

JULY 21, 2022

DOWNTOWN DIGEST



BUILDING OUR VOLUNTEER BASE

We're working to build our volunteer base to help with future events in Downtown; we hope that you can help spread awareness of our volunteer opportunities through amplifying social media posts.

There will be a page added to the Downtown North Bay website with volunteer information that can be reached via the [Community tab](#).

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR RECENT GRADUATE

Do you know a recent post-secondary school graduate who would like the opportunity to gain work experience?

Downtown North Bay is hiring a Marketing & Communications Coordinator.

The position is fulltime with a one year contract.

Click here to review the job listing and requirements.

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SMART SERVE RECERTIFICATION

Recent changes to the liquor framework in Ontario will impact all existing Smart Serve® certificate holders as of July 1, 2022.

The AGCO is introducing a five-year term for all new and existing liquor training certifications. This means that anyone involved in the sale, service, delivery, or sampling of liquor, or who takes liquor orders from customers must complete the Smart Serve training program every five years.

Recertification will begin starting on July 1, 2022, but no certificates will expire until one year later, on June 30, 2023:

Liquor training certificates issued before July 1, 2018, will expire on June 30, 2023, at 11:59pm. This includes Smart Serve certificates and certificates issued prior to 1995 from the Server Intervention Program (SIP).

Certificate holders must recertify before their certificate expires in order to maintain a valid certificate. As of July 1, 2022, all Smart Serve certificates (new and existing) will include expiry dates. Existing certificate holders can check their certificate expiry date by logging into their Smart Serve account. Smart Serve will offer existing certificate holders a discounted price of \$29.95 to recertify if the program is completed before their existing certificate expires.

For questions or more information about your certificate or the Smart Serve program, please contact Smart Serve at 416-695-8737 / 1-877-620-6082 (toll-free) or info@smartserve.ca.

OPEN HOUSE: MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION

A Public Open House will be held at North Bay City Hall on Tuesday, July 26 from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. regarding the planned reconstruction of a section of Main Street.

The project involves the reconstruction of Main Street between Cassells and Sherbrooke streets, as well as a section of Ferguson Street between Main and Oak streets. Construction is anticipated to start in the spring of 2023 with completion tentatively planned for the fall of 2024.

The open house will be an opportunity for an update on the project, to review drawings and schedules and to ask questions of City Staff. After the Open House, the renderings and drawing displayed will be available for review at <https://www.northbay.ca/projects/main-street-revitalization/>

The project will include reconstruction of all surface infrastructure including curb and gutter, asphalt road paving, concrete sidewalk, decorative concrete sidewalk and various other ancillary works. The last major renovations to Main Street were completed nearly 40 years ago. Originally planned to move forward this year, tendering of the project was postponed by North Bay City Council following consultation with downtown businesses due to concern about the potential impact of construction at the beginning of their post-COVID-19 recovery.

We hope to see you there.

GET ADDED TO THE GRANT INFO LIST

Adrienne Mazzuchelli is the municipality's Grant Facilitator; she is building a database of nonprofit organizations in the region to share programs with, and have found your group/contact information online – [Click here and request to be added to her email list.](#)

The City of North Bay has access to a funding search tool. If you have a project in mind, Adrienne is happy to search for you and see what funding is out there. Please send her an email to get started, Adrienne.Mazzuchelli@northbay.ca

Do you know of any other groups in the area that might benefit from these communications? Please share Adrienne's contact information with them.

Funding Databases:

- [NOHFC](#)
- [Business Benefits Finder](#)
- [Ontario Trillium Fund](#)
- [Ontario Non-Profit Grant Funding Search](#)
- [Ontario Arts Council](#)
- [North Bay and Area Community Foundation](#)

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Beautification & Safety Committee Meeting	Promotions & Marketing Committee Meeting
Next meeting TBA	Next meeting TBA

LET ME KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN AUTOMATIC INVITATION TO THESE MEETINGS.



EMAIL
AMBER

GARBAGE PICK UP	CARDBOARD PICK UP
Every Tuesday & Friday morning. Please hold off on putting garbage bags out until after 5pm Monday and Thursday.	Weekly on Friday morning. Please hold off on putting your cardboard out for pick up until after 5pm on Thursday evenings.



REMINDER YOU CAN JOIN THE PRIVATE GROUP ON FACEBOOK FOR DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES; [CLICK HERE TO JOIN.](#)

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS



BOARD MINUTES



COMMITTEE REPORTS



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



“The true entrepreneur is a doer not a dreamer.”
~Nolan Bushnell