August 2012 Newsletter



# **RTO7 News & Updates**

## Summer's Big Here

In the few weeks month of our summer campaign <u>BruceGreySimcoe.com</u> enjoyed almost 55,000 visits, with 85% of those visits from new users. Over 165,000 pages were viewed in this period, including visits to operator offers and promotions sparked by our online advertising campaign.

If you represent a BruceGreySimcoe tourism businesses or organization, you can take advantage of this great traffic to promote your business, organization, attraction or event. Here's how:

## BruceGreySimcoe.com Listing

Just a reminder that if your business or organization hasn't yet taken advantage of this free promotional opportunity, don't miss out! Just go to <u>BruceGreySimcoe Operator</u> <u>Registration</u> and follow the instructions to find your organization or business (or create a new listing).

For security purposes your registration will be verified and you'll receive a confirming email within one – two business days. You can then login to create offers and post information about your business.

If you have questions or require assistance, contact us at info@brucegreysimcoe.com.

## Here's to August

We've partnered with The Tailgate Team at KICX106 and 1041The Dock for a great August deal to put made-for-summer BruceGreySimcoe t-shirts on the backs of visitors to next weekend's Orillia Waterfront Festival and Owen Sound's Summerfolk taking place August 17-19.

Listen in leading up to these events, or follow on Twitter at <u>@kicx106</u> and <u>@1041thedock</u>. We'll also be posting on our BruceGreySimcoe <u>Facebook page</u> and on Twitter <u>@BruceGreySimcoe</u>.

#### **Call for Nominations Reminder**

The deadline for applications to fill an "at large" vacancy on the RTO7 board of directors is

Friday, August 17, 2012. Information and the application form can be found <u>here</u>.

# **Ongoing Projects**

Downloadable summaries and timelines are available on <u>RTO7.ca</u> for the following projects:

- Partnership Council / RTO7 <u>Tourism Functional Assessment</u> initiative
- Development of a <u>Tourism Workforce Strategy</u>

#### **Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund**

The Ontario Ministry of Environment has launched to a new program to support community and non-profit organizations with clean up, infrastructure and habitat revitalization. Up to \$25,000 in project funding is available. The application deadline is October 12, 2012.

Visit the <u>Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund</u> web page to learn more, including how to take advantage of information sessions the Ministry is holding throughout August.

Read about a successful local project involving the Pine River Watershed here.

# We Appreciate Your Input

Please visit <u>RTO7.ca</u> to stay abreast of news and updates.

Questions? Comments? Please feel free to contact us.