



## Business After Hours 2018 Mark your calendar!

The Chamber office will be closed  
between Saturday, December 23, 2017  
to Monday, January 1, 2018 inclusive.

Thursday,  
January 25, 2018  
co-hosted by



and The  
Kennedy  
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222 McIntyre Street West  
North Bay, ON  
4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Thursday,  
February 22, 2018  
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## Welcoming the new Executive and Board Members for 2018

The election for the 2018 board of directors was recently held with an outstanding response from the voting membership. The new board for 2018 held a special meeting recently to elect the executive for 2018. The results are as follows and we look forward to working with this great, skilled and diverse group of members.

### Executive:

Chair Charles Elliott (Edward Jones Investments)  
1st Vice Chair Tanya Bédard (EDD, City of North Bay)  
2nd Vice Chair Peter Rooney (Kennedy Insurance)  
Past Chair John Strang (U-Need-A-Cab)  
Treasurer Brad Gavan (Canadore College)

### Board Members:

Nicole Bamford (Empire Retirement Residence)  
Thomas Brown (CurveFront Digital Marketing)  
Rob Deleo (TD Bank)  
Elizabeth Evans (Chartwell Retirement Residences)  
Jake Lacourse (Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan)  
Rebecca McGlynn (Ontario Northland)  
Marc Rancourt (Marvel North America/Stroma)  
Melanie Rivard (Caisse Populaire)

### Staff:

Peter Chirico  
*President & CEO*  
  
Sue Adams  
*Executive Assistant*

Patti Carr  
*Vice President of Policy and Communications*  
  
Carol Porter  
*Nipissing Coordinator for GetTrainedWorkers.com*





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# Business After Hours

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Enjoy food and refreshments while you  
mingle with other Chamber Members

4:30 PM to 7:30 PM  
Thursday, January 25th, 2018  
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It is the goal of the North Bay and Area Community Foundation to be a philanthropic leader, catalyst, and resource in enabling North Bay and Area to grow and flourish into a model community. Building on the North Bay Area's longstanding tradition of generosity, we aim to strengthen our community for the benefit of all its members and not just for now, but for future generations to come.

**"Raised Locally, Stays Locally"**

We will be accepting grant applications until December 31, 2017.  
Click [HERE](#) for the Grant Application.

## Steering Through Change:

*A Handbook to Help Ontario Businesses Understand and Manage Bill 148*

Click on this ad to  
see the handbook





**Chamber Members Night!**  
**Open House at the Upper Lodge**  
**Wednesday, January 10th, 2018**  
**4:30 pm until 7:00 pm**



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**It's a chance to mingle with friends, enjoy some food and beverages, and learn what's new at the hill. Or for this night only, Chamber members can ski or snowboard for free. There will be a nominal cost for rentals.**

**If the weather co-operates, members can get a birds eye view of the hill from the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority observation tower.**

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP and let us know in advance if you require rentals for skiing or snowboarding.

*Invite your employees (they are members too) and make it an evening of camaraderie with your staff.*

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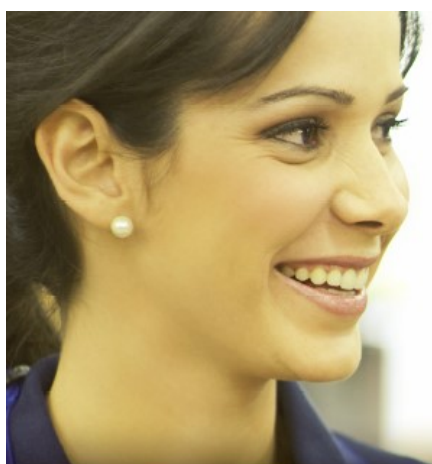


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11:00AM-3:00PM

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## From the Canadian Chamber of Commerce - In Praise of Profit

In this edition of **5 Minutes for Business**, Jayson Myers, our Senior Vice President of Policy, examines the role profit plays in driving growth and assuring economic prosperity for Canadians. This role should be a fundamental tenet of all government decision-making. Our governments must at least be aware of the negative impact higher taxes and regulatory compliance costs have on profits, job creation and business investment. It's an important message for all of us to convey.

This holiday season, let's celebrate profit! Let's create jobs, incent investment and ensure greater prosperity for Canadians by championing a more profitable environment for Canadian business.

Read [5 Minutes for Business](#).

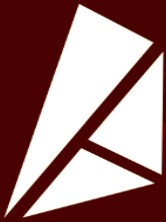
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## Our Chamber colleagues in Sudbury invite you to....

PEP is a two-day conference and tradeshow, being held in Sudbury on February 6th & 7th, 2018, that will bring together professionals from all over Ontario to discuss important challenges that businesses are facing today.

## 3 reasons why you should attend this conference:

### 1 PROCUREMENT

Traditional approaches to procurement will tend to reinforce traditional patterns of purchasing. More responsive and innovative approaches to growing local and regional supply chains are required to provide cost and technological efficiencies and economic stimulus. This conference will bring together industry's leading experts on supply change management, and will help us learn about improving our distribution networks, harnessing the potential of information conduits and producing more effective, standardized procedures to facilitate the flow of supplies within our regional economy.

### 2 EMPLOYMENT

As mining projects such as the Ring of Fire continue to move forward, employing local indigenous and non-indigenous workers is crucial to the success of Northern Ontario's economic development. What training is the most effective and when do we start? How best do we train recruits to provide them with the skills employers need to address our skilled labour shortages? How do we compete globally for the best and brightest? Join our discussion on best practices for training and recruiting local workers; how to overcome the challenges associated with hiring in the North; and how best to turn challenges into opportunities for northerners.

### 3 PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships between Northern and Southern Ontario, and indigenous and non-indigenous businesses, have the potential to reduce many of the burdens of doing business in the North and to provide opportunities that are often difficult to develop at the last minute. Join us as we elaborate on the advantages of partnerships, provide helpful tips for initialising them, and discuss best practices learned from experience.

Learn more about the speakers, tradeshow, gala, and facilitated networking at [WWW.PEPCONFERENCE.CA](http://WWW.PEPCONFERENCE.CA)

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# New Years Eve Events!



## NEW YEARS EVE ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

We are super excited to have the fine fellas GRAVITAS back on our stage for NYE!!!

We also have a surprise.....we are opening a second party locale for all you 'Eve-ers'. The amazing band GROOOVE is joining us in

what will surely be the party of the year! \$25.00 gets you in. 2 amazing bands, midnight lunch, party favors and door prizes! Don't miss it!

Tickets for New Years Eve are on sale at the front desk, open 8 am to 5 pm every weekday. 705 472 1490



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Interactive Reptile Shows – Memorial Gardens  
5pm, 6pm, 7pm and 8pm

Button Making, Face Painting and Skating  
5pm – 8:45 pm

Huge Fireworks Display – Finale to Canada's 150th  
9pm



Reserve your seat at our New Year's Eve Gala, Italian Dinner Buffet, Champagne & Noise Makers, Free In Town Bus Service from 11:00 pm to 1:30 am. Cocktails 5:30 pm with Dinner at 6:30 pm, Dance at 9 pm with

DJ and Photo Booth by Johnny Miller all this for \$50 tax included. Tickets must be purchased in advance, no tickets sold at the door! Visit the Davedi Club to get your tickets early or call 705-474-4190.

New Year's Eve celebration with Good Vibrations playing from 8:00 pm to 2:00 am. Hot and cold buffet at 11:00 pm. Cost is \$30.00 per person and tickets available at the bar. Doors open at 7:00 PM



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### Holiday SCHEDULE 2017

- Saturday December 23**  
9:00 pm, Sepatown \$5 cover  
Playing Classic Funk
- Sunday December 24**  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
A la Carte Sunday Brunch Menu
- Monday December 25**  
Closed
- Tuesday December 26 (Boxing Day)**  
Chris Vega
- Wednesday December 27**  
Holiday Open Mic Night with Shawn
- Thursday December 28**  
Jessica Soule, "Home for the Holidays"
- Friday December 29**  
Nick Cangiano
- Saturday December 30**  
Maple Hill Project \$5 Cover
- Sunday December 31**  
A la Carte Brunch Menu  
New Years Eve Menu  
Daniel Rayney Dinner Music (5:30 – 8:30)  
The Angry Pants, 9:30 – 1:00  
Complementary Party Favours and Champagne At Midnight
- Monday January 1**  
New Years Day Brunch  
New Years Day Dinner Special