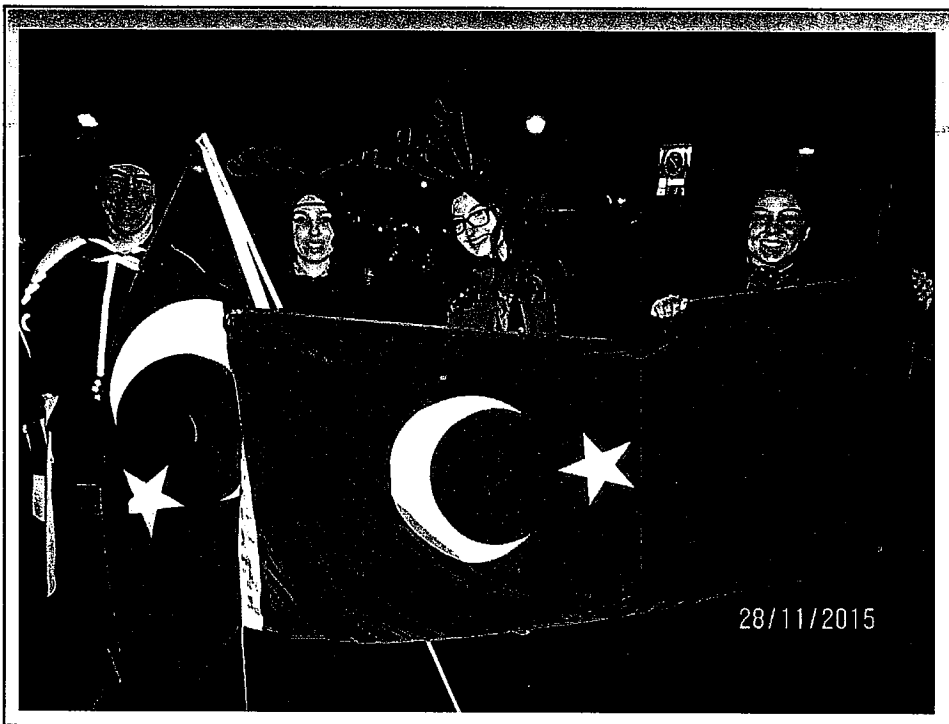


# Hiking



# Tennis





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