

Lea Bitzen explores the world as au pair

By **LEA BITZEN**
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What's comes next after writing final exams? Study? Practical training? A voluntary social year or a year abroad?

I'm Lea, an 18-year-old girl from Germany, and I have decided to spend a year abroad as an au pair after completing my A-Levels.

I struck gold on the Internet and found a German agency, called AIFS, which sends travellers and au

pairs not only to the countries mentioned above, but also to Canada.

Typically, au pairs take on a share of the family responsibilities but above all, the responsibility for shared childcare and light housework duties.

Canada is perfect for me! Your country offers so much. The most important and convincing points for me to travel to Canada were the two native languages. I had studied both English and French as an intensive course at school.



Au pair Lea Bitzen with her charges Stacey and Stephen Kapparis.

Besides the wonderful diversity of language, Canada offers an amazing culture, attitude and landscape.

After my application was done, a potential host family mailed and videophoned me – to get acquainted. It didn't take alot of time to realize that we shared so many common interests to know that we would be a perfect fit with one another.

Now I'm here living in Acton. Everything has come together so

quickly! Now, I am feeling very lucky and overjoyed to be here, and part of a new family looking after two girls, ages 7 and 9. My key duty is to take complete care and responsibility for the girls. School has started after a long summer vacation. Some of my duties are to make them their breakfast in the morning, help with getting dressed for school, prepare their lunch bags and homework then bring them to the bus stop.

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Proposed Amendments to the Council Procedural By-law

You are invited to attend an Open House to review and provide comments concerning proposed amendments to the Council Procedural By-law. The Council Procedural By-law sets out how and when Council and its committees shall function and be conducted.

Your attendance and comments at this meeting are welcome as it is your opportunity to learn more about the proposed amendments and express any opinions that you may have.

Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2014
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Atrium, Town Hall
6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East

PURPOSE

The purpose is to address the effectiveness and efficiency of Council operations and to enhance opportunities for public participation in the decision-making and development of the community. Report ADM-2014-024 regarding proposed procedural By-law changes was presented to Council on April 22, 2014.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information or for a copy of Administration Department Report ADM-2014-024, please contact Legislative Services at 905.584.2272 x.2366 or via e-mail at legislative.services@caledon.ca.

If you wish to provide written comments regarding the proposed Council Procedural By-law amendments, please forward them to the Town of Caledon, Administration Department, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario L7C 1J6 or by e-mail at legislative.services@caledon.ca.

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