



THE BULLETIN BOARD

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WELCOME MESSAGE
Michelle Arseneault,
Executive Director's

Welcome to the first edition of *The RMA Bulletin Board*. We at the Restigouche Multicultural Association (RMA) invite you to read and share our news and community involvement.

The RMA assumes a leadership role in promoting multiculturalism and to encourage people from all over the world to come to the Restigouche region to settle and contribute to the development and growth of the region

Yes, ours is a challenging endeavor. That said, we know that we can successfully achieve it with the support of our dedicated community partners who all share in this common goal.

Highlighting current activities and on-going immigration support services of the RMA, our newsletter will also put the spotlight on those amazing people

and supportive organizations within the Restigouche area (and New Brunswick) who value and support the integration of newcomers.

Our restructured team is committed to the RMA mission and focused to deliver the needed support services to the clients we serve and in so doing to continue to have a positive impact on the Restigouche community at large.

The creator behind this newsletter initiative is Gerry Côté, our Newcomer Employment Support Officer and the most recent addition to the RMA team - since October, 2020.

In his new role, Gerry brings over eight years of bilingual frontline employment support services experience assisting newcomers in their pre-employment preparation for the Canadian job market, actual job search support and to achieve their respective employment / career goals. We are happy to have him join our team.

Remember to reach out to Gerry should you wish to contribute to future editions of *The RMA Bulletin Board*.

Also, visit our website to meet our distinguished Board of Directors and the other RMA Staff members who complete our dynamic team:

We always appreciate constructive feedback on any of

our initiatives, so, please share your thoughts. Happy reading!

OCTOBER 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

Winners of the RMA Halloween Pumpkin Competition



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

NOVEMBER 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

24 November: 2020 RMA AGM



See video:
<https://www.facebook.com/RMAssociationMR/videos/397603764717327>

DECEMBER 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

6 December: Christmas Parade in Atholville, NB



See video:
<https://www.facebook.com/Atholville/videos/983489752145686>

RMA INTERVIEW:



Yanick Nantchouang
Integration and Settlement Officer
RMA

Q. Birthplace?
A. I was born in Fouban, a small town located in the western part of the state of Cameroon in Central Africa.



- Fouban is a commune in the Noun Department in the Western Region of Cameroon. Fouban is

also a town located 70 km northeast of Bafoussam. It is the capital of the Noun Department. Considered by Cameroonians as the City of the Arts, Fouban is the capital of the Bamoun Kingdom. (photo: The Royal Palace of Fouban, where the king of the Bamouns still resides today, was built in 1917 - source: Fouban - Wikipedia)

Q. Did you choose the Restigouche region (New Brunswick) or did it choose you?
A. I came here as a student. Slightly puzzled at first, my decision to settle here was positively reinforced with the warm welcome and hospitality demonstrated towards newcomers by the local community including their efforts to make me feel included.

Q. Your passion?
A. To contribute to the well-being and development of others. I also have a fascination with anthropology.

Full interview continued at:
<https://www.rma-amr.ca/>

The RMA seeks volunteers



Do you want to devote some of your precious time to newcomers in our community?

If you believe in the importance of immigration, desire to discover

other cultures, want to contribute to the prosperity of your community, to make new acquaintances, and / or to share your own culture, then, the RMA wants to meet you.

Your experience and knowledge can be invaluable assets that our newcomers will surely benefit from.

As a volunteer you will facilitate the newcomer's settlement and integration. Working together and towards a common goal, you will contribute to enrich today's society and future ones, too.

RMA volunteer positions / roles include:

- Matching;
- Accompany newcomer during exploratory visit;
- Accompany newcomer who has no transportation;
- Assist with activities and events;
- Conversation group moderator;
- Interpreter;
- Moderator / Presenter;
- Media;
- Photographer; and
- Spokesperson

Welcome to the *Mr. & Mrs. Guellal* and their five children, newcomers to our region - settled in Dalhousie, N.B.

Pssstt... want to become an entrepreneur?

Check out the following organization with free training / information sessions:



<http://entrepreneurshipcentre.ca/en/>

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