

E-K Business News

AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

PREMIER'S AWARD FOR AGRI-FOOD INNOVATION EXCELLENCE

Applications for the 2015 Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence program will be accepted from 9:00 a.m. February 6, 2015 to 5:00 p.m. on April 10, 2015.

The program recognizes innovators who contribute to the success of Ontario's agri-food sector.

Eligible applicants could receive one of

- a Premier's Award (\$75,000)
- a Leaders in Innovation Award - three awards available (\$25,000 each)
- a Minister's Award (\$50,000)
- provincial award - 45 awards available (\$5,000 each)

Application forms can be completed [online](#) or by downloading a [printable](#) version and submitting it by:

Email: premiersagrifoodinnovationaward@ontario.ca

Mail: Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, 1 Stone Road West, 3rd Floor SW,
Attn: Premier's Award, Guelph, Ontario N1G 4Y2

Business of the Year—Looking Back

It has been over 20 years since the Township's Economic Development Committee (EDC) began holding a Business of the Year Luncheon. In the early years, the committee focused on a specific sector each year, such as hospitality, manufacturing or agricultural. Eventually sectors were removed and the award was presented to a business based on innovative business practices, services, community involvement and longevity of the business. In the past, nominations have been received from the committee and the public.

In 2000, Weagant Farm Supplies Ltd was named Business of the Year. Weagant Farm Supplies Ltd was chosen from a number of nominations of local businesses that concentrated on the agricultural sector. Weagant Farm Supplies Ltd met selection criteria, providing service to the agricultural community, contributing to continued growth in the community by potentially attracting new customers and employing staff, and community involvement.

In October 2013 Council and the EDC presented Weagant Farm Supplies Ltd with a certificate to congratulate them on 60 years in business, with 30 of them in the Township.



Hire a Summer Student

Summer Jobs Service at EEC



For many young people, working for the summer is necessary from both a financial standpoint and to get real-world work experience. Here's how EEC can help you take advantage of this program.

Advertise Jobs for Free—jobs posted on both the EEC website and in their resource centre.

Help recruit and screen summer students; students submit their resumes to the EEC, who help you get engaged and competent staff.

A \$2 per hour student hiring incentive is available—the hiring incentive can last for up to 16 weeks (April 1st—Sept. 30th)

Do you qualify?

You can hire a summer student if you:

- Have third-party liability insurance
- Follow occupational health and safety standards
- Have WSIB or equivalent
- Are you committed to hiring young people!

How does a summer student qualify?

Students aged 15-30 planning to return to school in the fall

- Eligible to work in Canada and an Ontario resident
- Not a relative of employer/direct supervisor
- Not currently working for the employer applying for the incentive (unless student is working fewer than 25 hours/week and will have hours increased to full time)

How do employers participate?

If any employer wants to take part with the Summer Jobs Service, contact Jo-Anne Hanley at **613-498-2111** ext. **228** or email joanee@eecentre.com. She can send you an employer application. At the end of summer, submit claim forms and payroll information to us and get reimbursed!

Visit at 105 Strowger Blvd, Brockville ON or at www.eecentre.com.

Open 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday



Don't Leave Your Business In the Dark

Is your Business tired of hearing about funding and loans but just doesn't know where to go? Perhaps your business is seeking resources such as preparing a business plan or helpful workshops and seminars. Big or small, new or old; don't leave your business in the cold and contact:

Valley Heartland Community Futures Development Corporation

91 Cornelia Street West, Entrance B
Smiths Falls ON K7A 5L3

613-283-7002/1-800-784-7605

1000 Islands Community Development Corporation

3 Market St W, Suite 3,
Brockville ON K6V 7L2

613-345-6216/1-800-431-6015



Upcoming Seminars & Workshops

Lanark-North Leeds Enterprise Centre

Accounting & Income Requirements for Your Home Based Business March 24th

Speaker: Bruce Collie, B. Com, CPA, CGA
Time: 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Cost: \$10.00

GST/HST Basic for Business March 31st

Speaker: Canada Revenue Agency
Time: 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
Cost: Free

GST/HST Across Borders March 31st

Speaker: Canada Revenue Agency
Time: 1:00 p.m.—11:30 a.m.
Cost: Free

Twitter 101: Making Sense of Twitter April 7th

Speaker: Sherry Crummy, Crummy Media Solutions
Time: 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
Cost: \$10.00
(light refreshments included)

Search Engine Optimization: What You Need to Know April 16th

Speaker: Andrew Symes, Marketing Manager, Kaszas Marketing
Time: 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
Breakfast & Networking
10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Seminar
Cost: \$10.00 (Breakfast included)

The Employment Standards Act and Program April 21st

Speaker: Terry McKeever Regional Program Coordinator, Employment Standards Program Ministry of Labour, Eastern Ontario
Time: 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Cost: Free



Managing Entrepreneurship April 29th

Speaker: Jennifer DeBruin
Author/Entrepreneur/Speaker
Time: 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Cost: \$10.00

Business Succession Planning May 5th

Speaker: Rob Dyke, CPA CA, Dyke & Murphy Professional Corporation
Time: 4:30 p.m.—6:00 a.m.
Cost: \$10.00

Smart Device—Smart Business: How to get the most out of your smart phone or tablet in your small business May 29th

Speaker: Syd Bolton, Toronto Sun Technology Columnist
Time: 9:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
Cost: \$20.00 (full day including lunch)



Please contact the Centre for upcoming seminars: 613-283-7002 ext. 108 or 109.
Or, visit www.lnlec.ca

Leeds & Grenville Small Business Enterprise Centre

Please contact the Centre for upcoming seminars: 613-342-8772 ext. 471
Or, visit www.lgsbec.com



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2014-2018 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mission Statement:

Under the direction of Council, to
manage the development of the
Township businesses and indus-
tries within an environment that
maximizes benefit to the Township
and area residents.

Meeting Information:

The Economic Development Com-
mittee meets at 5:15 p.m. the 2nd
Tuesday of the month at the Main
Administration Office in New Dublin.
All meetings are open to the public.

Committee Members

David Miles
Blake McKim
Donald Belanger
Tom Linton

Council Representatives

Councillor Jason Barlow
Councillor Christina Eady

Ex-Officio

Mayor Jim Pickard

Staff Resources

Betty Gibson
Deputy Clerk
Laura Stanzel
Administrative Assistant

Connect With the Township on Social Media

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/elizabethtown.kitley>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/EKTownship>
Website: <http://www.elizabethtown-kitley.on.ca/>



Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation

www.tourismpartners.com

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ties, research and resources.

If your business is involved in the Ontario tourism industry
become a partner with OTMPC and take advantage of the
many benefits of this private/public sector partnership.

Each registered tourism partner is entitled to a free listing
for their organization displayed to users of the consumer
web site, www.ontariotravel.net.

Business Profiles

The E-K Business News would like to feature
new and/or innovative businesses in the Town-
ship and we welcome your ideas. It is our way
to help businesses in the Township get to know
other businesses.

We welcome your input on business issues,
success stories or challenges you are facing.
Please email: mail@elizabethtown-kitley.on.ca