



Welcome to Kingston Day

For all new to Kingston from Canada and the globe
October 27, 2024





WELCOME TO KINGSTON DAY

Whereas Kingston aims to be a community that is welcoming and inclusive for all; and

Whereas our city is becoming increasingly diverse, with people from across the country and globe calling Kingston home; and

Whereas the contributions of newcomers to the community enhance the economic prosperity, social vitality, and cultural tapestry of Kingston; and

Whereas Kingston remains committed to ensuring that individuals newly arrived feel welcomed and have access to a comprehensive array of resources and services; and

Whereas the City of Kingston in partnership with the Kingston Immigration Partnership and other service providers, are organizing a Welcome Day for Newcomers to Kingston scheduled for October 27, 2024.

Therefore, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, on behalf of Kingston City Council, hereby proclaim October 27, 2024 to be “Welcome Day for Newcomers to Kingston” in the City of Kingston.

Bryan Paterson
Mayor

Welcome to Kingston Voucher

If you are a newcomer to Canada, pick up your free welcome voucher from the City of Kingston at the following locations:

- **Immigrant Services Kingston and Area** at 837 Princess Street, #201
- **KEYS** at 255 Bagot Street, Unit C
- **ACFOMI** at the Barriefield Centre, 760 Highway 15

If you are a military family who has relocated to Kingston, pick up your free welcome voucher at:

- **Kingston Military Family Resource Centre** at 32 Lundy's Lane

This package provides access to Kingston activities and services and can include a Kingston Transit pass, a fitness pass to city recreational programs, vouchers for shows at the Grand Theatre, and family passes to museums.



Municipal Fee Assistance Program

The Municipal Fee Assistance Program helps people with lower income access programs including the:

- Affordable transit pass
- Extended healthcare benefits
- Responsible pet ownership
- Affordable recreation
- Transit employment program
- Grand OnSTAGE
- Pumphouse Museum

The funding is given out to those who apply first. It is available until all the money is used up for the year.

To apply, create an account on mykingston.ca or visit Housing and Social Services at 362 Montreal Street.



Scan here to create
an account with
mykingston.ca.

Resources for Children

Kingston has two English and two French school boards for children and youth:

- **Limestone District School Board** (LDSB) is the English Public School Board
- **Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board** (ALCDSB) is the English Catholic School Board
- **Conseil des écoles publics de l'Est de l'Ontario** (CEPEO) is the French Public School
- **Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est** (CECCE) is the French Catholic School

The City of Kingston operates an online list for those looking for childcare for young children. There are also EarlyOn Child and Family Centres that provide free activities for families with children ages 0 to 6.



Scan here to learn more about the school boards in Kingston



Scan here to learn more about childcare, subsidies and programs for children.





Recreation, Events and Activities

Kingston has a variety of programs and activities for everyone, whether you are interested in special programs, affordable fun, sports, arts, fitness, health, wellness, or volunteering.

Scan here to learn more about
Kingston activities and events.



For more information about local services such as Kingston Transit or garbage and recycling services, visit cityofkingston.ca.

Healthcare Services

If you need medical attention, visit the:

- **Emergency Department** at 41 King Street West for medical emergencies
- **Urgent Care Centre** at 166 Brock Street for non-emergency medical needs that require immediate attention
- **Children's Outpatient Clinic** at 166 Brock Street for urgent medical services for those 18 years or younger

For free and confidential health advice over the phone with a **Health811** nurse, call 811. This service is available in multiple languages.

If you need a regular health care provider such as a family doctor, register online with **Health Care Connect** or by calling 811.



Scan here to
register with Health
Care Connect.





Food Supports

In Kingston, there are places to get affordable healthy food including farm market stand pop ups, fresh produce stands, and meal programs.



Scan for a more detailed list.



Scan for a list of diverse foods.

For free food support, visit:

1. **Partners in Mission Food Bank** at 140 Hickson Avenue
2. **Salvation Army** at 342 Patrick Street
3. **St. Vincent de Paul Society** at 85 Stephen Street
4. **Martha's Table** at 629 Princess Street
5. **Cafe Church** at 333 Princess Street, #200
6. **St. Mary's Drop-In** at 260 Brock Street
7. **Lunch by George** at 129 Wellington Street

Employment Services

Are you looking for a job or support building your career?

Most people are eligible for **free** employment and training resources and counselling, including resume building, job search and access to skills training through the following organizations:

- **ACFOMI** for bilingual (French and English) support at the Barriefield Centre, 760 Highway 15
- **KEYS** at 182 Sydenham Street
- **ReStart** at 900 Montreal Street
- **St. Lawrence College Employment Services** at 785 Midpark Drive, #101
- **March of Dimes** for persons living with disability at 920 Princess Street, #360

If you are currently a post-secondary international student, connect with your school's career services for specialized support.



Kingston's Anti- Hate Resources

The City of Kingston is committed to building a community where everyone can be safe, healthy, nourished and welcomed.

One challenge to that commitment is the spread of hate. Hate activities are intended to make communities and individuals feel unsafe.

If you feel you have been targeted by a hate crime or activity, you can report it to the police by using the QR code below or by calling:

- 911 if it is an emergency
- (613) 549-4660 if it not an emergency



Scan to file an online
report with Kingston
Police here.



Scan to learn more
about other resources
and ways of reporting.



Thank you to all the partners!



Immigrant Services Kingston and Area
A part of Kingston Community Health Centres (KCHC)



KMFRC | CRFMK
Kingston Military Family Resource Centre | Centre de ressources pour les familles militaires de Kingston



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À L'IMMIGRATION FRANCOPHONE
DE L'EST DE L'ONTARIO



Algonquin
& Lakeshore
Catholic District
School Board



Welcome to Kingston App

Are you new to Kingston?

Discover the Welcome to Kingston App, your guide to your new community.

Key Features:

- Find essential local resources, from healthcare to housing.
- Connect with community organizations ready to assist you.
- Stay informed about cultural events, festivals, and activities.
- Access support in over 15 languages

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