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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE TOURISM INDUSTRY FOR FRANCOPHONES

Kingston, ON – The Francophone Immigration Support Network for Kingston and the Surrounding Area is hosting a special information session on the career opportunities available in Kingston's tourism industry on Wednesday, February 18 from 1 - 4 pm. As a new service offered by the Network, this first session will focus on the variety of positions available specifically within the Accommodation Sector.

The session will introduce Kingston's Francophone population to the variety of career opportunities available. Representatives from the Confederation Place Hotel, the Radisson Hotel Kingston Harbourfront and the Holiday Inn Kingston Waterfront will be present along with an interpreter to help facilitate discussions.

Rose-Paula Matereza, who has recently relocated from the Republic of Burundi, is looking forward to the session. "As a new francophone immigrant who is looking for a job, I would probably not have thought about the accommodation industry to start my research. I hope this event will give me the opportunity to hear about jobs that I did not know about and also see how my bilingual skills can be an asset for those employers," Matereza says.

"Effective May 1 of this year, the City of Kingston will become a designated area under the French Language Services Act. Kingston is home to more than 5,000 Francophones which is a tremendous asset to our City, and to our tourism industry. This event is an excellent forum to connect bilingual job seekers with career opportunities," states Carey Bidtnes, Human Resources Manager at the Kingston Economic Development Corporation.

The event which takes place at City Hall is open to all members of the public and there is no charge for participating.

The Francophone Immigration Support Network is a composed of a number of Francophone organizations, including: Association canadienne française de l'Ontario Mille-Îles (ACFO), French Employment Resource Centre (FERC), La Route du Savoir, the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, Réseau de développement économique et d'employabilité Ontario (RDÉE), Economic and Social Council of Ottawa Carleton (CESOC) in partnership with Connexion Française, Immigration Services Kingston and Area, KEYS Employment Services, and Quinte United Immigrant Service.

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