

SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

LOVE YOUR DOWNTOWN



NEWS FROM THE STREET

September 18 & 19: North Bay & Area Potter's Guild is holding their Fall Sale at 128 Oak Street East. [Event details.](#)

September 25 & 26: Nipissing Culture Days happens in the TD Bank parking lot at 240 Main Street East. It is a free, family friendly event. Check out their [website](#) for more information.

September & October: Gateway to the Arts is hosting the Gateway to Diversity Festival under the Culture Days banner. Check out their [events page](#) for information on workshops. Tickets must be pre-purchased, and are available in their online store on the events page.

Two new businesses have opened in the Downtown:

[Passionate Kisses](#), 174 Oak Street East

[Vape Lord](#), 141 Main Street West

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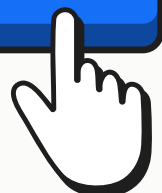


ONTARIO INTRODUCES VACCINE PASSPORTS

As of September 22, Ontarians will be required to show their vaccine receipt when entering designated settings along with another piece of photo identification, such as a driver's licence or health card. This approach focuses on higher-risk indoor public settings where face coverings cannot always be worn and includes:

- Restaurants and bars (excluding outdoor patios, as well as delivery and takeout);
- Nightclubs (including outdoor areas of the establishment);
- Meeting and event spaces, such as banquet halls and conference/convention centres;
- Facilities used for sports and fitness activities and personal fitness training, such as gyms, fitness and recreational facilities with the exception of youth recreational sport;
- Sporting events;
- Casinos, bingo halls and gaming establishments;
- Concerts, music festivals, theatres and cinemas;
- Strip clubs, bathhouses and sex clubs;
- Racing venues (e.g., horse racing).

MORE INFO





NEW STAT HOLIDAY FOR FEDERALLY REGULATED INDUSTRIES

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will be observed on September 30th beginning in 2021 and every calendar year thereafter. This new statutory holiday only applies to federally regulated employers subject to the Canada Labour Code.

For purposes of clarity, federally regulated industries include, but are not limited to, banks, air and railway transportation, radio and television broadcasting, and telephone and cable systems. For everyone else, it's business as usual.

SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Promotions & Marketing Committee - Wednesday, September 8th at 8:30am via Zoom.

Beautification & Safety Committee - Tuesday, September 28th at 8:30am via Zoom.



WORLD CULTURE FUSIONFEST 2021

Fusion Fest 2021 welcomes all business in downtown to participate in this special celebration. You can join in by bringing food and products out of your businesses. Event sponsorships are also available; they have created a series of interviews in video format where you will have a space to share more about your business; this will be released in all media platforms as well as their [website](#). Email Samanta Izquierdo at izquierdosamanta@hotmail.com to get involved, or for sponsorship information.

Fusion Fest is excited to announce the inaugural performance festival this September in downtown North Bay. Artists will meet and perform to create original electro-ethnic fusion music, and spoken word collaborations. Admission to the event is by cash or e-transfer donation at the event venues.

The Downtown portion of the event happens September 18th 12pm-7pm in The Lot on Main West between Guardian Drugs and the Walkway building; [more details here](#).

NORTH BAY & DISTRICT
Chamber of Commerce



Free Rapid Antigen Screening Program



RAPID ANTIGEN SCREENING KITS

The North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that, in partnership with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada, the chamber will be providing free COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Screening kits to small and medium-sized businesses with 150 or fewer employees.

These rapid self-screening tests will play an essential role in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, by allowing businesses enhanced workplace screening to identify and isolate COVID-19 cases among their staff, thereby keeping their employees, workplaces and customers safe. Rapid testing is critical to curbing the spread of the virus and allowing businesses to open safely. [Full details here.](#)



GARBAGE PICK UP

Every Tuesday & Friday morning. Please hold off on putting garbage bags out until after 5pm Monday and Thursday.



CARDBOARD PICK UP

Weekly on Friday morning. Please hold off on putting your cardboard out for pick up until after 5pm on Thursday evenings.



GROWING DOWNTOWN (GCIP)

The Incentive Programs offered within the Downtown Target Area are:

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| 1. Tax Increment Rebate | 6. Building Improvement Grant |
| 2. Municipal Fee Rebate | 7. Public Art Grant |
| 3. Development Charges Rebate | 8. Sidewalk Patio Grant |
| 4. Professional Study Grant | 9. Parking and Landscaping Grant |
| 5. Façade Improvement Grant | 10. Parking Requirement Exemption |
| | 11. Parking and Transit Fee Rebate |

Download the Downtown incentive program brochure [here](#).

More information? 1.800.465.1882 ext. 2414 • growthcip@cityofnorthbay.ca

This newsletter is all for you so, naturally, I'd love your input!

Drop me a line and let me know what you'd like to see and read.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Cheers,
Amber



'Make something people want' includes making a company that
people want to work for.

-Sahil Lavingia