

**IGBO CULTURAL ASSOCIATION  
OF SASKATCHEWAN**



**IRI JI  
2023**

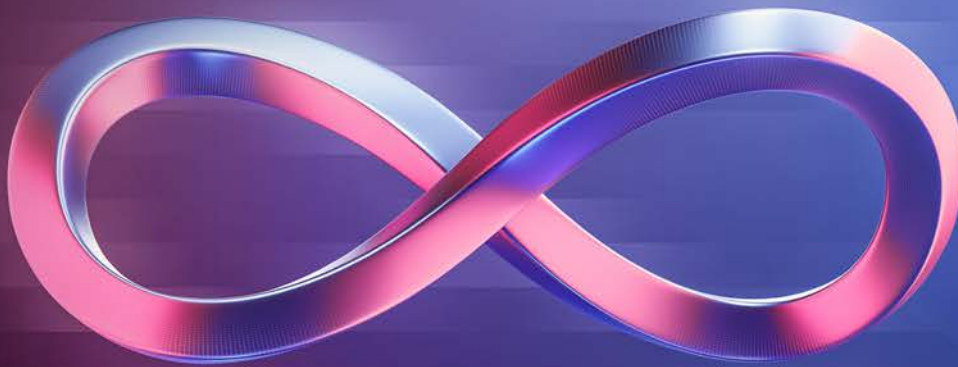
**[WWW.ICASSASK.CA](http://WWW.ICASSASK.CA)**

**DATE: 7:00PM, SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023  
VENUE: REGINA PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE,  
1077 ANGUS STREET, REGINA**





# Unleashing Tech Solutions



## Our Services

- Managed ICT
- Software Development
- Unified Communication
- Mobile App Development
- Social Media Services
- IT Consultancy
- ICT Training Services
- Website Design
- Cyber Security
- Graphic Design
- Branding
- Advertising



# Mexygabriel

Driven by Innovation

[www.mexygabriel.com](http://www.mexygabriel.com) | +1 (306) 502 4271

   @mexygabriel | [info@mexygabriel.com](mailto:info@mexygabriel.com)



# National Anthem



## **NIGERIA**

Arise, O compatriots  
Nigeria's call obey  
to serve our fatherland  
with love and strength and faith.  
The labour of our heroes past  
shall never be in vain,  
to serve with heart and might  
one nation bound in freedom  
Peace and unity.

---



## **CANADA**

O Canada!  
Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all of us command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!  
From far and wide,  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.



# Programme of Event

**6:30 – 7:00 PM**

DJ MUSIC Networking & Socialization

**7:00 – 7:20 PM**

Welcome Dance:

Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan

Saskatoon Igbo Cultural Association

Umunna Igbo of Manitoba

Igbo Cultural Association of Edmonton

**7:20 – 7:30 PM**

Opening Prayers

National Anthems of Nigeria and Canada

**7:30 – 7:40 PM**

Presentation and Breaking of Kola Nuts

**7:40 – 8:15 PM**

Welcome Address by ICAS President

Naija Hip Dance

Greetings from Friends of the Igbo Community

Women's Dance by Igbo Association of Saskatoon

**8:20 – 9:00 PM**

Dinner / Entertainment

**9:00 – 9:30 PM**

Iwa Ji (New Yam Festival)

Ogene Enugu

Fashion Show

Performance by Umunna Igbo Cultural Association of Manitoba

**9:30 – 10:00PM**

Recognition and Awards

Abiigbo Dance

Ikpirikpe Ogu War Dance

Masquerade Dance

Vote of thanks

**10:00 PM**

Dance! Dance!! Dance!!!



# Message from ICAS PRESIDENT

Igbo kwenu!  
Rie nu!  
Nuo nu!  
Muo nu!  
Zuo nu!

On behalf of the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan (ICAS), in my capacity as the 9th president of Ndi Igbo in Saskatchewan, I am pleased to welcome you all to the 2023 edition of our flagship event, the 10<sup>th</sup> bi-annual Igbo Day of Arts and Culture in the land of living skies.

ICAS was founded in 2002 to promote a smooth integration of new immigrants into society, become a social support network for members and preserve the Igbo Nigerian-Canadian heritage through events, workshops, language and culture education.

Every two years, we celebrate Igbo Day, dedicating the day to promoting awareness and use of the Igbo language, art, as well as honouring the Igbo Nigerian-Canadian cultural heritage in Saskatchewan.

The theme of the 2023 Igbo Day, "Oganihu Asusu na Omenala Igbo (Preservation of the Igbo Language and Culture)", helps to increase the awareness and use of the Igbo language, art and culture, as well as honour the contributions of the Nigerian-Canadian people of Igbo descent to the cultural, professional and economic development of Saskatchewan in particular and Canada as a whole.





# Message from **ICAS PRESIDENT**

In 2019, the Government of Saskatchewan and the City of Regina respectively issued the first proclamation in Canada, designating August 3, 2019 as Igbo Day of Arts and Culture. The 2021 edition was canceled due to the COVID 19 pandemic. As life returns to normal, we appreciate that, this year, the two levels of government re-issued their proclamations designating August 5, 2023 as Igbo Day of Arts and Culture. We are happy that you are all able to join us today as we celebrate our cultural heritage in Saskatchewan. We are grateful to Canada, the government and entire people of Saskatchewan for placing great value on diversity and multiculturalism. Nothing is more important to a people than being able to be themselves, practice their culture and language wherever they have found a home.

Also, we appreciate the support from our major sponsors, including the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS), La Cité universitaire francophone and SaskTel. We appreciate our friendship with various organizations represented here today, including the Yoruba Community Association of Regina, the Saskatoon Igbo Cultural Association, the Umunna Igbo Cultural Association of Manitoba, the Igbo Cultural Association of Edmonton, and many others.

I thank the ICAS Council of Elders, ICAS Executive, Saskatoon Igbo Women, the youth and all volunteers for their hard work in putting this event together.

Once again, I welcome all of you to this special day of celebration of culture. I hope you will fully enjoy the artistic displays, dance performances such as Abigbo, Igba Eze, Ogene, Ikpirikpe Ogu, Masquerade, beautiful costumes and delicious food.

Above all, I hope that everyone will be inspired to learn more about one another. When diverse cultures cohabit with respect for one another, each one enriches itself as they learn from one another. My community is appreciative of your presence and support as we celebrate this day in Saskatchewan!

Happy Igbo Day!

**Dr. Chidi Igwe**  
ICAS President





Based in Regina, the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan (ICAS) was incorporated as a non-profit organisation in 2002 to build cultural bridges that enhance understanding between the Igbo people of Saskatchewan and other Canadian communities and cultures.

With a population of more than 40 million predominantly in southeastern Nigeria, the Igbo are among Africa's largest ethnic groups. As their population grew in Saskatchewan, ICAS was formed to bring people together, and provide a platform for intercultural dialogue within the Canadian Multiculturalism.

ICAS collaborates with other African communities, First Nations and Métis, Chinese, Indian, Pakistanis, etc., to facilitate understanding, awareness, learning, practice and integration of new Canadian cultures in Saskatchewan.

ICAS's mandate is to promote and preserve the language and cultural heritage of the Igbo people of Saskatchewan. We fight racism and encourage intercultural dialogue, creating opportunities for the Afro-Saskatchewan community to work with other cultures, understand them and, most importantly, help them to understand us.



## ABOUT THE IGBO CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF SASKATCHEWAN



Through a series of cultural activities and events such as the Igbo Day of Arts and Culture, we create opportunities for people of different ethnic, racial and cultural backgrounds to work together, learn from one another, with the hope of building a more harmonious society.

The association is a volunteer-driven organization. Full membership is open to all Igbo people living in the province. Other individuals and groups are admitted as associate members. The affairs of the association are administered by a 10-member Executive Council drawn from the general membership through a general election.

For more information, please scan the QR code or visit the link below:  
[www.icassask.ca](http://www.icassask.ca)



# Memories from Igbo Day 2019





# Goodwill Message



The family of  
**Dr. Chidi Igwe and Mrs. Lawretta Igwe**  
congratulates ICAS on the occasion of Igbo  
Day of Arts and Culture in Saskatchewan.  
Happy Igbo Day everyone!





GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN

# *Certificate of Recognition*

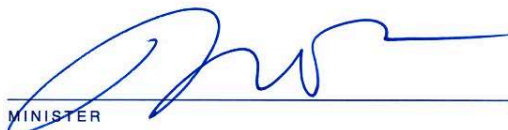
I, Laura Ross, Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport  
in the Province of Saskatchewan  
in exercise of the powers conferred upon me,  
do hereby designate the day of  
August 5, 2023 to be:

*"Igbo Day of Arts and Culture"* in Saskatchewan

And I request the citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan to  
recognize this day.

Dated at the City of Regina this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.



  
MINISTER



# CITY OF REGINA

SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA

## PROCLAMATION

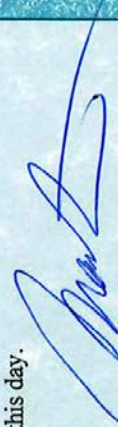
WHEREAS provisions of Procedure Bylaw No. 9004 provide the Mayor with the authority to approve proclamations.

NOW THEREFORE I, Sandra Masters, Mayor of the City of Regina, do hereby proclaim the day of August 5, 2023 as

## IGBO DAY OF ARTS AND CULTURE

in Regina, and in issuing this proclamation, ask our citizens to recognize this day.



  
Sandra Masters  
Mayor





## **A Message from His Honour Russ Mirasty The Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan**



August 5, 2023

On behalf of **His Majesty King Charles the III, King of Canada**, it is my pleasure to extend greetings to everyone celebrating the *Igbo Day of Arts and Culture*.

I applaud the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan for presenting this special event in Regina and for your choice of this year's theme of "Oganihu Asusu na Omenala Igbo" or "Preservation of the Igbo Language and Culture".

As a member of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band, I am particularly aware of the importance of remaining connected to one's culture. And, as a Cree speaker, I understand that speaking our native languages informs our identity, connects us to our ancestors, and enhances our ability to participate within our community.

We are fortunate to live in a country that encourages multiculturalism, where we can treasure our heritage while honouring our Canadian values and traditions. I am grateful for your efforts to increase awareness and the use of Igbo language, art and culture in Saskatchewan, and to promote the many contributions to our province from Nigerian-Canadian people of Igbo descent.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful *Igbo Day of Arts and Culture*.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Russ Mirasty".

Russ Mirasty  
Lieutenant Governor  
Province of Saskatchewan



**A Message from the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport**  
**2023 Igbo Day of Arts and Culture in Saskatchewan**

On behalf of Premier Scott Moe and the Government of Saskatchewan, it is my pleasure to offer you a warm welcome to the 2023 Igbo Day of Arts and Culture Banquet.

I'd like to thank the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan for the work they do to promote Igbo heritage in our communities, honour the contributions of Nigerian-Canadians of Igbo decent, and for sharing this special occasion with our province.

Saskatchewan's provincial motto, *Through Many Peoples, Strength*, is well reflected in this year's Igbo Day of Arts and Culture celebrations, as we recognize that sharing our cultural practices and traditions brings us closer together as a community, while encouraging acceptance, understanding, and inclusivity.

The hard work, compassion, and commitment to our province by the Igbo community has contributed greatly to our province's prosperity, making Saskatchewan one of the best places to live, work, and raise a family.

I hope you enjoy the fantastic displays, food and performances, and wish you all a Happy Igbo Day!

Sincerely,



Laura Ross

Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport and the Status of Women







## **CITY OF REGINA**

Office of the Mayor



### **MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR**

On behalf of my City Council colleagues and the City of Regina, I want to thank the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan for taking the time to organize the Igbo Day of Arts and Culture.

The diversity of our community is something that Regina takes great pride in. We believe that this blend of different cultures is what makes not only our city, but our country, unique on the world stage. Inclusion is an important aspect that we wholeheartedly support as it allows for the mosaic of cultures in our community to feel both welcomed and appreciated.

I encourage our residents to recognize August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as Igbo Day of Arts and Culture here in Regina. This year's theme of Oganihu Asusu na Omenala Igbo (Preservation of the Igbo Language and Culture) is a universal concept that numerous cultures can relate too. Language preservation is imperative for many of those that call Regina home, and we commend the work that Nigerian-Canadian people of Igbo descent are engaging in to bring awareness to their language and culture.

I hope you all have an incredible time learning and celebrating on Igbo Day of Arts and Culture.

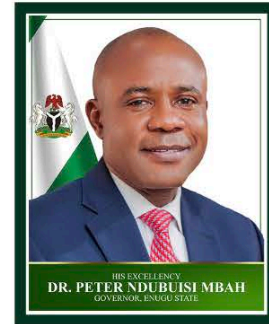
Sincerely,

Sandra Masters  
Mayor of Regina





**GOVERNMENT OF ENUGU STATE OF NIGERIA**  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT**  
Abuja Building, Government House, Enugu, Enugu State



**3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2023**

**Chidi Igwe, PhD**  
President, Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan (ICAS)  
Saskatchewan, Canada

**GOODWILL MESSAGE**

I am honoured by your invitation to the Igbo Day of Arts and Culture being organized by the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan (ICAS), and scheduled for August 5, 2023 in Saskatchewan, Canada.

I am particularly delighted that the Government of Saskatchewan has issued a proclamation designating August 5, 2023 as Igbo Day of Arts and Culture in the province; and that the Mayor of Regina has issued a similar proclamation for Regina, the capital city of Saskatchewan. The gestures are doubtless a testament to the strong support the Igbo people in Saskatchewan have received from both the provincial and municipal governments, as well as a recognition of your contributions to the advancement of all spheres of Canadian socio-economic life.

The theme for this year's celebration, "Oganihu Asusu na Omenala Igbo (Preservation of the Igbo Language and Culture)" is apt and germane, as it speaks to the alarming classification of Igbo as one of the endangered languages of the world by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and the imperatives of collaboration to reverse the trend. It is gladdening that the present effort to raise awareness on the need to promote the use of Igbo language, art and culture is being championed from our diaspora community. It is my hope that the discussions will generate new ideas and strategies that will resonate with relevant stakeholders.

As you may be aware, the new Peter Mbah Administration in Enugu State has proposed a humongous plan to grow the Enugu economy sevenfold, making it the most attractive for business, tourism, living and leisure. A robust and sincere diaspora engagement is central to this plan. In this regard, the Enugu State government has announced its intention to host an Investment and Economic Stakeholder Roundtable in September this year, as a precursor to the launch of the first edition of the Enugu State Diaspora and Investment Forum (ES-DIF) scheduled for April 2024, all aimed at attracting \$2 Billion investments interests in its first year. We do hope you will avail yourselves of the immense opportunities to turn your remittances from consumption to profitable investments.

On behalf of the Governor, His Excellency, Dr. Peter Ndubuisi Mbah, and the government and good people of Enugu State, please accept my good wishes for a happy and memorable event.

**Professor Chidiebere Onyia**  
Secretary to the State Government



# Goodwill Message

## Ndi Igbo mma mma nụ!

I want to congratulate the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan and all Ndi Igbo in the province as you celebrate your cultural heritage in Canada. I am glad to join you in person this year on this special occasion of Igbo Day celebration on August 5, 2023.

Our people say that “Ebe onye bi ka ọ na-awachi.” We are all proud of your hard work and immense contributions to diversity and all aspects of professional, political and economic life in Canada.

Igbo Day 2023 is one of many opportunities for you to maintain the language and cultures of our people in Canada, teaching your children our mother tongue and way of life and ensuring that the Igbo language and identity can continue to be transferred from generation to generation.

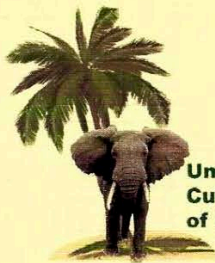
Congratulations and happy Igbo Day to everyone in Saskatchewan!

**Mr. Chinedu Hilary Onu**

*Agu Na Eche Ibe ii of Ezimo Enugu State*  
CEO, Ingrace Canada Farms Ltd







Umunna (Igbo)  
Cultural Association  
of Manitoba Inc.

July 27, 2023

**GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM UMUNNA(IGBO) CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA INC.**

The Umunna(Igbo) Cultural Association of Manitoba Inc is proud to felicitate with our brothers and sisters in Saskatchewan, the Igbo Cultural Association Saskatchewan on the occasion of your 2023 Igbo Day.

May God continue to bless the land of Canada that promote and nurture multiculturalism. We are in solidarity with you in the promotion and retention of Igbo language and culture as the theme of your 2023 Igbo Day (*Oganihu asusu na omenala Igbo*) espoused.

We wish you a fun filled and successful event.

Mazi Ugochukwu Udensi (JP)

President

Mazi Christian Onwuekwe (Ifezue)

Secretary

P.O Box 2145, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3R4  
[www.umunnaigbo.mb.ca](http://www.umunnaigbo.mb.ca)



# Congratulatory Message!



Aug 2, 2023

**Dear Friends and Participants,**

On behalf of the Igbo Cultural Association of Edmonton, we extend our warmest congratulations to the esteemed Igbo community in Saskatchewan on the occasion of the 2023 Igbo Day of Arts and Culture. This momentous event, proclaimed by the Government of Saskatchewan at the behest of the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan, marks a remarkable celebration of the rich heritage and traditions that bind us together as a people.

The theme of this year's event, "Oganihu Asusu na Omenala Igbo - Preservation of the Igbo Language and Culture," highlights the importance of safeguarding our language and customs, which serve as the pillars of our identity. The resilience demonstrated by the Igbo community in Saskatchewan is truly commendable, as you continue to forge new paths and enrich the cultural landscape of your new home in Canada.

We recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements of the Igbo community in Saskatchewan, a testament to your commitment to excellence on every front. Your dedication to preserving our cherished traditions while embracing the opportunities of your adopted homeland is an inspiration to Igbos both in Saskatchewan and across the globe.

As we gather to celebrate Igbo arts, culture, and the spirit of unity, let us remember that it is through the collective efforts of each one of us that our culture will endure and thrive. The Igbo Cultural Association of Edmonton stands in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Saskatchewan, offering our unwavering support in your pursuit of cultural preservation and advancement.

We wish you a memorable and successful event, filled with joy, camaraderie, and the sharing of cherished traditions. May the bonds of our community grow stronger, and may the spirit of excellence continue to guide us all.

Ndi Igbo n'asusu ndi omenala, dalu nu!

Sincerely,

**Ifeoma Okoye**

**President**

**Igbo Cultural Association of Edmonton.**

Igbo Cultural Association of Edmonton,  
218 – 7923 Coronet Road NW, Edmonton AB. T6E 4N7  
[www.icaedmonton.com](http://www.icaedmonton.com)      [info@icaedmonton.com](mailto:info@icaedmonton.com)





### **Igbo Day of Arts and Culture – Program Message**

The Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS) is pleased to extend our well-wishes to the Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan as they celebrate the 2023 Igbo Day of Arts and Culture. MCoS also sends warm congratulations on the declaration by the Government of Saskatchewan, proclaiming August 5, 2023 as Igbo Day of Arts and Culture.

MCoS is proud to support organizations such as ICAS. The theme for this year's event is Oganihu Asusu na Omenala Igbo (Preservation of the Igbo Language and Culture). This year's theme and event fulfills the Cultural Continuity stream of multicultural work. This stream empowers ethnocultural organizations, individuals and communities to retain, maintain and evolve distinct cultural practices and traditions in the Canadian context. In celebration of the Igbo Day of Arts and Culture, increased awareness of the use of the Igbo language, arts, and culture in Saskatchewan is being formed. We recognize that this event also honours the contributions of the Nigerian-Canadian people of Igbo descent to the cultural, professional, and economic development of Saskatchewan.

The Igbo Cultural Association of Saskatchewan is at the forefront in preserving and promoting Igbo-Nigerian culture and fostering an environment in which community members and organizations can contribute to the cultural, economic, social, and political development of Saskatchewan. Congratulations on your efforts and commitment to this important work!

**Obi di MCoS uto ikwado Igbo Day!**





As a student in a  
francophone or bilingual  
program at the  
University of Regina

Obtenez  
Save

3000\$\*



comme étudiant.e de  
programme francophone  
ou bilingue de  
l'Université de Regina



[ACUFC.CA/boursesFLS](http://ACUFC.CA/boursesFLS)  
[lacite.uregina.ca](http://lacite.uregina.ca)



BOURSES  
D'ÉTUDES  
POSTSECONDAIRES  
EN FRANÇAIS  
LANGUE SECONDE



ACUFC

ASSOCIATION DES COLLÈGES ET UNIVERSITÉS  
DE LA FRANCOPHONIE CANADIENNE

Canada

Contactez-nous pour plus d'informations: [cite@uregina.ca](mailto:cite@uregina.ca)  
Contact us for more information: [cite@uregina.ca](mailto:cite@uregina.ca)





**DMC IMMIGRATION SERVICES CANADA**  
&  
**DMCEDUCATION CONSULTING LTD**



**ABIYE DICKSON**  
Immigration Consultant



**CHIOMA DICKSON**  
Education Consultant

- ✓ STUDY & WORK PERMITS
- ✓ PERMANENT RESIDENT APPLICATION
- ✓ FAMILY SPONSORSHIP
- ✓ VISITORS VISA

- ✓ HIGH SCHOOL & POST SECONDARY ADMISSION
- ✓ CALGARY & SK ACCOMMODATIONS
- ✓ SETTLEMENT SUPPORT

☎ 306-209-6801  
dmcimmigrationcanada@gmail.com

[www.dmcimmigration.ca](http://www.dmcimmigration.ca)

*Result-driven services*



# Goodwill Message



The Family of  
**Drs. Sylvester and Chinyere Ukabam**  
congratulates ICAS on their Cultural Night  
and the recipients of honour on their  
achievements.



# Goodwill Message



The family of  
**Mr. Emmanuel and Mrs. Nelly Amadi**  
congratulates ICAS on the occasion of Igbo  
Day of Arts and Culture in Saskatchewan.  
Happy Igbo Day everyone!



# Goodwill Message



The family of  
**Henry & Ifenyinwa Anumudu**  
felicitate with our brothers and sisters on this remarkable day  
as we come together to celebrate our culture as ndi Igbo, a  
wonderful occasion to rejoice in the diversity and richness of  
our heritage. Being part of this special day makes us happy,  
and we wish everyone the  
best and a lot of fun.

Thank you.



# Diversity builds communities.

Coming together with unique perspectives keeps us looking forward.  
That's why SaskTel sponsors events that encourage diversity.

SaskTel  
**cares**



[sasktel.com/cares](http://sasktel.com/cares)

**SaskTel** 



Multicultural  
Council of  
Saskatchewan

*From Many Peoples Strength*

**MCOS promoting diversity and  
multiculturalism in Saskatchewan**





# LOOKING FOR A PROFESSIONAL REAL ESTATE AGENT?



## MEET CHRIS UKABAM

As a member of the Platinum Realty Specialists family, I am passionate about helping people take the next step in their home ownership journey.

I have always had a passion for real estate, and my exposure, combined with my experience are invaluable in assisting the community - new comers and mainstream alike - buy or sell their homes.

If you're ready to make a move, I'm happy to help!

**306.596.3481**

[enukabam@yahoo.com](mailto:enukabam@yahoo.com)

PLATINUM REALTY SPECIALISTS  
260 - 2410 DEWDNEY AVENUE  
REGINA, SK S4R 1H6





