

# Four local organizations benefit from Fednor intern program

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PARRY SOUND - Four West Parry Sound area organizations have received funding through the Youth Internship Program from FedNor.

The program funds 90 percent of costs up to \$27,500 for a youth intern. That is the amount which the Parry Sound Area Chamber of Commerce found out it was receiving about six months ago.

It is looking for a candidate to, “examine the previous reports that have been done on the Chamber of Commerce in the past, from an organizational review stand point and also look at other business organizations in the area and how we can make the puzzle make more sense and fit together,” said Chamber president Tonia Blenkarn.

The position was advertised with a deadline to apply set for late last week. Ms. Blenkarn said a number of applications had been received and that “we are very confident that we will have a qualified candidate.”

The position had been advertised in the summer, but out of the six applications received, it was felt none had the necessary skills, Ms. Blenkarn said.

The Municipality of Whitestone received the maximum funding through the YIP and hired Wendy Devitt, who has a bachelor of arts in administrative studies and a postgraduate degree in marketing management. She will be working on community development, including developing a comprehensive marketing strategy for the municipality.

The Parry Sound Sailing School was another organization to receive the funding. Tom Nelson was hired and started on November 1. His job is to build a foundation for future growth through such tasks as marketing and regatta planning.

Henvey Inlet’s Waabnoong Bemjiwant Association of First Nations also received money for a youth intern.

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