

Operation Ukrainian Safe Haven

Peterborough

Agenda

Overview of federal, municipal and local support

- Financial
- Donations
- Housing

Presentation from Housing Resource Centre: Homestay Portal and Host Support

Connecting with Ukrainians locally: Olena Shtepa, Ukrainian Community Liaison

Question & Answer

Review: Timeline

February 24: Russian invasion of Ukraine

March 22: Launch of Canada-Ukraine Authorisation for Emergency Travel (CUAET)

March 28: Media release for March 30 session; Launch of appeal for \$20,000 towards Client Emergency Fund

March 30: “Local and Federal Response to War in Ukraine” information session

April 6: Fundraising goal for Client Emergency Fund reached; expanded to \$30,000

April 6: Ontario announces emergency income, job search supports, settlement assistance, access to OHIP & medication

May 8: Newfoundland Charter Flight from Poland to St John’s (160)

May 23: Government of Canada Charter Flight from Poland to Winnipeg (328)

May 29: Government of Canada Charter Flight from Poland to Montreal (306)

June 2: Government of Canada Charter Flight from Poland to Halifax (319)

June 6: Canada announces federal financial support

June 7: New Brunswick Charter Flight from Poland to Moncton (170)

July 4: Saskatchewan Charter Flight from Warsaw to Regina (230)

Applications and Arrivals

- Canada Visa Application Centre in Lviv re-opens on July 13:
<https://visa.vfsglobal.com/ukr/en/can/canada-ukraine>
- As of July 5: 347,290 applications for CUAET were received and 151,427 approved
- Between Feb 24 and July 5:
 - Approximately 55,000 Ukrainian newcomers landed at Canadian Ports of Entry
 - 52% (22,500 individuals) in Toronto
 - 16% (6,900 individuals) in Montreal
 - 10% (4,300 individuals) in Calgary
 - 9% (3,900 individuals) in Vancouver
 - 4% (1,700 individuals) in Halifax
 - 1500-1700 new arrivals weekly

Financial Support

Federal: Transitional Financial Support

- one-time payment of \$3,000 per adult and \$1,500 per child (online)
- As of July 5, approximately 32,000 individuals had been approved for a total of just under \$86 million
- As of July 10, 2022, the Canadian Red Cross (CRC) has received 5,236 individual registrations; emergency assistance for 956 families (YVR, YYZ, YYC)

Provincial: Ontario Works-Emergency Assistance

- 3150 applications (5200 beneficiaries)
- 92% approval rate; assessed by Ontario Works Administrator for each municipality
- Ontario Drug Benefit Plan: available for youth under 24, seniors and through emergency assistance application (accessed by 999 people as of July 5; 39% children, 37% seniors)

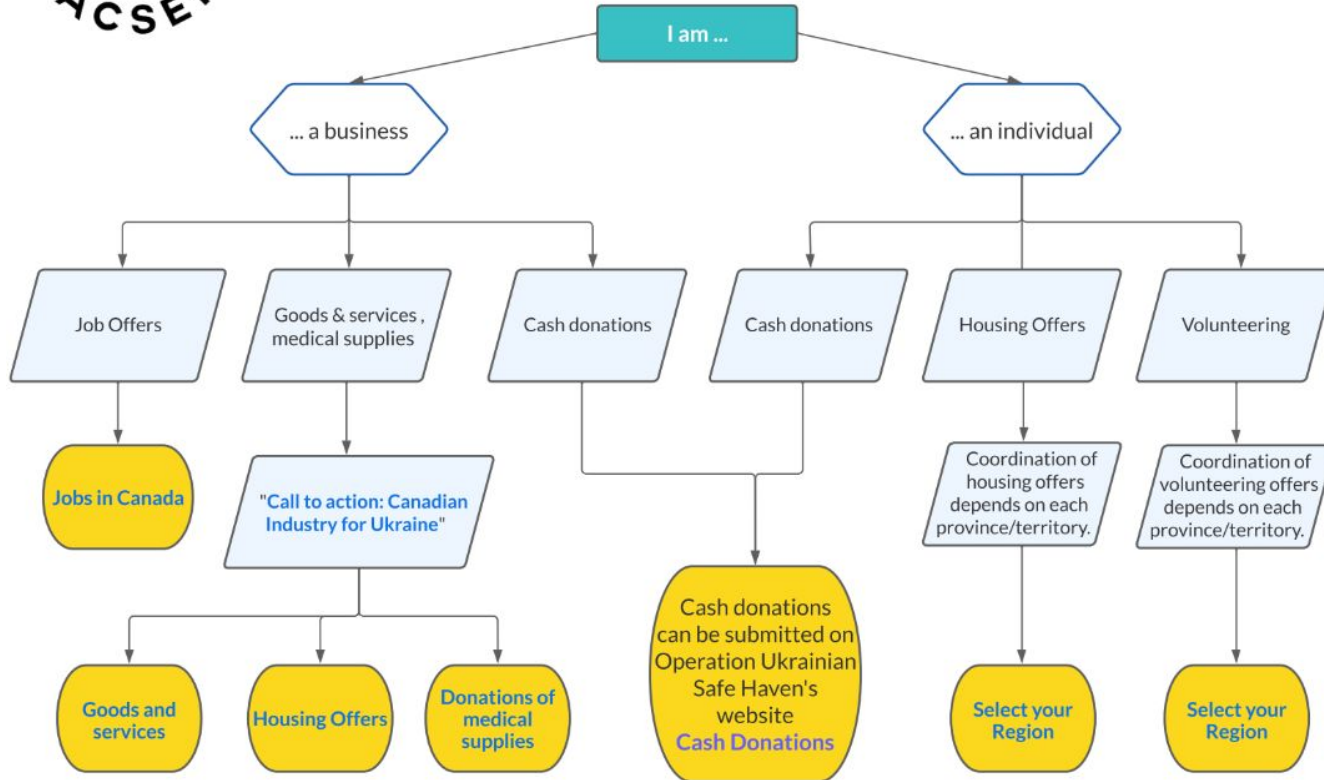
Local: Client Emergency Fund (through NCC) disbursed over \$30,000 directly to clients

Donations

- Federal coordination
 - through <https://ukrainsafehaven.ca/>
 - Corporate (WestJet, AirBnB, Loblaws etc.), cash, housing, volunteer
- Provincial
 - Re-directed by OCASI to Focal Point Organisations (mainly RAP centres like the New Canadians Centre)
- Local
 - So Kind registry hosted by NCC for in-kind donations:
<https://sokindregistry.org/registry/newcanadianscentre>
 - Peterborough Welcome Fund

How can I help displaced Ukrainians arriving in Canada?

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Housing

- Federal:

- Hotels in Canada close to 90% capacity
- Encouraging move out of large cities towards smaller communities
- 40-50% of charter flight arrivals do not intend to stay in the city they arrived in
- Emergency accommodations provided to 1,330 individuals from 587 households
- As of July 11, 2022, the IRCC has secured 60 hotel rooms across Canada including 45 rooms in Toronto, 10 in Vancouver and 5 in Calgary

- Provincial:

- COSTI designated to organizing accommodation for Ukrainian newcomers and essential orientation and referral services in the Greater Toronto Area
- Comprehensive housing vetting and legal agreement

- Local:

- Municipalities supporting with funds for emergency housing (e.g., Region of Peel)
- In Peterborough, 1% vacancy rate for apartments in Feb 2022 (lowest in Ontario); no vacancies for apartments below \$1,000
- Average asking rent for vacant apartments was 22.4% higher than the average rent for occupied apartments
- NCC partnership with Housing Resource Centre to create a listing of homestay opportunities and provide support for hosts

Home Together: Ukrainian Homestay Listing and Host Support

Annie Hedden, Laura Greenwood
Housing Resource Centre, CCRC

<https://www.ccrc-ptbo.com/home-together/ukraine/>

Connecting with Ukrainians Locally

Approximately 75 in Peterborough and 46 in Northumberland

Over half are children and youth

Typically have a family connection to Peterborough but seeing more unattached families, singles

Beginner to intermediate literacy in English

Range of work experience (e.g., truck driver to government workers to lawyers)

Majority enrolled in either LINC or English language bridging program at Fleming College

*More unaccompanied minors across Canada

- In Ontario, support from Child Welfare Immigration Centre of Excellence:
<https://www.cwice.ca/home>

Connecting with Ukrainians Locally

Staff support (part-time): Olena Shtepa, Ukrainian Community Liaison
(olena@nccpeterborough.ca)

- Moderate a platform for community members and Ukrainians looking to settle in Peterborough
- Direct offers of help, donations of items and queries
- Contact hosts who have offered homestay to post on Housing Resource Centre portal
- Organise Ukrainian Community Get-Together



Українці Пітерборо та друзі / Ukrainians of Peterborough and friends

Private group · 74 members



Joined

+ Invite



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



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Wednesday, July 20
5:00 – 7:00 pm

King Edward Park
455 George St. S
Peterborough, ON K9J 3E4

Learn about our other
programs & services:
nccpeterborough.ca

Zabava - Ukrainian Community Picnic

JOIN US FOR A FUN GET TOGETHER!

This is an opportunity for our Ukrainian friends to gather, connect, and enjoy some time together.

Community members who would like to connect with Ukrainians in town are welcome to join us!

Please bring a picnic meal for your family and a chair or blanket to sit on.

Registration not needed.

Questions? Please contact:

Olena Shtepa
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Дізнайтеся про інших наших
програми та послуги:
nccpeterborough.ca

Забава - Український Громадський Пікнік

Приєднуйтеся до нас, щоб весело провести разом час!

Ця нагода зібрати наших українських друзів і членів спільноти які бажують з ними познайомитись і поспілкуватися. Приєднуйтеся до нас!

Будь ласка, візьміть з собою щось поїсти для вашої родини та стілець або ковдру, щоб посидіти.

Реєстрація не потрібна.

Маєте запитання? Будь ласка зв'яжіться з Оленою:

Olena Shtepa
olena@nccpeterborough.ca

Summary

- Displaced Ukrainians are not refugees; no established pathways for income and housing support
- NCC designated a Focal Point Organisation for our region by IRCC
 - Weekly Ontario Ukrainian Action Table meetings; Operation Ukrainian Safe Haven National Secretariat every 2 weeks
- Unclear whether displaced Ukrainians will be destined for our community
- Unclear whether IRCC or the Province of Ontario will provide other supports in the future
- Housing affordability and availability
- Lack of national approach
- Temporary status in Canada, hard to plan long-term

What can you do to help?

- So Kind registry hosted by NCC for in-kind donations:
<https://sokindregistry.org/registry/newcanadianscentre>
- Be a host: <https://www.ccrc-ptbo.com/home-together/ukraine/>
- Send job leads: Olga Stetsyuk, Employment Counsellor
olga@nccpeterborough.ca
- Connect our community:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ukrainiansofpeterborough>
- Welcome our newest residents: July 20 Ukrainian Community Picnic, King Edward Park 5-7pm

Resources

Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI)

- Detailed walkthrough about CUAET with federal and provincial representatives
- <https://vimeo.com/727511610/f95b459e4b> (French)
- <https://vimeo.com/727528558/fe9c34f203> (English)

Recent updates to the IRCC website and the inclusion of seven new settlement information sheets available in Ukrainian, English and French

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/ukraine-measures/settlement/welcome-canada.html>

Ukrainian Canadian Congress

<https://www.dopomoha.ca/>