



## Canadian Rural Innovation Summit



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November 19 & 20, 2018

Rural Innovation Centre

250 Sidney Street, Belleville, On

Tickets & Info available at: [ruralinnovation.ca](http://ruralinnovation.ca)

### REAL CONVERSATIONS AROUND RURAL CHANGE

QuinteVation is excited to announce our first Canadian Rural Innovation Summit, which we will host in the Bay of Quinte Region at our Rural Innovation Centre on November 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Our goal for the Summit is to have real discussions around rural change and to create an opportunity to showcase the Bay of Quinte Region as an innovation destination and leader in rural entrepreneurial growth. We are inviting entrepreneurs, business leaders and government officials from the Federal, Provincial, and Municipal levels to create an opportunity to have a meaningful dialogue around rural change and provide a forum to collaborate and discover how best to formulate positive and dynamic rural policies.

**Day 1** of the Summit will be focused on entrepreneurs. We will have panel discussions that will define 'Rural Innovation' and keynote speakers who will engage the audience to show that rural entrepreneurs can and should be thinking about competing on both national and global scales. We will also hear success stories from companies within the Bay of Quinte Region who have started and grown their businesses and found a model for sustainability.

In addition to the panel discussions, we will have rotating workshops that will explore the needs of rural entrepreneurs and help define what strategies would best suit their needs and help their industries flourish.

After the programming for the first day is complete, delegates are invited to a harvest table dinner on-site, that will feature culinary offerings from the best chefs, craft breweries, wineries and food producers Quinte has to offer. Attendees will then be invited to stay for general networking or may choose to explore the Bay of Quinte Region at their leisure.

**Day 2** will offer Federal, Provincial, and Municipal representatives the opportunity to participate in panel discussions to highlight the successes of previous rural policies to this point and give insights on the future of rural Ontario. Our panel discussions will also touch on some hot-button topics including the marijuana legislation and its impact on rural business.

Our rotating workshops on day 2 will provide ample opportunity for business leaders and entrepreneurs to collaborate with government representatives to help shape rural policy and resolve the challenges all entrepreneurs face in rural Ontario and Canada.

You are invited to join us this November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in the beautiful region known as Bay of Quinte. For more information and tickets, visit us at [www.ruralinnovation.ca](http://www.ruralinnovation.ca). We believe that the Canadian Rural Innovation Summit will help solidify QuinteVation's vision to make the Bay of Quinte Region the most dynamic, innovative region in Canada by 2023.