



Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia

Working with the food & beverage sector since 1947

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

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UPDATES

Phase 4 Reopening - Newest Update

NEW Changes for Bar Counters

Physical barriers are no longer required at the bar except where a customer is seated within 2 metres of a station where glasses/dishes/utensils or food items are stored or used or where drinks are prepared.

Barriers are required where a patron is seated next to someone who is not in their bubble and 2 metres distancing is not possible.

NEW Karaoke & Open-mic

The guidelines on karaoke and open-mic has changed and this is now permitted with distancing rules and sterilizing the equipment between use

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/COVID-19-Guidance-for-Vocalists-and-Instrumentalists.pdf>

SUPPORTS & RESOURCES

Email Invitation: C-CRED C-CaRE REStauRants foOD allERgy knowledge

Primary Investigator: JLP Protudjer PhD, University of Manitoba

Co- Investigator: M Ben-Shoshan MD MSc, McGill University

Link added on 20210723

Calling all restaurant management and staff in Canada!

Please tell us what kind of food allergy educational questions and needs you have, by participating in C-CRED C-CaRE REStauRants foOD allERgy knowledge. C-CRED is a brief, anonymous survey that, we anticipate, will take about 5-10 minutes. You do not have to provide any personal information.

This study is open from 23 July 2021 to 15 September 2021. You can answer this survey at any time during this time. Note that you can't "save" your answers and go back later to them. The survey needs to be completed in one sitting.

Questions? Contact the study lead at Jennifer.Protudjer@umanitoba.ca

Thank you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DZ6NWPP>

Cape Breton Business Satisfaction and Red tape Reduction Survey

As you may recall, our Office (Office of Regulatory Affairs and Service Effectiveness) has been partnering with the five municipalities in Cape Breton on a Regulatory Modernization Pilot for the past two years. I'm writing with a quick update on a survey we are conducting to help inform the next phase of this work.

As it is critical burden reduction initiatives are rooted in the needs of local businesses, we are checking in with the business community to refresh what we heard in our stakeholder sessions across the Island two years ago. The Cape Breton Partnership is helping us do this by administering a Red Tape Reduction Survey.

We are hoping you will encourage your networks and members in Cape Breton to complete the [survey](#) to ensure we hear from a broad group of businesses. It will be open until August 11th, 2021.

Thanks so much in advance for this and for your support to date. Have an awesome summer!

ps - This work was made possible by our partners in HRM who recently used an almost identical survey for their own business community – a true collaborative effort!

Liaison Tour

The next edition of the Liaison Tour is fast approaching and will take place in September 2021.

This event, focused on the skills & labour needs of Francophone minority communities, allows the sharing of best practices and information in order to attract, retain, and integrate Francophone and bilingual workers in Canada.

Click [here](#) for toolkit.

Weather Station Assistance Program

We are pleased to share with you that the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Perennia have launched the Weather Station Assistance Program.

The objective of the program is to encourage producers to install weather stations and adopt new technology tools, and fully utilize the data to make proactive management decisions to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Funding is open to eligible applicants at 30-70 percent subsidy levels. **The program is open until July 30, 2021.**

To help spread the word about this new program, we are asking that you please share the attached program blurb with your clients, contacts or membership through newsletters, email blasts, social media or other means of communication.

Additional information about the program can also be found here:

<https://www.perennia.ca/weatherstations/>

WCB Nova Scotia - Policy Consultations open for feedback

1.Re-employment - Stage 2:

In December 2020, the WCB initiated Stage 1 consultation on re-employment and brought together small stakeholder groups to obtain their feedback on the issues and questions we should consider as we review Section 5 of the WCB Policy Manual on Re-employment. To view the Stage 1 consultation "[Issues Identification Paper: Re-Employment](#)" please click the link.

The Board is now seeking stakeholder feedback on the draft language of the proposed amendments to Section 5 of the WCB Policy Manual on Re-employment. Click the following link to view the consultation paper "[Clarification Of Re-employment Policies: Section 5 of the WCB Policy Manual](#)"

The consultation period is open from June 25th, 2021 to September 30th, 2021.

2.Housekeeping Changes to WCB Policies:

Reviewing housekeeping changes to WCB policies was last done in 2016-17. These changes help to ensure policies are accurate, up-to-date, relevant, and reflective of current terminology and language. The Board is seeking stakeholder feedback on a number of policy housekeeping changes. Please refer to "[Policy Background Paper: Housekeeping Changes to WCB Policies](#)" for a complete summary of the proposed changes.

The consultation period is open from June 25, 2021 to September 30, 2021.

STATS, TRENDS, INFO

Reminder - Service Dogs Act

Stay up to date on the Service Dog Act.

The Nova Scotia Service Dog Act protects the rights and responsibilities of service dog users. The goal of the act is to prevent service dog users from being denied access to public places and refused tenancy rights.

Click [here](#) for more info.

Dogs on Patios

Dog friendly restaurants here's what you need to know. Click [here](#) for info.

Is it Time to Include Tips in Menu Prices?

Read article [here](#).

Food Crops Become Animal Feed as North American Drought Worsens

Drought is withering crops on both sides of the U.S.-Canadian border, prompting farmers to take the rare measure of baling up their wheat and barley stems to sell as hay.

Read full article [here](#).

A Restaurant's Role in Racial Justice

Technomic recognizes the need for change. We realize that there are steps we can take to be better allies to the Black community. We are committed to this mission and are starting with what we do best: our research.

Read more [here](#).

Sun Safety

The Safety Branch of the Department of Labour and Advanced Education would like to inform workplaces about Sun Safety - Risk of Overexposure to Ultraviolet Radiation (UV) for Outdoor Workers to ensure that their outdoor workers are protected from the sun and ultraviolet radiation (UV).

[Heat Stress Bulletin](#)
[Safety Bulletin Ultraviolet Radiation](#)

Mind The Gap: Towards A Sustainable Workforce

"If the first step in solving any problem is to recognize one exists, then the Canadian foodservice industry must first acknowledge that we have a workforce sustainability problem. And while this is a complex and nuanced problem; I do not believe it's insurmountable."

Read more [here](#).

PRODUCTS & SERVICES

NEW! Incentives for Small Businesses and Non-profit Organizations

Efficiency Nova Scotia is now offering incentives on energy efficiency upgrades for non-electrically heated small businesses and not-for-profit organizations.

Incentives of up to 80%* of the project costs are available on energy efficient equipment*, including:

- Heating Equipment
- Kitchen Equipment
- Water Heating
- Laundry Equipment
- Agriculture Technologies
- Solar Water Heating

We also offer free energy assessments. Find out if your business or non-profit organization qualifies.

[Learn more.](#)

Spices and Sauces

Shivani's Kitchen- a proud supplier of spices and ready-to-use sauces to Sobeys and Superstore in Retail packaging is now also diversifying in supplying to the different restaurants.

If you are looking for traditional Indian spices like Curry or Garam masala we can fulfill the need but we can also fulfill your requirement for whole spices, whether it is peppercorn or cloves.

If you are a member of RANS we offer a 15% discount on all of your spice or ready-to-use sauce needs. Contact Shivani@shivaniskitchen.ca or call 9024127072.

Visit site [here](#).



Protect Your Patio From Pests

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Click [here](#) for media kit.

Market Fresh Merchandise

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Our friends at [My Apparel](#) are doing a promotion where they give back to charities and causes.

Our mission at Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia (RANS) is to continuously make a positive impact for the restaurant industry of Nova Scotia.

RANS will receive \$2.00 for every purchase from the [RANS Collection](#) and it will be used directly to help support our amazing industry!

Check out the collection [here](#).

Please feel free to share this awesome promotion with your staff, friends, family, and colleagues.

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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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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 or 902-429-5343 ext 1.

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NSLC PROMOTIONS

Our Promotions - July 19 - August 22, 2021 (P4)

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[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.

We are excited to see them!



