

**Question: 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?**

In answer to your question, North Bay would look like the inside of a kaleidoscope. It would be a blend of many cultural mixes shifting flawlessly together. The “heart” of the City (City Hall) would be lit up with beautifully soft colors continuously changing with the benches facing towards the building. City Hall would be seen as a warm and inviting place to meet.

People arriving in North Bay, would be met by the Dionne Quints museum which would be prominently displayed and visually attractive both inside and out. Tourists or first time visitors would have the opportunity to view our City by being provided free bus passes to navigate around the City more freely. Visitors would be able to experience its natural beauty and be drawn into its magical and interesting artistic community.

Our food banks would be overflowing with unused stock piles with a “For Rent” sign on the front door. This would be because jobs would be abundant and one would see families eating together with their friends and neighbors like in the movies.

But to get there, the City of North Bay needs to work together as a team. It is similar to the Wizard of Oz with Dorothy and her gang walking down the yellow brick road. At each intersection, they would find themselves up against obstacles and challenges. As a team, they were able to overcome those, find sustainable solutions and ultimately, celebrate and reap the rewards of their successes. But it could only have happened by pooling together their unique ideas and working collaboratively to develop a plan that benefits the group and not the individual.

Finally, if North Bay is to be the best it can be, my message is that working together collaborative is the only way to succeed and ensure our future will be the best that it can be.

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