



**NORTH BAY & DISTRICT
Chamber of Commerce**

July 8, 2015 Chamber News Update

Mark your calendar!



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No Business After Hours
scheduled for July &
August. Enjoy your
summer!

**Business
After Hours**
Mark your calendars!

**Thursday,
September 24, 2015
Mini-Trade Show**
hosted by



4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
*(watch for the registration in the
July newsletter or call the Chamber
office at 705-472-8480)*

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**NORTH BAY AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND PROVINCIAL CHAMBER
ADDRESS THE IMPACT OF RISING ELECTRICITY COSTS ON BUSINESS**
Soaring Electricity Prices Reach Crisis Point, According To New Research

North Bay, ON - JULY 8, 2015: A new report from the North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) and 40 chambers of commerce and boards of trade, calls on the Government of Ontario to tackle the impact of rising electricity costs on the business community. The report, *Empowering Ontario: Constraining Costs and Staying Competitive in the Electricity Market*, is the most widely consulted report in the history of the province-wide network. It makes five recommendations that government and energy agencies must take to curb rising costs and keep businesses in the province. These recommendations are the product of a year-long research and consultative process with over 100 businesses, energy experts, and government agencies.

The report is accompanied by public opinion research from Leger, which cautions that soaring electricity prices have reached a crisis point for Ontario businesses and consumers. The research finds that 81 percent of Ontarians are concerned that rising electricity prices will impact the health of the Ontario economy and the same percentage fear that rising electricity prices will impact their disposable income. These numbers rise to over 90 percent in northern Ontario.

According to Leger results, Northern respondents were the most concerned with the current state of electricity prices in the province; 91% of respondents from Northern Ontario indicated that they were concerned that electricity prices will impact the health of the province. Further, 90.8% of northern respondents also indicated that they are concerned rising prices will impact their disposal income.

“One issue we hear about consistently from our members, both large and small, in the North Bay area, is the impact of soaring electricity prices on their overall business operations. Northern industries face unique challenges because of higher energy costs that come with our climate and further distance to markets,” states Jake Lacourse, President of the North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce. “This year the government announced the permanency of the Northern Industrial Electricity Program (NIER) which helps Northern Ontario’s large industrial electricity consumers reduce their electricity costs. This was a welcomed announcement and recognition of the unique needs of the north. This report points to additional recommendations that can be beneficial to businesses across the province that will not only mitigate but also aim to reduce prices overall. Systematic changes will need to take place to ensure investment stays in Ontario.”

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upcoming events,
so we can post
them on the
Calendar of Events!



To view the
calendar,
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“Summer is heating up and so is the price of electricity,” said Jake Lacourse, President of the North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce. “The price of electricity in Ontario is set to rise over the next two decades, adding to the cost of doing business in the province. If something is not done now to mitigate these increases, businesses will leave the province, jobs will be lost, and our economy will suffer.”

Among the report’s recommendations is to keep the Debt Retirement Charge (DRC) on residential bills until it has been retired, spreading the burden of past government decisions across ratepayers.

The Chamber also recommends that government improve the transparency of electricity pricing and system cost drivers. By

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Osprey Links Golf Course

207 Osprey Crescent, Callander, Ontario

Thursday, July 16th, 2015

4 Person Scramble, 18 Holes of Golf. 12pm BBQ Lunch and Registration | 1:30pm Shotgun Start.

\$125.00 Per Person

Includes: 18 Holes of Golf, Specialty Holes, \$5,000 Hole in One, Cart, Lunch, Catered Mixer and Prizes.

Company Name: _____ Contact: _____

Phone # _____ Email: _____

Golfer # 1 _____ Golfer # 3 _____

Golfer # 2 _____ Golfer # 4 _____

Single golfers are welcome, we will be happy to add you to a group. Join us for networking & fun!



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Card Holder's Signature: _____

For more information contact:

705-472-8480, Fax to 705-472-8027 or sue@northbaychamber.com



July 16th, 12pm lunch | 1:30pm Shotgun Start

Registration Form

Commercial Office Space Available

Historic location in heart of Downtown North Bay

150 Main St. E. (Capitol Centre – Lower Level)
Contact Cindy Forth – (705) 474-1944 x250



Features and Facts

- Rental space includes 3 offices and a meeting room/open area
- Very clean
- Access to washroom and kitchen facilities
- Rent includes: heat/hydro/water
- Quiet and private
- Accessible with elevator
- Some furniture available
- Phone and Internet hookups available
- Approx. 600 sq. feet
- Entrances off of McIntyre or Main St.

Room Sizes

- Meeting Room : 21' x 11'10"
- Storage Closet: 3' wide
- Office 1: 6'8" x 8'
- Office 2: 6'8" x 8'
- Office 3: 8' x 13'1"

Costs

- \$650/month for the whole rental space on 1 year lease

Empowering Ontario continued...

publishing average electricity rates and disclosing the costs of important investments, government will be held accountable for future decision-making. The lack of transparency in the system has led to reduced customer engagement and confidence in the electricity market. Currently, less than half of Ontarians understand the drivers that contribute to rising electricity bills.

“The Ontario Chamber Network of 60,000 businesses consistently hears that the price of electricity is undermining their members’ capacity to grow, hire new workers, and attract investment,” said Allan O’Dette, President and CEO of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce. “The Government of Ontario has before them a number of decisions that must be made in order to bend the trajectory of soaring electricity costs. A first step will be to increase the transparency of decision-making in the system so that there is clear accountability and confidence in the electricity market.”

The report also examines options that government should not take, such as importing hydroelectric power from Québec to replace nuclear generation and cancelling feed-in tariff (FIT) contracts. An analysis of all the options considered can be found at occ.ca.

See a Member first! Support your colleagues in business. Shop Local!



Dinner Club

Hosted by the Young Professionals of the
North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce

Wednesday, July 22nd, 2015 - 6:00 pm

All members are welcome - not just the YPs. Please RSVP, so we can make the reservation at Average Joe's in advance. We hope to be on the patio, weather permitting; if not, we will still have a great view from inside the restaurant. Come and network with other Chamber Members, in a relaxed and casual setting.

Everyone is responsible for their own tab.

To RSVP, call Patti at the Chamber office, 705-472-8480 or email by clicking [HERE](#).

What is the Nature Exchange?

The Nature Exchange is a unique and innovative learning place that relies on the trading of natural items and information about them. It's entire 'raison d'être' is to



inspire people of all ages to explore the world around them, learn as much information as they can about it, and share that information with the Nature Exchange staff when trading for points for their items. The points can then be used to add new natural items to their collection, or banked for use at a later date.

The Nature Exchange first started in 1984 when Science North opened its doors as one of Canada's largest science centers, back then it was called 'The Swap Shop'. The Swap Shop was subsequently given a new name that better described what it was all about-hence the Nature Exchange evolved!

Science North has started to partner with other communities in Northern Ontario to have satellite locations with smaller versions of their Nature Exchange program. The Information Centre here in North Bay is one of these satellite locations. Staff have been trained on this program, so we welcome anyone interested in the Nature Exchange or those that already participate in the program through Science North to visit the centre at 1375 Seymour Street. The Info centre is open 7 days a week, Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm, Saturday and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. July and August hours change to 9 am to 7 pm, 7 days a week.

Guided Hike

Eau Claire Gorge

Friday July 24, 2015 - 9:30am



MATTAWA RIVER CANOE RACE

Enjoy the breathtaking view of the Gorge with guides from the Metis Nation of Ontario

Guided Hike and Bus are Free

Donations to support our Stewardship/Outreach Program are greatly appreciated!

Bus Pick Up From Mattawa
From Mattawa Tourist Information Center (8:30am) with a stop at Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park (9:00am).

Bus Pick Up From North Bay
North Bay Chamber of Commerce(8:30am)

Or meet us at the Gorge at 9:30am!

Driving Directions:
Hwy 17 West turn South on Hwy 630 and follow the signs to Eau Claire Gorge Conservation Area. Entrance is on the right hand side.

Dressed in traditional clothing, Metis Nation interpretive guides will tell the story of the Voyageur's historic travel in the region and the fur trade.

The hike is part of the July 25, 2015 Mattawa River Canoe Race event! Paddle 64km from North Bay to Mattawa or join the 13km family/junior race from Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park.





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NORTH BAY & DISTRICT
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Summer "FUN" Discounts with your Chamber Membership!



Park Open: May 16 to October 11, 2015
Adult Tickets (13-59): 38.95 + HST
Junior/Senior (5-12, 60+): 31.95 + HST
Tots (0-4) : Free

[Online ticket purchase](#)



Park Open: May 3rd - October 31st, 2015
Adult Tickets - Ages 3-59, over 48" tall \$43.00/ticket includes HST
Junior/Senior - Age 60+ or 3-12 yrs. & under 48" tall \$38.00/ticket includes HST
Pay Once Visit Twice Ticket - \$56.00/ticket includes HST
* Under 3 is free (Tickets to be purchased at the Chamber office)



Park Open: June 14th to Labour Day
Adult tickets - Ages 4 yrs. & up
Child tickets - 2-4 yrs. & Seniors

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Park Open: May 2nd to September 10th 2015
Adult tickets - \$32.00/ticket includes HST
Child Tickets - \$25.00/ticket includes HST Ages 3-12 years of age
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Contact the North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce for your special Member "ONLINE TICKET STORE LINK"
By purchasing tickets through the online ticket store, you are saving both time and money! **You will save up to 40% off and the usual \$4.00 per ticket processing fee does not apply!** The tickets that will be printed out are active and ready to come right to the main gate. No need to wait in line at the ticket windows!

For your special promo codes and links contact the Chamber office at 705-472-8480 or membership@northbaychamber.com

July 31st to August 2nd, 2015



Wristbands \$50 and are available at the following locations: the Capitol Centre Box Office, City Hall, all three TD Canada Trust locations, Canadian Tire, Independent Grocer, Clarion Resort Pinewood Park and the North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce OR Online by clicking [HERE!](#)

Fantastic Concert Lineup:

Friday, July 31st: Headliner Johnny Reid with Michelle Wright, Autumn Hill and Gravitas

Saturday, August 1st: Headliner Burton Cummings & Band with Alan Frew, Stone the Radio and Kings of our Kin

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