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Winter Newsletter



Hello!

The Nipissing & Area Food Roundtable is a collaborative of community stakeholders and food champions, working to create a healthy and sustainable food system for Nipissing and area. The group meets quarterly, with working groups meeting more regularly to work on specific projects and initiatives.

This newsletter is designed to keep the community aware of the action and progress of the Roundtable, and provide information on Roundtable supported events and initiatives!

Working Group Updates

Social Equity: The group wrote a letter to Victor Fedeli, MPP Nipissing, urging his support for increasing household incomes to reduce food insecurity. The group also prepared a **template letter** for anyone to print, sign and send off to your MPP.

Education: The group has been preparing a list of resources for educators around food literacy.

Marketing/Outreach: The group wrote a news release about our progress as a Roundtable and the success of Nipissing First Nation's community garden. Read the article **here**.

Infrastructure: The group is actively attending Downtown Planning Sessions to bring about more Community Gardens in North Bay. You can give your input **here**.

Winter Events

Northern Ontario Forums for Food, Farms and Tourism on **Monday, January 16th** from 8 AM - 3:30 PM at 100 Elements. A must attend event for anyone in the food industry (restaurants, caterers, chefs, producers, processors) interested in the farm-to-table concept in North Bay & area.

The **North Bay Seed Exchange and Eco-Fair** will be on **Saturday, February 25th** from 11 AM-4 PM at St. Andrew's United Church.

The **North Bay Farmers' Market** is open **every Saturday** from 10 AM - 2 PM at the North Bay Mall.

Edible Tree Grant

Tree Canada is now accepting applications for edible trees up to \$4,000!

The grant is available (but not limited) to: community gardening groups, schools, parks, communities and community housing projects. The applications are due on February 24th, 2017. More information available **here**.



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