

Nipissing First Nation's Business Licensing Law

The Business Licensing Law mandates that every business operating within Nipissing First Nation must obtain a business licence.

A digital copy of Nipissing First Nation's Business Licencing Law can be found online at nfn.ca/business.

Small Business Loan Program

This initiative is designed to offer financial support to NFN Band Members who aspire to launch new small enterprises or enhance their existing businesses. We aim to provide a financing solution that offers more flexibility in terms of repayment schedules and security when compared to traditional lending institutions.

Under this program, eligible individuals can access loans of up to \$20,000, with a competitive interest rate, for a maximum term of 5 years. To get started, we have established a formal application process. Additional information can be found at nfn.ca/loans.



Business Licence Application Guide



36 Semo Road, Garden Village, Ontario P2B 3K2

Business Licence Application Process

Application Submission:

Submit your business licence application and business plan to the Economic Development Officer. You can find a copy the application form at nfn.ca/business.

Location and Site Planning:

Ensure your business is located in a designated commercial area suitable for your industry. Contact the Lands office for guidance on location suitability. Provide a sketch outlining the placement of your building, parking, septic and water systems, and driveway.

Review and Committee Evaluation:

The Business Licensing Committee will review your application, business plan, and site plan. If necessary, you may be asked to make revisions. Once the committee is satisfied, your application moves to the Community Notice stage (30-day process).

Approval Recommendation:

Subject to no further concerns, The Business Licensing Committee prepares a recommendation for Chief and Council's approval of the business licence.

Application Process (continued)

Chief and Council Review:

Chief and Council review the recommendation and accompanying documents (site plans, business plans, etc.). They then make a decision to approve, deny, or request additional information.

Decision Notification:

The Economic Development Officer notifies you of Chief and Council's decision within 30 days. If approved, you will receive an official NFN Business Licence.

Lease Agreement:

Upon approval and after your plot plan is accepted, you'll receive a one-year Intent to Lease Land Use Permit from the Lands office. When your business is operational, you may enter into a 35-year Lease Agreement with Nipissing First Nation.

The Business Licensing Committee and Chief and Council retain the right to request any necessary additional information, with the applicant responsible for associated costs. This process is subject to modification as approved by Council.

Application Process (continued)



Business Licence: Grants authorization to an applicant to conduct business within Nipissing First Nation.

Economic Development
Department
705-753-2050 ext. 1264

Land Lease: Sets out terms and conditions for use of land and is applied for through the Lands Department.

Lands Department
705-753-2922 ext. 1233

