

# Vlorat's Story

## When did you arrive in Canada? In Huron?

My family and I arrived in Canada on exactly January 27, 2007. I came to Huron, more specifically, January 2019. The best thing for us here is the Goderich Beach for the past 10+ years and throughout our time loving the beach, and we decided to open a business this year. My wife and I have opened a Chuck's Roadhouse on 63 Victoria Street South in Goderich. And we more recently, opened V'Sandwiches on 108 Courthouse Square in Goderich as well. We have been here, busily working within our businesses and making good food for the community.

## Have you overcome any challenges you would like to share?

Our biggest challenge is running our businesses. We have currently employed about 30+ staff with both Chuck's Roadhouse and V'Sandwiches combined. Working during the lockdowns was a challenge too, but we had to do what we could despite being shut down. One thing that we were actually prepared for was the weather. We are originally from Eastern Europe where we have 4 seasons throughout the year as well.

## What are some good experiences you have had since coming to Huron?

The work experience here is great, having the opportunity to open our business in Goderich and being integrated in the community that way has been wonderful. It's easier to actually know customers more personally in a rural area and building relationships that way is easier too. And like I said, we love the Goderich beach and go there often, it's so beautiful there.

## Would you consider Huron a welcoming place? How so?

Yes, I would consider Huron a welcoming place. I get to meet many people through the businesses and it's a good community of friendly people. There is always a lot to learn about a place when you're new and coming in, but integration is happening and we have had positive experiences along the way. Community building takes time, but when it's built, it's really great. That being said, stop by Chuck's Roadhouse and V'Sandwiches sometime and try the food! Come by and say hello!