NORTH BAY & DISTRICT Chamber of Commerce

November 30, 2016 Chamber News Update

Business After Hours 2017 Mark your calendar!

Check out the list for below for the first six months of 2017

WEDNESDAY, January 25, 2017 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm hosted by



525 Main Street East, North Bay

We are fully booked for 2017

Thursday, February 23, 2017 The Grande Event Centre

Thursday, March 23, 2017 Asian Art Academy & 4MMM

Thursday, April 27, 2017 Mini-Trade Show

Thursday, May 25, 2017 Ontario Northland

Thursday, June 22, 2017 Tranquility Spa Salon

Please visit the <u>Events</u> <u>Calendar</u> for more events throughout the year



Updates from the Chamber:

- ⇒ Ballots for the board election were sent over a week and a half ago electronically to all voting members in good standing of the Chamber. A reminder was sent yesterday. You have until this Friday, December 2, 2016 at 4 pm to place your votes. Thank you to those that have already filled out the ballot. Friday the successful candidates will be notified immediately, as we have the December regular board meeting booked for the following Thursday, December 8, 2016. The new board will be sworn in by his worship Mayor Al McDonald and subsequently the new executive will be elected.
- ⇒ The new governance model of the Chamber has required some changes to the bylaws. The following changes include: President will be changed to "Chair", Vice Presidents and Past President will change to "Vice Chairs and Past Chair" respectively. These changes will also move forward in the spring at the AGM.
- ⇒ There are a number of Christmas parties and events throughout December, as such, we do not schedule a Business After Hours during the month of December. Our calendar is already booked solid for 2017 with Business After Hours and two mini-trade shows, please start adding them to your calendar so you don't miss these great networking opportunities.



Business Confidence Survey

Along with the OCC's new strategic document, the Ontario Economic Report, the OCC launched our new Business Confidence Survey (BCS). The OCC has recently revamped its approach to member

TAKE THE SURVEY NOW!

surveys, starting with the research that will provide an underpinning to our new policy agenda.







Employers... send us your current employment opportunities and we will post them on the **North Bay** and District Ontario Jobs facebook page.

> CLICK HERE to send us your info.





We need your help.

Learn more about how you can contribute to Ontario's Dementia Strategy.

Learn more

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SMART IDEAS FOR BUSINESS NOVEMBER 2016

What cap and trade means for your business



- The Ontario government's cap-and-trade program comes into effect Jan. 1, 2017.
- Union Gas is required to buy emission allowances for the natural gas you use and will recover these costs on your gas bill.
- Emission allowances are expected to cost about 3.3 cents per cubic metre of natural gas next year, and increase long-term as the cap on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions is lowered.
- All cap-and-trade costs are reviewed and approved by the Ontario Energy Board.
- The amount you pay will depend on how much natural gas you use.
- You can reduce its impact take advantage of energy efficiency rebates and incentives at uniongas.com/savemoneyandenergy.

Learn more about cap and trade at uniongas.com/capandtrade.

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Annual Poinsettia Food Bank Fundraiser!!

Once again **BURROWS COUNTRY STORE** will be selling Poinsettias this holiday season to raise much needed funds for our NORTH BAY FOOD BANK ! These holiday plants come in red, white, pink & burgundy. They make a perfect gift to give staff members, business associates, and friends or to decorate vour office or home. EVERY poinsettia sold to your workplace or from our store generates a cash donation to the Food Bank.

	4.5 "plants	\$ 4.99
	6" plants	\$ 7.99
LARGE	8" plants	\$17.99
HUGE	10" plants	\$25.99
MAGNIFICENT Trees		\$52.99
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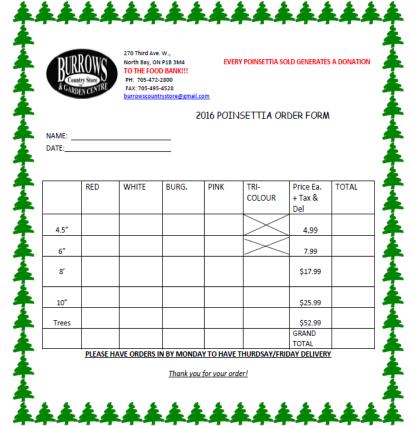
plus tax & delivery



During this holiday season, let's give back to those less fortunate and support our

NORTH BAY FOOD BANK.

Starting November 21, 2016 orders to be called /emailed by Monday will be available for Thursday/Friday pick up, of the same week!



Please call Burrows Country Store & Garden Centre Ph: 705-472-2800 or Fax: 705-495-4528 Burrowscountrystore@gmail.com Thank you & Merry Christmas

Deb & Bob Hudson



Why should I complete the employerone Survey?

Do you have trouble finding qualified applicants?

Do you experience any barriers that prevent your employees from receiving training?

Are you experiencing skilled trade shortages?

Do you find the availability of qualified workers in our region to be poor?

These are the kind of things that we need to know about your workforce. Your feedback will allow us to develop and implement strategies to address your workforce development issues.

to do the survey Frequently Asked Questions

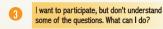
0 Is the survey mandatory?

> The employerone Survey is not mandatory, although your feedback is crucial to the success of the project!

abour Market Group

What is the Labour Market Group? 2

> The Labour Market Group is 1 of 26 nonprofit organizations across Ontario, funded by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development. We are a community resource for labour market information that works collaboratively with community agencies and employers to develop solutions to local labour market needs.



We appreciate your participation! Please contact us at 705-474-0812 and we will be happy to walk you through the survey and complete it over the phone with you!



Community Event

Friday, December 2 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Who? Community/Alumni

An evening full of fun and entertainment for free! What? Bring a toy or \$10 donation, to receive a \$10 gift card from Canadian Tire. Evening activities include Tree Lighting, Alumni 12 Days of Giving Contest, Sleigh Rides, and Beavertails! Where: Commerce Court Campus, 60 Commerce Crescent, North Bay, ON

Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Sleigh Rides

All donations go to our Canadore Student Families in need.

ECANADORE Co-operators Contact kim.devine@canadorecollege.ca CSC Welcome Centre

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Cancer touches everyone's life – your family, friends, coworkers & colleges. Partnering with the Canadian Cancer Society sends a strong message that **the fight for life is everyone's fight** and you're making it your business to have an impact.

How can you fight back?

- Host your own fundraiser. It's a great way to build spirit in a work or school setting, increase team work and loyalty.
- Organize a: sports tournament; skating/sledding party; Superbowl party; chef cook-off; fitness challenge; or a local talent night. Your ideas are endless.
- Become a daffodil pin partner. Join us in April during our nationwide campaign to ask Canadians to buy daffodil pins to show support for people living with cancer.
- Join Relay For Life. Relay is an inspirational, non-competitive fundraising event that brings communities together to celebrate life and fight cancer. Engage the people you know by forming and family or company team.
- Become a Relay For Life sponsor. Our generous sponosrs help reduce the cost of organizing Relay For Life in our community.
- Order our holiday cards. Our cards are suitable for all occasions and a terrific way to show family, friends, employees, customers and staff how much they mean to you.
- Attend an event. We host fun and meaningful events in communities across the province, such as Relay For Life, Pink In The Rink and Colours of Hope.
- Make a donation. Help fund life-saving research and improve the lives of Canadians living with cancer.

Contact Debbie Marson at the North Bay & District Community Office for more information or how we can help you fight back and together, make cancer history. dmarson@ontario.cancer.ca 705-472-9072 x3737

Top 10 Reasons Why You Need To Buy A Hospital Lottery Ticket!

- 1. Your ticket could win more than once!
- 2. You could win trips, cash, gift certificates and free lottery tickets to double your chances to win!
- 3. Make's a great gift for someone you love!
- 4. Funds raised from the Hospital Lottery stay LOCAL!
- 5. Tickets are only \$99 with 160 chances to win!
- 6. You can order as many tickets as you'd like, for your clients, employees, family members and friends!
- 7. Only 999 tickets available with 1 in 7 odds to win!
- 8. Great gifts for a staff raffle or prize at your company holiday party!
- 9. Say "thank you" to someone you care for with a Hospital Lottery ticket!
- 10. You can buy your ticket at the Foundation Office (Hospital Pod A2), online at <u>www.nbrhc.on.ca/foundation</u> or by calling 705-495-8125.







It's that time of year when the Northern Credit Union collects "P.J.'s for Santa". They are donated to the Childrens Aid Society at the beginning of December. P.J.'s or a monetary donation can be dropped off at the 525 Main Street East branch or call Lou Corbeil (Executive Fundraiser) at 705-752-1541. He would be happy to pick up your donation.

ONTARIO'S #1 HEALTH CARE BENEFITS UP TO 50 EMPLOYEES



REQUEST A QUOTE



What's your vision for the future of North Bay?

Take our online Strategic Plan Framework Survey to help shape the City's 10-year Community Strategic Plan.

Survey open until December 2

www.cityofnorthbay.ca/strategicplan



WASI XC SKI CLUB REGISTRATION DAY Saturday, December 3, 2016

The membership registration form is now available on the website. <u>www.wasiski.com/forms</u> or you can register online and pay with your credit card on Zone 4.

You can also drop by the Chalet located at 907 Lake Nosbonsing Road, Astorville ON, on Saturday, December 3, 2016 between 10 AM and 2 PM with your signed registration form and cash or cheque.

Early Bird Registration deadline is Thursday, December 15, 2016. Registering early saves \$10 per application and a chance to win a lovely Wasi Bag and a <u>Wasi mug</u>. Two sets will be won!



907 Lake Nosbonsing Road, Astorville, ON

43 km of classic only ski trails, 7.5 km of double tracked ski trails and 7 km of snowshoe trails.

Day pass for ski and/or snowshoe-Adults \$8, kids 12 and under \$3 Yearly memberships as low as \$55

Amenities include: Heated chalet and warm up hut, outhouses. Events for 2017 include Moonlight Ski & Snowshoe, Ski Backwards Day and Free Ski & Snowshoe day. For more info, call Kerry at 705.752.4215

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