



PEI COMMUNITY NAVIGATORS

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PEI Community Navigators Quarterly Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM MAXINE RENNIE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We are proud to be starting the fall with our new team members in place, and wish to take a moment to welcome everyone to the PEI Community Navigators Team. In Eastern PEI, Rachel Buell joins Lindee Gallant in the Montague office at the Montague Business Development Centre. In Central PEI, Marla MacDonald is servicing the communities from the Kensington office in the Town Hall Building. In Western PEI, Crystal Dumas joins Scott Smith in the Alberton office at the Rural Action Centre on Main Street.

It is my distinct pleasure to introduce you to the newest members of our hard working and dedicated team of PEI Community Navigators, striving for population growth and inclusivity in rural PEI. Be sure to find them at upcoming events.

-Maxine Rennie



OUR MISSION

Individuals and families who choose to settle in rural PEI offer incredible value to the communities that they settle. In each of our numerous communities dotting the coastline or the inland rolling hills of our Island, you'll find a diverse group of community members who settled in PEI or were born as Islanders, coming together to help each other and create a prosperous and fulfilling life in Rural PEI. We are here to support the inclusion of our newest residents in all aspects of rural PEI life.

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WELCOMING THE NEW CENTRAL PEI COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR

WELCOME





MEET OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Central PEI Community Navigator



Marla MacDonald

Marla has joined the team as Central PEI Community Navigator. Previously, Marla taught various English as a Second Language programs, and for the last two years, she was coordinator of a workplace language program. She has many years of experience supporting newcomers through the challenges and the excitement of settling into new communities. She understands the importance of addressing language and cultural barriers when supporting community integration, and she is passionate about the resilience and talents newcomers bring to PEI. Marla is thrilled to be back home on PEI after 12 years of living in several other Canadian cities. She is also completing her Master's of Counselling Psychology, and looks forward to spotlighting the voices of newcomers, community members, and employers to help make rural PEI a strong welcoming place. We are so excited to have Marla as part of the team!

A love letter to my local business...

Dear _____

Small businesses like yours are the heart of our community. We often don't take enough time to thank the people who help us in important ways. With this letter, I want to let you know how you make a difference for me. Consider the answers to the questions below my love letter to your business and all that you do.


What are some of the best things about this business?

Write about a good memory you have here.

What else do you want to say to the owners or people who work here?

Thank you for all that you do!

Sincerely,



Be sure to check out the Central PEI Navigator Facebook group for Small Business Week Oct. 11-15 and write a **love letter to a small business you love!**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CentralPEICommunityNavigator>

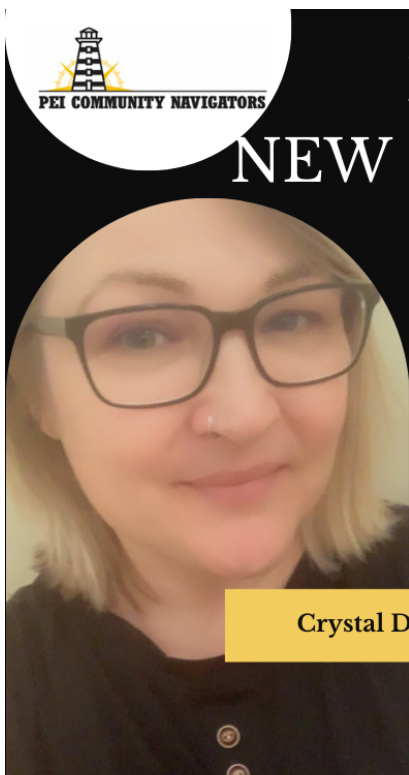
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INTRODUCING THE NEW WESTERN PEI COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR



MEET OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Western PEI

Crystal Dumas is our new Western PEI Community Navigators, joining Scott Smith in the Alberton office!

Originally from Manitoba, Crystal understand not only the excitement but the challenges that moving to a new place can present. Prior to relocating to PEI Crystal worked for the Manitoba Provincial government for over 19 years in Community Development, specifically with Indigenous and Northern Communities.

Crystal Dumas

Crystal has a deep love for PEI and visited Western PEI for almost 15 years before making it home. She still marvels at all the Island has to offer from beaches to trail walking to the beautiful landscape, PEI is a year round beauty.

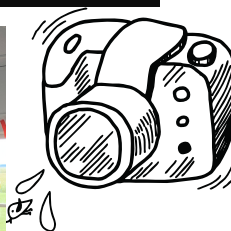


**October 15th-21st, 2023
is Small Business Week!**

**November is Financial
Literacy Month!**

THE SUMMER HAS BEEN A BUSY AND EXCITING ONE IN WESTERN PEI! WE CELEBRATED THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RCMP, CELEBRATED INDIA'S INDEPENDANCE DAY AND UKRIANIAN INDEPENDANCE DAY, KARAOKE NIGHT IN TIGHNISH AND TOOK PART IN PEI NEIGHBOUR WEEK WITH A NEIGHBOURLY MEET AND GREET THAT INCLUDED GREAT FOOD, PERFORMANCES AND CONVERSATION!

KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR MORE FUN TO COME BY LIKING AND FOLLOWING US ON FACEBOOK!



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WELCOMING THE NEW EASTERN PEI COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR



MEET OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Eastern PEI



Rachel Buell

Rachel Buell has joined the team as the second Eastern PEI Community Navigator in the Montague office at 544 Main Street!

Rachel was born and raised in Eastern PEI and truly loves Island life. Rachel loves to travel, explore new places and experience new cultures, spending the last 6 years living in British Columbia. Rachel has experience in community engagement with an undergraduate degree in Psychology with a Human Services Certificate and genuinely loves connecting with others.

Rachel is eager to get to know the new residents of Eastern PEI, and excited for the connections she will make.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCTOBER 20TH-
SMALL BUSINESS
WEEK PANEL &
NETWORKING

OCTOBER 28TH-
HIKE WITH GO!EAST

NOVEMBER 7TH-
8TH- IRCC X PEI
OFFICE OF
IMMIGRATION
SESSIONS

We have so many fun and educational events coming up and would love to see you there. For more information on these events please visit our Facebook group at the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EasternPEICommunityNavigator>



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ESL Activity: Looking For A Job! English 3-4

Reading task

Look at the poster and answer the questions



HIRING!

JUNIOR SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

3 months introduction and training on areas:

TFS + VS + IIS SQL C# and OOP ORM technology	MVC + API Javascript + JQuery Client-side framework
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IF YOU HAVE	WE OFFER
BsC in Computer Science	Attractive work environment
Problem solving & analytical mindset	Agile development
Excellent teamwork and interpersonal skills	International presence with high quality products
Interest in: TFS + VS + IIS, SQL, C# and OOP, ORM technology, MVC + API, Javascript + JQuery	Full-time position with the possibility to consider your individual interests and needs.

image taken from <http://www.bing.com>

Find **the answers** posted on the PEI Community Navigators Facebook page on **October 23!**

<https://www.facebook.com/PEICommunityNavigators>

1. What is the job?

- a. Computer science technician
- b. Software Developer
- c. Junior Software Developer

2. How many months of training do you get at this job?

- a. 1 year
- b. 3 days
- c. 3 months

3. What does this company offer you?

- a. Full-time work
- b. Vacation
- c. Nothing

4. How should you send your CV?

- a. By phone
- b. By email
- c. Bring it to the human resources manager

Speaking task

What is a junior software developer? What is your job? How is your job the same or different than a junior software developer?

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