



## HNCEA Spring 2021 Newsletter

We are happy to welcome Amanda Harten to the HNCEA Team as Economic Development Officer. Amanda recently graduated from Algoma University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Finance and Economics with a minor in environmental sustainability. Community Development is an interest of hers and was concentrated upon throughout her studies. Amanda is looking forward to bringing her knowledge and skills to HNCEA's projects to help support communities as they grow their economies sustainably. Prior to joining HNCEA, Amanda had earned a diploma from Sault College and worked in the forestry sector as a Fisheries and Wildlife conservation technician. Amanda can be reached at [amanda.harten@hncea.ca](mailto:amanda.harten@hncea.ca)

Here is what staff have been up to:

### **Website**

We have launched our website! Stop by for a visit at [www.hncea.ca](http://www.hncea.ca)

### **Workshops**

We have an upcoming Grant Writing Workshop on June 1st at 10am. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the funding application process and learn tips and tricks on what funders look for during the review process. To RSVP please email [amanda.harten@hncea.ca](mailto:amanda.harten@hncea.ca)

### **Economic Development Network**

We are continuing on with our quarterly EcDev Network Meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to have roundtable discussions on current Economic Development issues as well as provide updates on priorities and ongoing projects across the region. This results in an overall state of improved communication between organizations. If you or anyone in your community is interested in joining these discussions, please contact [emilie.currie@hncea.ca](mailto:emilie.currie@hncea.ca).

### **Broadband**

We are still waiting to hear back on applications submitted to the Universal Broadband Fund. The Rapid Response funding is sitting at 29% allocation and is expected to be fully allocated by the end of June/early July. Projects that have already received funding can be found here: <https://crtc.gc.ca/eng/internet/select.htm>

### **Agriculture**

We are currently recruiting for an Agricultural Advisory Committee. This committee will be composed of 6-9 individuals from within the sector who will help set development priorities. Individuals wishing to participate are encouraged to send a brief note of their interest and background to [emilie.currie@hncea.ca](mailto:emilie.currie@hncea.ca)

**Tourism**

In partnership with Destination Northern Ontario and Laird Signs, we have developed a regional tourism guide that highlights natural attractions throughout the region. The guide will be available in both print and electronic versions. Copies of the printed version will be made available through local businesses and visitor centres.

**Investment Readiness**

We revisited the data collected from meetings with communities and are in the process of building a regional investment attraction strategy. If we have not had the opportunity to meet with someone in your community to discuss investment readiness, please let us know when you have time to do so!

Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments or concerns!

Best Regards,

The HNCEA Team