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Ontario's minister of citizenship and immigration will be joined by a posse of Bruce Crozier, Dwight Duncan, and Sandra Pupatello and community leaders in Windsor today to hold a public discussion on a bill that aims to help migrant professionals.

Mike Colle is expected to introduce proposed Bill 124, the Fair Access Regulated Professions Act, this fall. It's to help foreign-trained professionals have a fair access to employment, have employers look at their foreign education and foreign skills and experience because right now we look for Canadian experience and Canadian education," said Heather Namara, spokeswoman for the Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County, which is a sponsor of the event.

The forum, hosted by several Windsor-Essex agencies, will be held from 10 a.m. to noon today at the Caboto Club, 2171 Parent Ave. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

was pinned underneath what looked like a blue Ford hatchback after an argument with another woman.

over again," Ostrander said, shaking his head. "And then she took off." Ostrander said he ran toward

"Now I wish I walked over and said 'Hey let's cool this off.' I didn't think it would escalate like that."

Rails to trails one step closer

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City council took its first step toward committing to a rails-to-trails plan that would extend the riverfront park system along vacated rail corridors.

Director of the Ontario Trails Council, Patrick Connor, made a presentation to council in a special meeting Thursday, outlining the organization's vision for the Windsor and Essex region.

"I look at what you have now and I see a trail with rails on it," Connor said.

"You've already got the greenery around (the rails) and it seems like all you need to do is take the next step." Council agreed, passing a motion to

begin looking into converting abandoned railways into trails that will eventually become part of the larger provincial trail system — the Trillium Trails Network.

The city will begin looking into how much funding and manpower is needed, as well as the logistics of taking over former CP Rail lands.

Windsor boasts the highest concentration of track per capita of any city in Canada, with 55 kilometres of railway line and 75 rail crossings.

"It's a great first step forward," Mayor Eddie Francis said after the meeting. "It's a long-term project — it won't happen overnight. But we are looking forward to this partnership."

Connor said recreational trails

would likely boost the region's tourism industry, especially if they connect those in northern Michigan.

"In order for trails to work, we need to have an open of a border as possible," he said.

"Trails are important to gateway communities like Windsor."

Connor said the region's existing bicycle lanes would not be "swallowed up" by recreational trails, but would be "enhancing" them. "It's both a lifestyle and a transportation initiative," he said.

Currently, there are 64,000 kilometres of multi-use trails in Ontario and more than 80,000 kilometres of municipal park trails.

The OTC is the only organization in Ontario that represents all trail users.

just going to carry on."

But when Michel, her young son, was killed in an avalanche accident in 1999, she died two years later, Margolin said. "I had great, great tragedy in my life," Trudeau said. "I had great, great tragedy in my life," Trudeau said. "I had great, great tragedy in my life," Trudeau said.

"This time, doctors told me that sends those it affects of serious depression if episodes of markedly elevated moods, according to an Mental Health Association Now, the 58-year-old about taking medication to her moods. It's one of several Trudeau uses — in combination with exercise, healthy eating as she says, "just mature choices" — to stabilize

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