



Keeping the P.A.C.E.

P.A.C.E.—Feature Business



PACE is pleased to recognize Cindy Skene of The Northside Motel in Vermilion Bay as our feature business.

Cindy came to PACE in 2014 for some assistance with the purchase of the local motel. It was at this time her regular job was being centralized and the position eliminated with the City of Dryden, so she had to find something to create a job for herself and an opportunity for retirement.

With her family’s help and support, Cindy achieved her goal to own and operate the business and has been improving it over the last six years.

She is happy to cater to weary travellers, hydro and construction workers, hockey teams and the many American fisherman that visit the area every summer. She operates the business smartly and effectively with only opening half the rooms in the

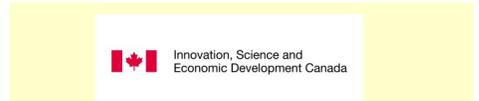
slower months to save on expenses and work load.

With the unexpected situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, Cindy was proactive with looking ahead to where she may be and what measures to put in place to weather this financial loss. She continues to market her location and will take the precautions necessary to continue operating safely and efficiently.

We are happy to continue to work with Cindy and support the growth and success of her business. We thank Cindy and the Northside Motel for their business and contribution to economic development in the Patricia region.

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Executive Director's Report ~ Caroline Goulding

The past few months have been incredibly busy for PACE. The receipt of funding from the Government of Canada to distribute as a part of the RRRF has provided needed relief to a number of clients.

Now that we are within Phase III and the Ontario economy is continuing to re-open, we at PACE are looking ahead to the next stage of economic recovery. We know that even though Ontario is re-opening, the pandemic will have long lasting impacts on our economy.

The continued border closing and supply chain disruptions are impacting many of our local businesses. It is likely that these impacts will continue to be felt for sometime. PACE continues to look for ways to support businesses as they navigate through this crisis. We are here to help local businesses in any way that we can.

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RRRF ~ Regional Relief and Recovery Fund was a Success

Patricia Area Community Endeavours Inc. (PACE) launched a new loan program for businesses that were impacted by COVID-19. Applications were accepted in May.

The two streams of the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF) was administered by FedNor and the local Community Futures office, PACE. PACE received \$904,059 from the Government of Canada as a part of the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund. We were able to help local businesses cover expenses and weather business closures and downturns due to COVID-19.

The RRRF loans did not exceed a maximum of \$40,000 and included specific terms. RRRF loans are 0% interest until December 2022, with no repayments required until January 2023. Businesses that have not received CEBA would be eligible for 25% loan forgiveness if their loan is paid off prior to December 2022. Businesses can access a maximum of \$40,000 in funding.

PACE has other streams of funding available for business in need. Please give us a call to discuss the different options that are available.

Applications for the RRRF are still open and can be found on our website. If you have questions about the RRRF, you can reach out to our Business Development Coordinator, Noreen Cox at noreenc@pace-cf.on.ca.

PACE is happy to report that the RRRF program was a success and that a number of business were helped with the relief and recovery program.

It is encouraging to know that the business have reopened and are running with success.

Sunset Drive In Theatre Re-opens in Dryden

PACE would like to Congratulate Mike and Cathy Langlais on the re-opening of the Sunset Drive In Theatre.

The Drive In is a much needed entertainment area and movie goers have missed having this venue.

We wish you lots of success and fulfillment in your new endeavor.



PPE ~ PACE Community Development Project

Small and medium sized Businesses and Social Enterprises that have purchased new PPE due to COVID-19 would be eligible to access a non-repayable contribution from PACE to cover purchase costs to a maximum of \$500 per business. The contribution amount will be based on need.

The health and safety hazards of COVID-19 have required many businesses to incur new costs in order to maintain operations. These costs include purchasing new cleaning supplies, personal protective equipment, plexiglass panels, etc.

Businesses can find a copy of the application on our website.

Completed applications can be dropped off at our office, mailed, or emailed to: reception@pace-cf.on.ca

Grants for Women Owned Businesses—BizGrowth and NOW

Are you a woman who owns her own business? There are two great programs available to help you grow your business!

BIZGrowth funding is available for existing women-owned businesses (as of March 1, 2020) that want to scale-up, expand, or adapt. Because of the adverse impact of the Pandemic, women entrepreneurs struggle to sustain and move their business to the next level. BIZGrowth is designed to

help enterprises to increase and capitalize on market opportunities to grow and expand. The purpose is to assist companies to pivot and to recover coming out of the Pandemic. Only existing women-owned businesses in Northern Ontario are eligible for this program. The program provides webinar training sessions and assistance from business counsellors to consider how to pivot and grow their

business. Also, to guide the completion of their applications to request the needed financial resources to fund training, strategic planning, equipment, technology changes, marketing, PPE, and other products and services.

To apply or for more information contact info@paro.ca.

The **Northern Ontario Women (NOW) Program** is a grant program designed to stimulate women-owned and women-led business start-ups and scale-ups in Northern Ontario.

The **NOW** Program was developed to assist female entrepreneurs with accessing one-time professional services they might not typically be able to afford and to assist with the financial burden of setting up mentoring relationships. It does not fund capital expenditures, ongoing professional fees, educational courses, tradeshow or travel costs.

The next application intake starts November 30, 2022. Check out NOW's website (www.lambac.org/now) for more details or contact Susan Whynott at now@lambac.org!

100%
of Eligible
Project Costs
Covered



PARO BizGrowth Funding Program

Designed to help existing women-owned businesses in Northern Ontario increase and capitalize on market opportunities to pivot and recover coming out of the Pandemic.

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P.A.C.E. Patricia Area Community Endeavours

Patricia Area Community Endeavours Inc. (PACE) is committed to promoting economic growth within the Patricia Region of Northwestern Ontario. Our purpose is to encourage local community and economic development through provision of small business loans, non-profit funding, counselling and support to entrepreneurs and community groups.

We serve a broad range of communities, including Dryden, Eagle Lake first Nation, Machin, Pickle Lake, Sioux Lookout, Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation, and all areas located in between.

“Giving Back to the Communities it Serves”



PACE has reopened our doors as of July 17th.

To help keep COVID –19 out of our facility we ask that only 1 person enter the building at any given time and you must wear a mask.

Please do not enter if sick.

If you are experiencing any flu-like symptoms such as:

Fever, Coughing, Shortness of Breath or if you have been outside of Canada, Please Do Not Enter.

Board of Directors

PACE held the Annual General Meeting in June of 2020, Rob McClendon stepped down as Chair, and Michelle Price accepted the Chair position. Secretary, Joe Ruete has resigned from the position and Roger Gould, accepted the position.

PACE is looking to add to our Board of Directors!

Please get in touch with our office if you are interested and we can provide you with any details you might require and forward your interest to our Chair.

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