



## **Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia**

*Working with the food & beverage sector since 1947*

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

Visit our Website

## **Cheers to a New Year, New Beginnings!**

### **UPDATES**

#### **Current Restrictions for Restaurants:**

- food establishments and liquor-licensed establishments can operate at 50 per cent capacity
- they must have physical distance between tables; barriers may only be used to achieve 50 per cent capacity but not exceed it
- there is a limit of 10 people per table
- they must stop dine-in service at 11 p.m. and close by midnight; takeout, drive-thru and delivery can operate later
- only one performer is allowed
- Proof of vaccination is mandatory for all customers

#### **Exit Survey for the Restaurant Industry**

The Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia (RANS) is conducting a survey to help gain insight as to why some employees have left the restaurant industry. This survey is for anyone who has worked in the industry.

With the data collected from this survey, we are hoping to gain valuable insight into the reasons some individuals have left the industry, or alternatively, stayed in the industry. With significant labour shortages occurring in our sector, this information can help us determine what employees value in the workplace and provide potential recruitment and retention solutions.

This survey should take about 5 minutes maximum. All responses are anonymous and no individual names will be shared. You do have an option to enter your email address near the end of the survey if you want to participate in a focus group (this is not required).

Click [here](#) to participate in the survey.

## SUPPORTS & RESOURCES



### Pay Less for Your Prescriptions: A Community Based Low-Cost Prescription Drug Plan

*We know times are hard, so here's 3 months of free prescription drug coverage.*

Members can save 30-50% on Everyday Medications with Genrus United's Prescription Savings Program.

Anyone can join regardless of age, health history, employment status, or existing coverage. Pharmacy patients who sign-up [here](#) will receive their first 3 months for FREE!

To all owners and managers, please share this information with your staff. [information brochure](#).

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### Applications Now Open for Sector Impact Support Program

Businesses impacted by the latest public health restrictions in Nova Scotia can now apply for support through the Sector Impact Support Program.

The Sector Impact Support Program will provide a one-time grant to help small business owners in industries such as restaurants, bars, gyms, live performing arts facilities and recreation facilities. Eligible businesses can receive a grant of \$2,500, \$5,000 or \$7,500 based on gross payroll cost or gross revenue in November 2021.

For more information on eligibility and to apply, visit: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/sector-impact-support-program/>

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### Paid Sick Leave Program Now Open

To slow the spread of COVID-19, Nova Scotians are asked to stay home from work if they're sick. Applications for the Province's COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave Program are now open for people who cannot work remotely and must stay home due to COVID-19. For more details click [here](#).

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### Federal Government Extends Loan Forgiveness Repayment Deadline For The Canada Emergency Business Account

The Federal Government announced that the repayment deadline for CEBA loans to qualify for partial loan forgiveness is being extended from December 31, 2022, to December 31, 2023, for all eligible borrowers in good standing.

Click [here](#) to read more.

## STATS, TRENDS, INFO

### Support Family SOS by Ordering a Pizza Now!

Halifamous Delivers is a one-night event that will bring people together for pizza parties all over Halifax! Our very own Halifamous will be delivering pizzas to homes across the HRM while bringing awareness and raising money for Family SOS. The best part? These



Halifamous have pledged \$20K each if we sell the city out of pizza! It's a WIN WIN.

Help Family SOS fight against food insecurity by supporting teams of Halifamous hometown heroes as they race to raise over \$100,000. Enjoy a slice while you're at it! \$5 from every pizza sold directly supports families in our community.

Pssst... the Halifamous Team that delivers your pizza may have a few surprises up their sleeves to say thank you!

Start your order by choosing the Pizza Restaurant based on your location [here](#).

## Dine Around

Every year, restaurants, pubs, and bars across the province showcase an array of Nova Scotia products and creativity at an attractive price during Dine Around.

01-28 February 2022, Dine Around menus will be available priced at \$10, \$20, \$30, \$40 or \$50.

Lunch menus are an option! More options mean more ways to participate and more choices for diners.

Still time to sign-up [here](#).



## Cabot Cape Breton is Hiring

Cabot Cape Breton is looking for an exceptional leader who is passionate about the culinary arts to join us as our Director, Food and Beverage. To apply for this position, visit our website [here](#).

## Food Services and Drinking Places

With October reference month results, year-over-year (Oct 2021 vs Sep 2021) and year-to-date (Oct 2021 vs Oct 2020) show rebounds in economic activity from the unprecedented declines observed in the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Click [here](#) to see the graphs.

## The crystal ball for 2022 shows several food safety topics still in the spotlight

Click [here](#) to read the article.

# PRODUCTS & SERVICES



Ready Willing & Able

Ready, Willing and Able supports businesses of all sizes and industries



to enhance inclusion in the workplace.

Read more [here](#).

## Applications Open for 2022-23 Digital Content Marketing Program

Tourism Nova Scotia now accepting applications for the 2022-23 Digital Content Marketing Program.

This is an opportunity for tourism businesses, organizations and communities to work with Tourism Nova Scotia (TNS) to create quality photos and videos or deliver a tailored digital marketing campaign to connect with potential customers online.

The deadline for applications is Tuesday, January 25 at 4pm. Click [here](#) to see the program guidelines and application.

## SHOUT OUT

### Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia was one of the finalists of Not-For-Profit Business of the year as part of the Halifax Chamber Awards

Read the full article [here](#).

## NOT-FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Natasha Chestnut  
Restaurant Association of  
Nova Scotia

Carol Cooley  
Kids Help Phone

Robin McNeil  
St. John Ambulance

Heather Byrne  
Alice House

Lori Barker  
Ronald McDonald House  
Charities Atlantic



### Congrats to The Halliburton Hotel in downtown Halifax for receiving the award of the Best Restaurant to Impress a Client



## Comeau's 75th Anniversary

Comeau Sea Foods is celebrating their 75th Anniversary and they would like to thank their

strong team for their hard work, commitment and dedication throughout the years for making this exciting milestone possible.

To watch the video in celebration of the company's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary click [here](#).



### **RANS Welcomes Our New Co-op Student Bengu!**

Bengu studies at Dalhousie University for her Bachelor of Commerce and she will be doing her co-op with RANS for the next four months. Welcome Bengu!

## **MEET OUR BENEFIT SUPPLIERS**

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

- Preferred credit card rates [SONA](#)
- Print and design [KKP](#)
- Financial services [Stream Financial](#)
- Business & general insurance [Gateway](#)
- Home & auto insurance [MyGroup](#)
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If you are currently a member of RANS or would like to become a member and access the discounts, rates, and services provided; please contact [natasha@rans.ca](mailto:natasha@rans.ca) or 902-429-5343 ext 1.

## **OUR SPONSORS**



## **NSLC PROMOTIONS**

**Our Promotions - January 3 - February 20, 2022 (P8)**

[Licensee Only Offers](#)

[Limited Time Offers](#)

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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](mailto:natasha@rans.ca).

We are excited to see them!

