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Applications Now Open for New Horizons Grant

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The New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) is now accepting applications for community-based projects. Eligible organizations can apply for up to \$25,000 in funding for seniors-led initiatives and focus on volunteerism. **The deadline to apply is September 12th, 2024, at 3:00 pm.** This federal grant supports projects designed to empower seniors, enhance their well-being, and positively impact their communities. If your centre plans a project that aligns with these goals, consider applying to make a difference!

[How to Apply](#)

Proposed Amendments to Power Engineers Regulation: Feedback Needed from Arenas

The Manitoba government is proposing important amendments to the Power Engineers Regulation, directly impacting community centres with ice arenas. These changes aim to introduce a tiered certification system for refrigeration plant operators, ensuring that certification aligns with the specific responsibilities and expertise required for various refrigeration facilities, including those used to create and maintain ice surfaces for recreational purposes.

Key aspects of the proposed amendments include the introduction of an Ice Facility Operator Class Certificate, which would allow operators, specifically in ice facility refrigeration plants, to act as shift engineers. The proposed changes also clarify the

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and other class certificate holders as shift engineers in any refrigeration class plants, including ice arenas.

We encourage all community centres with arenas to review these proposed amendments and provide feedback via the Manitoba Regulatory Consultation Portal by September 22nd, 2024. Your insights are vital to ensuring the final regulation meets the needs of all stakeholders while upholding safety standards.

[Take Survey](#)

Continuing the Journey: Orange Shirt Day and Beyond

As we prepare to observe Orange Shirt Day on September 30th, **now recognized as a general holiday**, it's important to remember that reconciliation is an ongoing process. Wearing an orange shirt is just the beginning. This year, we invite you to take the next step by engaging in activities that support Indigenous communities and foster deeper understanding. Consider attending local events, educating yourself and others about the history and impact of residential schools, or supporting Indigenous-led initiatives. Let's use this day as a springboard for sustained action toward truth and reconciliation.

GCWCC Staff Movements



GCWCC Adds Communications Coordinator to its Team

We're excited to welcome Athaliah Reynolds-Baker as the new Communications Coordinator at the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres. With a strong background in public relations and a passion for community engagement, Athaliah brings a wealth of experience to the role. She will be responsible for enhancing our communication strategies, fostering relationships with our community partners, and ensuring that our messages resonate with the diverse population we serve.

We look forward to Athaliah's positive impact on our team and the broader community.

GCWCC Administrative Assistant

Theresa Oquialda, who served as a part-time Administrative Assistant at the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres (GCWCC) for one year, is no longer with the organization. We appreciate Theresa's contributions during her time with us and wish her all the best. We are committed to ensuring a smooth transition and will continue to provide the same level of support and service to our community.

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part-time Administrative Assistant. We encourage you to apply if you're passionate about supporting community initiatives and have strong administrative skills. This role is essential to ensuring the smooth operation of our office and providing vital support to our team and community centre partners.

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Important Dates and Information

- **September 2nd** - Labour Day long weekend is a general holiday.
- **September 30th - Orange Shirt Day** - (National Truth & Reconciliation Day), this year is now a general holiday. More details on general holidays here.
- **September 30th** - Fall Program Profiles due.
- **October is Women's History Month** - During the month, we honour inspiring women making a difference to advance gender equality.
- **October 1st** - Minimum wage is expected to increase from \$15.30 to \$15.80 per hour.
- **October 11th** – International Day of the Girl Child
- **October 15th** - Fall Renovation Grant Intake
- **November 9th** - Save the Date - Above & Beyond Banquet
- **November 11th** - Remembrance Day - all community centres must remain closed until 1:00 p.m. that day.
- **Who to Call** - this link will take you to the phone list of Community Centre contacts on the GCWCC website.

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