

# SHUSWAP SUPPORT TO UKRAINIANS

## WEEKLY UPDATE #24

Monday 12 Sep 2022

#	TOPIC	DETAILS
1	<b>CUAET</b>	<p>Here is the data for the Canada-Ukraine Authorisation for Emergency Travel program for the period 17 Mar to 7 Sep 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Applications received: 546,908 (an increase of 15,191 since last week).</li><li>➤ Applications approved: 238,409 (an increase of 8,907 since last week).</li></ul> <p>Reference: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/ukraine-measures/key-figures.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/ukraine-measures/key-figures.html</a></p>
2	<b>GoFundMe status</b>	<p><b>\$19,878.</b> raised to date.</p> <p><a href="https://gofund.me/2bcbd1f9">https://gofund.me/2bcbd1f9</a></p>
3	<b>Ukrainian Canadian Congress</b>	<p>The Ukrainian Canadian Congress Thompson Okanagan branch held an educational and information meeting for newcomers from Ukraine on Sun 11 Sep in Vernon. The meeting included a panel of local representatives including the Vernon and District Immigrant Services Society. The meeting was moderated by Don Blakely, Governance Director, Ukrainian Canadian Congress Thompson Okanagan branch.</p> <p>The meeting covered numerous topics of interest such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Government Financial Aid.</li><li>2. Housing crisis – long term housing</li><li>3. Day Care.</li><li>4. Work permits.</li><li>5. BC Medical/Dental Association (free services)</li><li>6. Driver's License issues.</li><li>7. United Way BC211 program.</li><li>8. Human Trafficking issue.</li></ol>

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Disabilities – Hardship funding</li> <li>10. Miles4Migrants.</li> <li>11. Legal services – Ukrainian lawyers pro bono.</li> <li>12. Ukrainian Language program.</li> <li>13. English Language program.</li> <li>14. School registration/study permits issues.</li> <li>15. Counsellors.</li> <li>16. Secondary CUAETS coordinator Vernon Ukrainian Program.</li> <li>17. Ukrainian cultural centre/events/support groups.</li> </ol> <p>A total of 10 Ukrainian newcomers/hosts/coordinators from our Shuswap Support to Ukrainians group attended the meeting. The information obtained was most useful and will help us to continue supporting our Ukrainian families to the best of our abilities.</p>
4	<p><b>Saturday 1 Oct</b></p> <p><b>Meet, Greet and Eat</b></p> <p><b>Blind Bay</b></p>	<p>Planning for the Sat 1 Oct Meet, Greet and Eat event at the Shuswap Lake Estates Community Centre is well under way. See the poster on the website for more information. <b>EVERYONE IS WELCOME.</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the organising committee will be held on Wed 14 Sep.</p>
5	<p><b>Newspaper articles</b></p>	<p>Articles about our Shuswap Support to Ukrainians initiative can be found in the Sep edition of both the North Shuswap Kicker and the South Shuswap Scoop; see the website page for links to the articles. The Sat 1 Oct Meet, Greet and Eat event is mentioned in both articles.</p>
6	<p><b>Drivers Needed</b></p>	<p>Our Transportation Coordinator, Gloria Heinzmann, is in urgent need of drivers to meet the needs of our Ukrainian families. If interested, please send your contact information to <a href="mailto:shuswapukrainians@gmail.com">shuswapukrainians@gmail.com</a> and we will pass on to Gloria.</p>

## SUPPORT TEAM COORDINATORS

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4	Fundraising	Judy Waller
5	General Support	Ken and Margeret Smith
6	Health	Joyce Lastavec
7	Housing	Carole Landry
8	In-kind Donations	Michael and Marilyn Barbero
9	Orientation	Jean Goodyear
10	Social and Recreation	Gord and Linda Shea
11	Transportation	Gloria Heinzmann
12	Welcoming	Patricia Kwitkoski
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**If you would like the contact information for a Coordinator, please send an e-mail to [shuswapukrainians@gmail.com](mailto:shuswapukrainians@gmail.com)**