

# National Farm Products Council

celebrates

## National Public Service

### Week!!!



**T**he National Farm Products Council, an agency within the Agriculture and Agri-food Canada portfolio celebrated National Public Service Week by focusing on DIVERSITY. It was a wonderful week where employees rose to the challenge of working as a team to celebrate the importance they give to being public servants in a diverse working environment. Several events took place during the week and ended in a spectacular lunch on Friday where employees brought a selection of food which highlighted their own cultural background inside of this great mosaic of people which makes us Canadian. Traditional English and French Canadian cuisine mixed with Indian, Cameroonian and Caribbean delicacies – it was a feast to remember.



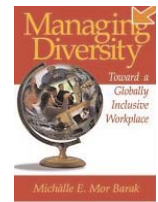
The staff of the NFPC can be extremely proud of what they accomplished, a great team eager to embrace and to celebrate the diversity of our workplace. You are an example of what Canada's public service stands for – I am privileged to work with such a group. Thank you, merci, mehrbani, gue pe nò.

**Cynthia Currie, Chairperson, NFPC.**



In an effort to further embrace diversity in our workplace, various reading materials were put on display in the NFPC office for our employees' reading pleasure. Articles and books on multiculturalism, the benefits of working in a diverse workplace and detailed surveys on the impact of diversity in our great country were read and enjoyed.

Adrienne Clarkson said it best on October 7, 1999: *"The essence of inclusiveness is that we are part of a society in which language, colour, education, sex and money need not, should not divide us, but can make us more aware and sensitive to difference."*



At the NFPC, we are aware that diversity is more than ethnic or cultural diversification; it embodies all factors, internal and external, that makes each of us distinct, unique individuals!



"266" represents the total years of public service work by the NFPC staff

A terrific pizza lunch followed by cake was held for our employees to recognize the many years of service rendered by each of our team members. We felt the importance of acknowledging our contributions to the Public Service and the Canadians that we serve!

During this luncheon, we had discussions on our individual ethnic backgrounds. We were able to share our distinct cultural roots and explain how they still impact our daily lives. This event prompted us to recognize how fortunate we are in working in/for this fantastic country!

## NFPC shows its Diversity through a cultural feast within the National Public Service Week!

The variety of different ethnic dishes created by our employees on Friday was tremendous! Each of us brought a distinct taste from our own cultural backgrounds.

Several of us took it a step further by wearing traditional outfits worn in our respective countries of origin! The food was plentiful and delicious.

**We encourage all of you to host a similar type of event next year; it was truly a magnificent experience!**



### Today's Menu!

- \*Crab cakes
- \*Tourtière
- \*Fèves au lard
- \*Scotch eggs
- \*Ragoût de boulettes
- \*Butter chicken+ Basmati rice
- \*Spicy African chicken
- \*Plantains
- \*Jamaican meat patties
- \*Fruits&Veggies
- \*Houmus+ Tabouleh
- \*Salmon spread
- \*Pasta salad
- \*Gingerbread cake
- \*Sugar pie
- \*Lemon meringue pie
- \*Carribean fruit juices
- \*Apple cider



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