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Connecting Canada's Newcomers from Coast to Coast

2009 AGM - News from Cornwall!

The 32nd National Newcomers' Council of Canada Annual General Meeting is being held on October 17th, 2009 at the Cornwall Civic Complex and is being hosted by the Cornwall Newcomers Club.

By attending the AGM you will be able to visit lovely Cornwall. Cornwall was established as a Loyalist colony on the shores of the St. Lawrence River in the 1700's and played a key role in the War of 1812. During the October AGM, you will experience a piece of Canadian history and enjoy the splendid autumn colours and the magnificent view of the river.

A special reception will be held on October 16th to welcome all out-of-town

members at the home of Executive

Member Lise Marvell (and NNCC Member at Large). The AGM will be held at the Cornwall Civic Complex on the waterfront. Rooms have been set aside at the nearby Ramada Inn at a special conference rate.

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SAVE THE DATE!
OCTOBER 17, 2009



NNCC Call For Nominations

As per the bylaws of the National Newcomers' Council of Canada, the current executive are permitted to stay in their positions for a one year term. At the 2009 AGM in Cornwall, a new slate of executives will be elected by the attending membership.

We would like to invite our members from across Canada to consider serving on this wonderful council in any number of ways: as newsletter or web editor; as a regional liaison; as secretary; or as registrar/treasurer. The only restrictions are related to those representatives of certain regions (the representative member should reside in the related region), and the current registrar/treasurer is incumbent president.

It is not a requirement to be able to attend the AGM (although it is a great time to meet and get to know each other a bit) and teleconferencing has replaced face-to-face Executive meetings. Computer access or skill is recommended but not essential unless you are newsletter editor or web editor. If you would like more information about these positions please feel free to contact President Susan Lotherington (president@nationalnewcomerscouncil.ca).

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...issues on the east coast echo through central Canada and out to the west...

Susan Lotherington ~ President

As I sit down to write this I have to reflect on the last seven months. It has flown by so quickly that it seems surreal. I have had the pleasure of speaking with several presidents of different clubs throughout the country and the issues on the east coast echo through central Canada and out to the west. With the busy lifestyles of our members we are experiencing the same problems as other groups: filling executive positions; increasing membership; implementing change; insurance; and burnout of conveners. The NNCC is busy preparing for the AGM in Cornwall and several of these issues will be on the agenda. By sending rep-

resentation to this annual meeting your club has a voice and hopefully the members who attend will come away with fresh ideas.

This year at our meeting there will be a change proposed to our bylaws (see below for more information) in addition to the election of officers. Each club has a vote and I would love to see as many as possible represented. To find out more about the agenda check our website regularly (www.nationalnewcomerscouncil.ca); it is updated regularly. A registration form can be found on the website as well as on page 3. (Originally published in the Spring issue of *The Link*)

Proposed Bylaw Amendment

As per the National Newcomers' Council of Canada Bylaws, we need to inform our membership of any proposed Bylaw amendment that will be presented at the October Annual General Meeting.

Please be advised that the following amendment will be presented for vote by the attending members:

To rename the position of website coordinator to website editor and further modify the website editor's position so that it is a voting director position.

This would make the website position an executive position, equivalent to all other directors. This was passed by motion at an executive meeting. It now requires a vote by the general membership at the AGM for inclusion in our bylaws. A bylaw amendment request will also have to be filed with the Province of Ontario. Please direct any questions to President Susan Lotherington:

president@nationalnewcomerscouncil.ca.

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Billeting with Cornwall Newcomers/ Alumnae is also available.

Our goal and mission of this event is to connect our members from coast to coast in one room. Networking opportunities will be plentiful, starting with the welcome reception on Friday night. In addition to new workshops, the traditional Presidents' Meeting and Newsletter Editors' Meeting will also be held in the morning. This year we will be holding duplicate workshop sessions

so that our participants are able to attend more than one session during the day.

The very modest registration fee of \$35 covers the reception, breakfast and lunch, as well as the entertainment and guest speaker and door prizes!

Register by September 1st for an early bird draw for a free registration to the 2010 AGM in Sarnia! A registration form is on page 3 - please be sure to share this with all of your members!

**NNCC
2009 Annual
General Meeting
Cornwall, ON
October 17th,
2009**

**SAVE THE DATE!
OCTOBER 17, 2009**


REGISTRATION FORM NATIONAL NEWCOMERS' COUNCIL OF CANADA

**32nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th, 2009
CORNWALL, ONTARIO**

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone: _____

Name of your Club _____

Executive Position (if applicable) _____

REGISTRATION FEE -\$35.00 non-refundable (includes Continental Breakfast & Lunch on Saturday). A late fee of \$5.00 will be charged for registration after September 16th. Please register early, as tickets are limited. An 'early-bird' prize of a free registration will be drawn at the meeting from all the people who have registered before September 1st.

FRIDAY EVENING GATHERING, OCTOBER 16th - 7:00 p.m. (Welcome reception: appetizers)

Hosted by the Cornwall Newcomers' Club Planning Committee to welcome NNCC Executive, out of town delegates and billeting hosts to be held at the home of Lise Marvell, R.R.1, Williamstown, ON K0G 2J0; phone: 613 931-9095.

Will attend? Yes _____ No _____

SATURDAY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – OCTOBER 17th – 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Cornwall Civic Complex 100 Water Street East Cornwall, ON K6H 6G4 Tel: 613-938-9400. Fax: 613-938-7750.

Luncheon menu: Minestrone soup, Chicken Chasseur, Baked potato, French style green beans amandine, apple crisp with whipped cream, dinner rolls etc or a vegetarian meal which is vegetarian spinach & ricotta cannelloni instead of the chicken.

Please indicate choice of entrée: Chicken ___ Vegetarian ___.

Any specific dietary concerns? _____

BILLETING

Do you wish to be billeted? Yes _____ No _____ Do you wish to share a room? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, with whom _____

Arrival date and time: _____ Smoker: Yes _____ No _____

Allergies: (specify – pet, etc.) _____

Are you carpooling? Yes _____ No _____

If so, names of carpooling members: _____

Carpool contact person: _____

Email _____

HOTEL

Rooms have been "set aside" in the name of **Cornwall Newcomers' Club -Joyce Monk** at the Cornwall Ramada Inn and Conference Centre, 805 Brookdale Ave. Cornwall, Ontario K6J 4P3 Toll Free: 1-888-900-5762 Tel.: (613) 933-8000 Fax: (613) 933-3392. Each room has 2 Queen size beds and cost is \$119.99 per night. We have a limited number of rooms set aside and the reservations must be made by September 1st, 2009 .

Please complete form before September 16th and enclose your cheque in the amount of \$35.00 (\$40.00 if after September 16th) made payable to "National Newcomers' Council of Canada", and mail to:

**Judy Francis
2428 Stirling Crescent
Courtenay BC V9N 9W6**



NATIONAL NEWCOMERS' COUNCIL OF CANADA
APPLICATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP
2009 - 2010

Club Name _____

Please check one

New (welcome new friends) _____ *Application for Associate membership _____

Renewal (welcome back old friends) _____ Updating of records only _____

PRESIDENT (Contact 1) Name _____

Address _____ City/Prov. _____ Postal Code _____

Area Code-Phone No. _____ E-mail _____

MEMBERSHIP (Contact 2) Name _____

Address _____ City/Prov. _____ Postal Code _____

Area Code-Phone No. _____ E-mail _____

NEWSLETTER (Publications Contact) Name _____

Area Code-Phone No. _____ E-mail _____

CLUB WEB SITE _____

Club E-Mail Address _____

Year Founded _____ Number of Members _____

ANNUAL DUES - Dues are payable by May 30th, 2009 Dues Enclosed _____ \$(amount)

Up to 25 members.....\$10.00 126 to 200 members\$50.00 26 to 50 members.....\$30.00 201+ members\$60.00
51 to 125 members ...\$35.00 Associate members*.....\$ 5.00

*An Associate membership is open to any person whose term with a Newcomer Club has expired and there is no Alumnae group, or to a person who was affiliated with a Newcomers Club and moves to a place where there is no Newcomers Club available.

Cheques should be payable to National Newcomers Council of Canada.

Mail to National Newcomers Council of Canada, Registrar/Treasurer, Judy Francis 2428 Stirling Crescent, Courtenay BC V9N 9W6

Note: The Contact and Club Information that you provide above will appear:

- 1. In our Member Clubs Directory: "The Register" which will be distributed on paper to all attendees at our Annual General Meeting and emailed to all our member Clubs' Presidents, Membership Secretaries and Newsletter Editors.
2. On our National Newcomers Council of Canada Website: www.nationalnewcomerscouncil.ca (except email addresses).

Please provide contact information for any other Newcomers'/Alumni Club in your area

Club _____ Contact _____

If you have different requirements please indicate on this form. If you know of anyone in your Club who would be willing to serve on the National Council, please provide name and contact information below.

Four horizontal lines for providing contact information for other clubs or council members.