



Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia

Working with the food & beverage sector since 1947

1560 businesses - 26, 300 jobs - \$1.3 billion sales

UPDATES

Message to Industry

To Our Valued Industry Members,

We have been working hard over the past year to support the restaurant industry during the COVID-19 pandemic. Without a doubt, this has had a huge impact on the industry and your businesses. We will continue to do what we can to help get us through this. Over the past year, we have seen an increase in our communications and connections with those in the industry and we are grateful for this. Your feedback, ideas/solutions, and support is invaluable and greatly appreciated. Together, we will get through this.

Thank You All,
RANS Team

Hotel Restaurants

Hotel restaurants are able to remain open to guests ONLY. If you are staying in a hotel, you are NOT permitted to invite guests over and head to the dining room. Only those that are staying in the hotel may dine at the hotel restaurant.

Welcome Glenn Wadden

Big Erics Inc has recently marked 75 years in business and with that we are focusing on renewing elements of who we are, what we offer, all while improving for the future and changing needs in a post-covid landscape. We are proud to welcome our new **Director of Sales (Maritimes) Glenn Wadden** to the Big Erics team. Glenn is originally from Cape Breton but moved to Halifax over 30 years ago. With 31 years as an accomplished sales and business leader he believes that building strong client and industry relationships has allowed him to drive positive outcomes and business success and he will bring that expertise with him into this his new role with Big Erics Inc. Glenn can be reached directly by email at gwadden@bigerics.com and by phone at 1.902.449.1450 Glenn is very excited to meet with RANS members and assist with your individual business needs.

Covid Updates for Restaurant Industry of NS

For continuous information on Covid-19 updates, make sure you are receiving our weekly bulletin. Contact Natasha at natasha@rans.ca if you want to be added to the email list.

Also follow us on social media and our website <http://rans.ca/new-regulation-updates>

Instagram: [@restassocns](https://www.instagram.com/restassocns)

Facebook: [@RestAssocNS](https://www.facebook.com/RestAssocNS)

Twitter: [@RestAssocNS](https://twitter.com/RestAssocNS)

PRODUCTS & SERVICES

NSCC is offering Prud'homme - Level 1 Beer Enthusiast

Online May 10 - June 7



STATS, TRENDS, INFO

Nova Scotia's 2021-22 Budget

Focuses on priorities in four areas: an economy where business can grow; modernizing health care; environment and climate action; and a connected, affordable and inclusive Nova Scotia.

Click [here](#) to review full budget.

Day of Mourning

April 28th is the International Day of Mourning – a day for people around the world to remember and honour those who have died or been seriously injured at work. The Day of Mourning gives us all the opportunity to pause and remember, while we also renew our commitment to improve health and safety.

Please visit dayofmourning.wcb.ns.ca to learn more about Peter Kempton's story, and ways you can observe the Day of Mourning in your workplace.

"MAKE THE RIGHT CALL" 1-800-9LABOUR Awareness Campaign

1-800-9LABOUR is an information services line that Nova Scotian's can call to get safety

information or to report a safety concern you see at work. You can also report safety concerns you see in public spaces if they relate to technical equipment (like elevators and lifts, amusement devices, fuel equipment and cranes).

As a trusted Safety partner, we are asking you to support safety in Nova Scotia by participating in our campaign and sharing our messages through your communications channels, whether it be your newsletters or website. We can provide you with our images as well as printed materials if that is of interest to you. We all need to play a role in keeping Nova Scotians safe.

If you would like more information on how you can participate please contact us at safetyengagement@novascotia.ca.

For more information on this campaign, please visit: <https://novascotia.ca/workplace-and-technical-safety/>.



2021 NOVA SCOTIA CHOWDER TRAIL AND LOBSTER TRAIL REGISTRATION

Nova Scotia Chowder Trail and Lobster Trail participants must offer a quality experience that highlights Nova Scotia chowder or lobster. The Chowder Trail and Lobster Trail programs are open to all Taste of Nova Scotia restaurants and producer/processors, as well as independent seafood retailers, tour operators and seafood producers who meet the Required Standards and Criteria (outlined below).

All applications will be reviewed and assessed for eligibility in the program. Applicants who are not members of Taste of Nova Scotia, or who are not an approved Tourism Nova Scotia experience, may be subject to a \$50 assessment fee.

For businesses interested in joining the Chowder Trail or Lobster Trail, they can review the attached Participant Overview sheet and complete the application form at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3cfWjCO>

For businesses who have participated in the Chowder Trail or Lobster Trail before but have not yet renewed for this year, they can do so at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3to0sKs>

Keeping up With Mandatory Contact Tracing

What is the requirement for bars and restaurants to collect contact information?

All full-service restaurants and licensed establishments in Nova Scotia must collect names, contact information, and date and time of visit for each household or person that dines in/is seated at the establishment. This is for contract tracing purposes.

Do all bars and restaurants need to collect contact information?

This requirement applies to full-service restaurants and licensed establishments where patrons sit at tables to be served. It does not apply to staff at take out or fast-food establishments.

How much information do they need to collect for contact tracing purposes?

They must collect accurate contact information each household or person, including date and time of visit, name and phone number. Nothing more is required, and nothing more is appropriate from a privacy perspective.

What do you mean by each household or person? If everyone at the table lives in the same household, then just one name and phone number needs to be collected for that household. If everyone at the table is from a different household, every single person's name and phone number needs to be collected. If it's a mix (for example, 5 people who live together and 5 who all live separately), one name/number from each household and the names and numbers of each of the others must be collected.

How long do establishments need to keep these records?

This data must be retained for 4 weeks from date of visit for contact-tracing purposes.

Is there an end date for this requirement?

There is no end date for this requirement.

Who do they send the records to?

They only need to provide the records if public health asks for them. If that happens, they need to provide them in an electronic format.

Where can I find the contact tracing app for restaurants and licensed establishments?

A contact tracing system was developed to help restaurants and licensed establishments collect customer contact information. They can find it at <http://www.rans.ca/contact-tracing>

SUPPORTS & RESOURCES

Government Supports for NS Tourism Businesses

<https://tourismns.ca/media/1301>

Tourism Nova Scotia Spring Tune-Up Webinar Series

Tourism Nova Scotia is offering a Spring Tune-up series of webinars each week in April with a lineup of fantastic presenters who will help you freshen up your business and get ready for the peak tourism season.

Get the details about all of the webinars and registration information at <https://tourismns.ca/webinar-series>.

**Promoting Health and Safety During Your Spring Ramp-up
April 29, 2021 at 10 am**

Registration details will be available soon on the Tourism Nova Scotia Webinar Series page.

Joe Treen, Occupational Health and Safety Director, Safety Services of NS will share health and safety considerations for business leaders during spring ramp-up.

**Capturing Great Photos with a Smartphone
May 6, 2021 at 10am**

Registration details will be available soon on the Tourism Nova Scotia Webinar Series page.

Get expert advice from Dave Culligan, Founder and CEO, Three Six Five Media to capture great photos with a smartphone to market your tourism business.

Waterfront - Public Call

Good Afternoon Halifax Waterfront Friends,

While we welcome a variety of events and activations for all to enjoy already – there is certainly room for more! As curator of the Halifax and Lunenburg waterfronts, we are inviting groups, clubs, organizations and businesses to get creative and help make the waterfront even more dynamic, inclusive, vibrant and exciting.

Might you – or one of your partners - have an idea you'd like to bring to life this year? Waterfront + is a Public Call for Activations inviting submission of ideas for events, programs and activations on the waterfront. With an initial submission review deadline of April 29th, 2021, check out all of the details and the convenient online form here on our website: <https://developns.ca/news/public-call-for-activations-waterfront/>

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We are able to offer our members a wide range of services and support thanks to our benefit suppliers:

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OUR SPONSORS



NSLC PROMOTIONS

Our Promotions - March 29 - May 2, 2021 (P1)

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SUBMISSIONS

We are in search of Business Bite submissions from our members! If you have an event, new product/service, or interesting trends/stats to add to one of the newsletters and/or our social media, please send to natasha@rans.ca.

We are excited to see them!

