

In 250 words or less, if North Bay was “the best it could be”, what would that look like and how would we get there?

North Bay at its best would be a city with jobs, development, and growth. An upgraded downtown core and booming business would lead to growth community development and a growing population. In order to achieve this we need a government which encourages tourism businesses to develop, but also remains responsible with taxpayer money. Downtown development and tax incentives for tourism based businesses will encourage new businesses to open downtown and will draw in visitors. It is no secret that people who visit a place and enjoy it are more likely to move there permanently.

In this, we need to ensure that the city is accessible for the elderly and disabled. In the modern age no business or service should be inaccessible to these groups. I would like to see a very strict structure for penalizing businesses which do not comply with set accessibility standards, including graduated fines for non-compliance.

Finally, I envision a North Bay which takes care of its resources. We have a number of beautiful lakes in the city, including Trout Lake and Lake Nipissing. These lakes must be protected. By increasing penalization for polluting the lakes and also preventing irresponsible piping of raw bitumen under Trout Lake and also through our primary drinking water supply.

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