

Message from Heather and Rhonda...

We are thrilled to launch the 1st edition of our monthly chamber and BIA newsletter- your go to source for everything happening in our vibrant town. Each month we'll bring you the latest on local businesses, upcoming events, community highlights and opportunities to get involved.

Our goal is simple-Celebrate the people and businesses that make Fort Frances thrive, to keep you informed and to connect our community. Whether you're a local business owner, a visitor or resident, there's something here for you!

Thank you for joining us on this exciting journey. Let's grow, celebrate, and make Fort Frances shine together!

Upcoming Events and Networking Opportunities

Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Supper

A huge thank you to all who attended, donated items and submitted nominations to help make our 28th Annual Awards supper a success!

Congratulations to all!

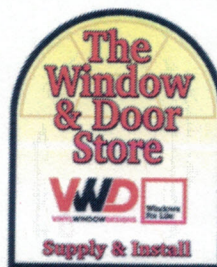
On October 17th we are planning a Jack-O-Lantern Carving Event in the Market Square!! See attached poster for further details and to register to attend- limited spots available so register soon. Special thanks to Tit4Tat, TLC-The Laundry Centre, The Fort Frances Museum, The Flint House and Northwoods Gifts for their contributions to make this event possible!!

Member Spotlight

Featuring Window and Door Store!

The business traces back to D&A Construction founded in 1992 by Darrell and Angela DeGagne. This small business focused on small renovations and eventually expanded to include window sales in 2003 and has now evolved to the Fort Frances Window and Door Store. This family business is still being run by the DeGagne family, with Kyle DeGagne as Owner and Chief Sales Officer and Jessica Ogden holding the role of Owner and Chief Financial Officer. In 2014, the pair expanded the store to include a sister business in Kenora, ON. With over 30 years experience serving local residents this business has built a reputation for quality and reliability. Their work doesn't stop at Fort Francis- they also bring their window and door expertise to surrounding areas from nearby cabins to communities as far as Dryden and beyond.

Window and Door Store has been an example of community involvement, as a strong supporter of local events including Quest for the Best, and Riverside Foundation for Health. Window and Door Store has been an active member of the Chamber for more than 15 years!



Opening
Doors,
Brightening
Views!

In 2023, Window and Door Store received the Business of the Year Award for 15+ employees as well as the Test of Time Award.

Most of us have enjoyed the cute little tic tok videos of Jessica and her staff having fun and promoting the business! If you haven't seen these videos, check them out! They are sure to make you smile!

Upcoming Events and Networking Activities

Jack-o-lantern Carving Event

October 17 – 6pm Market Square - Join us for jack o lantern carving with local tattoo artist, Chris Whalen, as we create one of a kind jack o lanterns and memories. Pumpkins have been generously donated by Tit4Tat Tattooing, and TLC - The Laundry Centre, Apple cider and Hotdogs donated by The Flint House and Northwoods Gifts. Pre-registration is necessary as we have limited spaces. Register at TLC - The Laundry Centre by calling (807) 277-9274 or stop in at 515 Portage Ave. One pumpkin per family. Children must be accompanied by parent or adult guardian. Bring your own carving tools *please ensure carving tools are stored safely.

Harvest Market

Lowey's Greenhouse Saturday, October 11th - 10am - 3 pm
Come out and see check out the amazing talents of local artists and vendors.

Craft and Bake Sale

October 10th - 5-8 pm and October 11th - 10-3pm
Couchiching Multi-Use Facility

Steps Against Stigma - 10th Annual Glow Walk or Run
in honor of Mental Illness Awareness Week
Canadian Mental Health Association - Fort Frances Branch

Rumble to Remember- Live Pro Wrestling

October 4th - 6:30 pm Couchiching Multi-Use Facility
Tickets available at Ski's Variety, Gen7Fuel Couchiching or online at cwtickets.com

Global Freedom Summit - Fort Frances and Area Human Trafficking Coalition
Metis Hall - 714 Armit Ave 7 pm Contact Brandis at (807) 274-2042

Agency One Fall Ceremony

Oct. 7 - 9:30 to 11:30 am - Seven Oaks Point Park

Pumpkins and Plaid Fundraiser Luncheon - LaVerendrye General Hospital Auxiliary
Sunday, Oct 26 - 11:30 am
Call (807) 271-3665 or visit the Hospital Gift Shop

Trunk or Treat - October 31 5pm-7pm - Fort Frances Library Parking Lot
Contact the Fort Frances Library and Technology Centre for information or register your vehicle at www.ffpltc.ca/node/2937

Bearing Witness Holocaust Education and Survivor Testimony

Tuesday, October 21 6-8 pm
Townshend Theatre - Free Event
Call (807) 274-7891 for information

Trivia - Hallett Brewery 6pm
Tuesday, Oct. 7, Saturday, Oct. 18, Tuesday, Oct. 28
\$10 entry. Register at fortfrances trivia@gmail.com

Diwali Celebration - October 20th
Contact Fort Frances Museum for further information

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Men's Wellness Gathering - Oct. 1 Call (807) 274-3201 ext 2413 for more info.
P.A.L. Course October 4th & 5th 8 am to 4:30 pm Contact landbased@gizhac.com for more info



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Cedar Healing Ceremony - Oct 14&15
Full Moon Ceremony & Sweat Oct. 6th - 6 pm
Evening Beading Circle - every second Wednesday 4pm- 8pm BHS Basement
- 601 Kings Hwy
Call (807) 274-2042 ext 4249 to register
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Kooistra Farm - 956 Emo Rd. Emo, ON

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Trail of Terror- Rainy River
Friday, Oct. 17; Saturday, Oct. 18; Friday, Oct. 24 & Saturday, Oct. 30

Ongoing Events and Networking Activities

Fort Frances Library and Technology Centre-
-Lego Club -Thursdays 3:30-5pm
-Pokemon Club - Fridays 4pm
-Fireside Yarn Club Wednesdays 5:50-7:50
-Rainy Lake Readers Club - 3rd Tuesday of the month 6pm

Fort Frances Senior Centre
Yoga & Tai Chi - Monday and Wed mornings
500 Cards//Canasta - Monday 12:30
Line Dancing - Tuesday and Friday mornings
Smear card gams - Tuesday afternoons
Bridge - Wednesday and Saturday afternoons
VON Exercise - Thursday mornings
Craft Time - Thursday afternoons
Bingo- Friday afternoons
Billards, Workshop and Socializing - Monday to Friday 8-4pm

Pickleball at the Memorial Sportsplex - Mondays and Thursdays 8:30-11:30.
Bring your own equipment. (if you don't have some, you can borrow them
from the Fort Frances Library and Technology Centre)

We are planning a Tree Lighting event in the Market Square scheduled
for November 21. If you are interested in volunteering or have an idea
or suggestion please reach out to us at fort@fortfranceschamber.ca
We are anticipating this being a fantastic event with many businesses
and organizations participating and look forward to making memories
with you and your family!
Watch for further details!!

Should you have any
comments or suggestions
please feel free to email
fortfranceschamber.com or
call (807) 274-5773.

If you have an event you
would like featured in our
newsletter please email us
the information and a
contact name and number
prior to the last Monday of
the month.

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information and does not
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and District Chamber of
Commerce or the BIA.





Fort Frances
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
SINCE 1909

Downtown
Fort Frances
BIA

EST. 1978



JACK O LANTERN CARVING EVENT

Join us for a night of creativity, fun, and festive
vibes at the Pumpkin Carving Party!



HOT DOGS

TALENTED CHRIS WHALEN FROM TIT4TAT
TATTOOING, WELL KNOWN FOR HIS STEADY HAND,
EYE FOR DETAIL AND ABILITIES WILL BE ON HAND
TO SHARE HIS ARTISTRY AND PRECISION THROUGH
PUMPKIN CARVING!

APPLE CIDER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

6PM

MARKET SQUARE - FORT FRANCES

BRING YOUR OWN CARVING TOOLS

ENSURE TOOLS ARE SAFELY STORED

PRE-REGISTER BY CALLING (807) 277-9274

OR DROP IN AT TLC- THE LAUNDRY CENTRE 515 PORTAGE AVE (LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE)

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PARENT OR ADULT GUARDIAN!

ONE PUMPKIN PER FAMILY (IF YOU WANT TO BRING EXTRA FEEL FREE)

