



## Thunder Bay wins CRICKET TOURNAMENT



North Bay Mayor Al McDonald presented the championship trophy and medals to the cricket team from

Thunder Bay, which defeated North Bay in the championship match in the first ever Northern Ontario Cricket Tournament at Amelia Park in North Bay over the August long weekend. The City of North Bay, Shoppers Drug Mart on Cassells Street and the Franklin Motel were tournament sponsors.

Thunder Bay defeated the North Bay Multicultural Cricket Club to win the inaugural Northern Ontario Cricket Tournament over the August long weekend at Amelia Park in North Bay.

Teams from Sault Ste. Marie and Markham-Toronto also competed in the round-robin event with the top two teams squaring off for the championship match. North Bay Mayor Al McDonald was on hand for both the opening and closing ceremonies. Sault Ste. Marie has expressed interest in hosting the event next year, but home-and-home series with teams from Timmins, Sudbury, Markham and Toronto are expected to be ongoing.

A number of spectators dropped by and had lots of questions for the organizers about the rules of the sport. Both the North Bay and Timmins clubs are sponsored by the multicultural centres, with opportunities for private business sponsors as well.

North Bay now has enough players for two teams to play each other between inter-city matches. 🌸

## HR North continues to expand

Garvin Cole continues to expand HR North, with new employer and community partners across the Districts of Parry Sound, Nipissing, Timiskaming and Cochrane.

He will be demonstrating the Northern Ontario virtual job fair feature of HR North at the **October 1 immigration symposium in Temiskaming Shores**. This feature allows potential skilled job applicants to interact with possible employers without leaving home.

"Today's shortage of skilled workers will only get worse," he says. "HR North can help fill those skilled labour gaps right across the North."

Garvin Cole can be reached at [info@hrnorth.ca](mailto:info@hrnorth.ca) 🌸

HR North is a project of the North Bay Newcomer Network's Employers' Council and is operated by the North Bay & District Multicultural Centre.



## IMMIGRATION SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULED OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

We are working with a number of partners to hold an immigration symposium in Temiskaming Shores October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The experiences of North Bay and Timmins will be used as case studies for municipal officials, Chambers of Commerce staff and members, business leaders and other interested parties from Parry Sound to Hearst to help them attract skilled immigrants to their municipalities and retain them once they arrive.

The North Bay & District Multicultural Centre, Timmins & District Multicultural Centre, Pathways to Prosperity, Labour

Market Group, Far Northeast Training Board and the City of Temiskaming Shores are hosting the event at Riverside Place in New Liskeard.

The morning session will cover rural immigration needs and trends in Northeastern Ontario, best practices and resources, while the afternoon will cover planning for the future and next steps.

Registration is \$20 to cover lunch and breaks and participants must register in advance by emailing Don Curry at [doncurry@nbdmc.ca](mailto:doncurry@nbdmc.ca) with their name, position and municipality. The fee is payable at the registration desk. 🌸

There was no shortage of ribbon-cutters for the official opening of the North Bay & District Multicultural Centre's new location at 100 Main Street East.

From left are Board Chair Susan Church, MPP Vic Fedeli, Mayor Al McDonald, MP Jay Aspin, Downtown Improvement Area Executive Director Jeff Serran, newcomer from France Maryline Pillet, Executive Director Don Curry and North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce President Derek Shogren. 🌸



## ANTI-OPPRESSION WORKSHOPS IN DEMAND

- With most North Bay Newcomer Network committees taking a break for summer, regular meetings are now resuming.
- NNN Coordinator Meg Ramore has been out in the community conducting anti-oppression workshops with local agencies and employers. Nipissing University included the workshop as training for its residence staff and fresh week leaders. Contact the centre today to book your Becoming a Change Agent workshop.
- Networking 101 will run again this fall in partnership with The Business Centre.
- The North Bay Police Service has invited NBDMC to give presentations to the platoons
- The mentor program is revving up to recruit mentors. Please contact NBDMC if you're interested in becoming a mentor. 🌸

