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Sustainable Beer Champions

Nita Beer Company

Founded: May 2014 | **Opened:** January 2015

Availability: Brewery retail outlet at 190 Colonnade Rd. On draft at many great restaurants and bars all over Ottawa. Cans available soon from the brewery & select Beer Store locations. LCBO application in the works and hope to be in stores by the end of the year.

Seasonals: Our Perfectum classic dry Irish stout has a hint of chocolate and smoke that was very popular in the colder months. Our summer hefeweizen beer, El Hefe, is a 3% ABV unfiltered wheat beer. Our cask beers include a swedish berry-flavoured version of El Hefe, a habanero pepper flavoured brown ale, and a peach wheat that was so good it couldn't wait to get out of the cask and ended up exploding the night before it was due to be released.

Local Impact: We are less than a year old with one full-time job, two part time jobs, and a few occasional positions to help at festivals and events. We also support local jobs through sourcing our supplies from the region. An example of this positive loop is one of our investors who is starting a hop farm. We will buy his entire supply for the first several years until he can grow large enough to supply several breweries.

Sustainability

Being environmentally responsible is a core part of who we are both for the community and because it makes sound business sense!

Andy Nita, our brewmaster and namesake, is a master electrician with experience installing solar panels which we plan on installing on the roof of our brewery to help lower our electricity bill and our carbon footprint at the same time.

We plan to send used grain to a local hog producer for feed. We also give away our yeast to local home-

brewers keeping it out of the sewer system and saving them a lot of money.

We are enthusiastic members of the growler exchange program, which conveniently allows our customers to bring empty growlers back to any participating brewery.

Inspiration

Our inspiration to brew stems quite simply from a love of beer. Andy Nita is the father of three boys, with the middle one being celiac, meaning he would likely never get to enjoy a cold beer with his dad. For Andy, and his deep love of beer, this wasn't acceptable so he created his own brewery! We haven't yet got the facilities to brew a gluten-free beer, but Paddy is only 8 years old, so we've got time.

We have a deep love of the brewing tradition and we are incredibly excited by all the cool stuff happening at the local level. Ottawa has a number of great breweries and more and more people are embracing craft. We love being part of that movement and talking beer with everyone that comes in the door.



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