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# **Grand Narrows Waterfront Prepared for Event-Filled 2025 Season at Wheelhouse Café**

Great Food, Events and Entertainment, and Grand New Highway Sign to Greet Visitors in Heart of Central Cape Breton; Café opens June 19

**Grand Narrows**, **NS – June 17**, **2025** – The Grand Narrows Waterfront Development Society (GNWDS) is excited to welcome back visitors for the summer 2025 season in Central Cape Breton along the beautiful Bras d'Or Lake.

Greeting them will be a striking new highway sign on the corner of Route 223 and the Dogan Road, directing visitors to the scenic waterfront and Wheelhouse Café in Grand Narrows, opening June 19. Familiar and new guests are looking forward to the café's delicious food, lively entertainment and stunning views as offered every summer.

A Trans-Canada Trail Water Route Access point, the Society has received an infrastructure grant assisting with the development of impressive new signage, a new stage for live music events — including the summer-long Sunday Funday concert series — and other site enhancements. The society thanks the volunteers, staff and vendors who have been working hard to prepare for the 2025 season.

The Wheelhouse Café invites locals and visitors to enjoy a unique dining experience with spectacular scenery and a menu inspired by the waterfront's beauty. The Wheelhouse Café aims to be a community hub — serving a diverse menu that features locally-sourced ingredients and seasonal dishes. Guests can indulge in a variety of options — from fresh seafood to artisanal sandwiches — all while soaking in the waterfront experience.

"Waterfront events are an important part of the local tourism experience," said Randy Pointkoski, GNWDS Events Coordinator. "We will host outdoor live music every Sunday over the 2025 season, along with several special events."

Special events will include Water Safety Awareness Day on July 19, our famous Show and Shine Car Show on August 10, and the Barra Strait Mi'kmaq Friendship event — an exchange of L'nu art, culture and music at a wonderful beachside setting — on August 30.







"Our goal," emphasized Pointkoski, "is to create a welcoming space where people can enjoy great food, connect with each other, and take in the beauty of the waterfront."

**Join Us for Opening Day!** We invite everyone to celebrate our grand opening on June 19 at 12 p.m. Come discover your new favourite spot!

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## **About Grand Narrows Waterfront Development Society**

Incorporated in the early 1990s as a not-for-profit organization, the GNWDS has preserved and enhanced the former Iona-Grand Narrows Ferry Terminal property. Its volunteers and staff have worked hard to advance the development of the site into a premier tourist destination, including the community-run café. Nestled along the Barra Strait, the Grand Narrows Waterfront strives to be a center for community engagement and culinary excellence.

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