

December 18, 2020 eNewsletter

## Ontario East News

If you have any news that you would like us to share, please forward to [info@ontarioeast.ca](mailto:info@ontarioeast.ca)



As this year draws to an end, Ontario East would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest members of 2020:

- Brian Gratton, City of Quinte West
- Frank O'Hearn Eastern Workforce Innovation Board
- Steve Holmgren, Excellence and Manufacturing Consortium
- Terry Tyo, Great River Media/OBJ
- Kyle Johnston, IN Engineering + Surveying
- Cyndy Phillips, MRC Pontiac County
- Lynn Holtz, Municipality of Trent Lakes
- T.J. Flynn, Northumberland County
- Jayson Peltzer, U7 Solutions
- Stacie Lloyd, Village of Merrickville-Wolford
- Bruce Rafanold, Welch LLP

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### Rural Economic Development (RED) Program: New Intake Now Open

The RED program is now open and accepting applications.  
This intake will close on February 1, 2021.

Ontario's Rural Economic Development (RED) program provides cost-share funding to support activities that create strong rural communities in Ontario, and opens doors to

rural economic development through:

- funding assistance to address barriers to economic development, better position rural communities to attract and retain jobs and investment, and enhance economic growth
- funding to build community capacity and support for economic development in Ontario's rural communities
- investments in rural communities to help diversify and grow local economies – making economic growth more inclusive so Rural Ontario continues to share in the province's economic prosperity

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### **New IESO Online Engagement Platform: Regional Electricity Networks are Moving Online**

Provide your input and get electricity planning updates, as it happens, on **IESO Connects**, a new, interactive online engagement platform.

This platform allows you to keep in touch with IESO and others in your region, so you can learn about the electricity sector, discuss the local electricity picture, and contribute to broader regional electricity plans.

Here are some ways to interact:

- Connect with people in your community to hear about their local energy projects. Communities have unique characteristics and priorities, so join the discussion forum for your regional network.
- Have an opinion about energy priorities? Submit your vote in the polling area.
- Are you aware of a future development that will impact your region's electricity use? Tell us about it.
- Want to attend events? The next Regional Electricity Forum will be held on January 20, 2021 by webinar.

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### **OMAFRA Agri-food Innovation Research Initiative**

#### **AUTOMATION AND ROBOTICS ADOPTION IN ONTARIO'S AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN**

This survey focuses on your experiences adopting automation and robotics technology in Ontario's agri-food value chain. It is funded through OMAFRA's Ontario Agri-food Research Initiative and conducted by the Niagara Community Observatory (NCO) at Brock

University, St. Catharines, Ont.

As this research is funded by OMAFRA, it is expected that the findings, informed by your participation through this survey, would find their way into agri-food policies and programs that might benefit you.

The results of the survey will be summarized and used to inform a series of policy briefs providing an outline of the barriers and drivers to innovative automation and robotics technology adoption by Ontario farms and related agri-businesses. These policy briefs will be freely available on the NCO's website and can also be emailed directly to participants upon request.

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### **Township of Selwyn Employment Opportunity**

**Position: Economic Development Coordinator (One Year Contract)**  
**Application Deadline: 12noon, Friday January 15, 2021**

The Township of Selwyn is seeking applications for an Economic Development Coordinator (1 Year Contract) who will work in collaboration with the Economic Development and Business Committee, and provide effective leadership to advance the economic growth of the Township, with a focus on business retention, expansion and attraction programs, tourism development, and community and business development.

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### **APF Canada Announces Official Launch of Canada's First Women-only Virtual Business Mission to Taiwan**

Applications are now open for Canada's First Women-only Virtual Business Mission to Taiwan tentatively scheduled for 1-2 March 2021.

Deadline for submission of applications is January 8, 2021

The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (APF Canada) is pleased to announce that it will lead, with strong support from the private and public sectors, Canada's First Women-only Virtual Business Mission to Taiwan in early March 2021.

The mission's two-day public conference will be held in the global lead-up to the celebration of International Women's Day on March 8, 2021. Following the successes of its Women-only Business Mission to Japan (2019) and Virtual Mission to South Korea (2020), APF Canada will continue supporting women entrepreneurs in Canada to diversify and expand trade opportunities into Asia Pacific markets.

The Taiwan mission will focus on improving the health of people and the environment by showcasing innovative industry solutions in sectors where both Canada and Taiwan have priorities, including, but not limited to: Biotechnology, clean technology, agricultural technology, advanced manufacturing, smart cities, and digital health technology.

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## Ontario East Events

Visit the Ontario East [Events Calendar](#) and stay up-to-date on what's happening in Eastern Ontario.

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SHAPING A 'NET-ZERO' COMMUNITY

2021  
**Smart Energy**  
Kingston  
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January 26-27, 2021

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 KINGSTON ECONOMIC  
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[smartenergykingston.com](http://smartenergykingston.com)

### Smart Energy Kingston 2021 (Online Event) January 26 and 27, 2021

#### SHAPING A 'NET-ZERO' COMMUNITY

Kingston's premiere Smart Energy summit (SEK2021) will be host to smart energy experts from across Canada. Over the one and half-day gathering delegates will be encouraged to provide input on shaping a "Net-Zero Community". It will highlight innovative technologies and proven trends so all audience members such as municipal energy planners, managers, administrators, academia, industry, startups, investors, and institutional consumers from neighbouring communities leave empowered!

#### DESIGNING YOUR CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Hear from innovators who have designed their community's action plans utilizing the latest

in hydrogen, storage, EVs, carbon capture, transportation and electrification. How are utilities, policy-makers, corporations, governments, researchers and consumers incorporating new smart energy technologies for tomorrow.

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## Ontario East Success Story



### Team Eagle

Team Eagle, a global aviation support company located in Campbellford in Northumberland County is the world's leading supplier of snow and ice removal equipment, specialized vehicles, GPS/GIS situational awareness, safety management systems, and digital inspection and monitoring systems for today's airfield management professionals.

Team Eagle is contributing to Ontario's COVID preventive solutions and is pleased to announce that the UV-C LED lights used in CleanRide UV-CTM have been tested and proven by Western University in Ontario, Canada to kill COVID with just 10mj/cm<sup>2</sup>.

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This Holiday season is unlike any other, to cap off a year unlike any other. Throughout this season, and as we move into a new, and hopefully better year, on behalf of the Ontario East Economic Development Commission Board of Directors and Staff, we thank you for your continued support through this challenging time and wish you moments of peace amid the difficulties, connections with family and friends even if they can't be in person, and the warmth of memories from Holidays past.



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