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# Welcome Centre

*The Newcomer Interagency Network receives \$45,000 from the RBC Foundation to fund a Welcome Centre in Fort McMurray*

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The Newcomer Interagency Network (NIN) is excited to announce the development of a Welcome Centre with the help of funding received from RBC Foundation. The goal is to provide a friendly environment in a central location for all newcomers to access information, referrals, and to ask questions about their new community. The Welcome Centre will provide a much needed central location for newcomers to receive the information they need and build a more engaged and strong community.

The project is led by a steering committee of NIN members including the Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo, YMCA of Northern Alberta, Keyano College, Wood Buffalo Regional Library, Royal Bank of Canada, Fort McMurray Tourism, and Le Centre d'accueil et d'établissement. The Centre will be built within the Wood Buffalo Regional Library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor providing a convenient location for newcomers to access the centre.

Development of the Welcome Centre is being made possible through RBC Foundation funding. "We're thrilled to partner with the Newcomer Interagency Network in providing a much-needed Welcome Centre for New Canadians settling in Fort McMurray," says Dwain Krissa, Regional Vice President, RBC. "For over seven generations, RBC has helped newcomers settle into Canada and our commitment extends to supporting community programs like this that help people feel welcomed and connected."

The Welcome Centre is a collaborative project being undertaken by the Newcomer Interagency Network (NIN). NIN is a network of organizations and employers within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo who are committed to working together to enhance the lives of newcomers to our community. NIN's vision is "an inclusive and welcoming community where people contribute, thrive, feel empowered and are equipped for success". NIN members work together to improve referral services, act as a consultation group on newcomer issues in the community, and take on collaborative initiatives that improve service delivery to newcomers to the region.

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