

January 20, 2021 eNewsletter

Ontario East Events

Visit the Ontario East [Events Calendar](#) and stay up-to-date on what's happening in Eastern Ontario. If you have any on-line events that you would like us to share, please forward to info@ontarioeast.ca



Ontario East Virtual Annual General Meeting
3:00pm to 5:00pm, Thursday, February 4, 2021
Via Zoom

REGISTRATION OPEN

At the **Ontario East Annual General Meeting**, we will recognize outgoing directors, welcome new directors, approve audited 2020 financials and provide an update on Ontario East activities.

This event is free and open to all members of the Ontario East Economic Development Commission.

We hope to see you there!

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Economic
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of Ontario

Wednesdays, January 20th to February 29th 2021

It's still not too late to register and attend.

Take advantage of what the [EDCO Conference](#) has become known for in the industry – a diverse and thought-provoking program that will inspire, educate and empower economic developers across the province. This year is no different! Grab a coffee and join your fellow economic developers every Wednesday morning from January 20 to February 29, 2021.

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SHAPING A 'NET-ZERO' COMMUNITY

2021
SmartEnergy
Kingston
VIRTUAL & INTERACTIVE
January 26-27, 2021

hosted by
 KINGSTON ECONOMIC
Development Corporation

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JAMESON GROUP
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smartenergykingston.com

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

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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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Women's Entrepreneurship Program – Event

STRIKE  **UP**²⁰₂₁

Digital Conference for
Women Entrepreneurs

March 4, 2021 | StrikeUP.ca

**One day
conference.
One year
to watch.**

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Northumberland
Community Futures Development Corporation

With the support of the Government of Canada
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Agency for Southern Ontario.



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Ontario East News

If you have any news that you would like us to share, please forward to info@ontarioeast.ca

Ontario East Talent Identification Support Project Update

OE-TISP: Talent Identification Support Plan News:

The OE-TISP OLMP is helping employers and job seekers connect. All our content assets are available to you on the [Ontario East Jobs Blog](#). You can send employers this recap of [9 Skills programs across eastern Ontario](#) that will help them now. And [let Jobseekers know how to upskill and find work](#).

OTTAWA BUSINESS JOURNAL

Food Processors Ramp Up Cornwall Operations

By Dani-Elle Dubé, January 14, 2021

Several food processors have invested millions of dollars into their Cornwall operations in recent years, capitalizing on the proximity to major urban markets and propelling the industry into one of the city's largest employers.

Among the major players are Leclerc, maker of the well-known Celebration line of cookies as well as snack bars. The Quebec-based firm recently doubled the capacity of its 160,000-square-foot Cornwall facility with the installation of a new production line, according to the city.

The investment means Leclerc will be able to produce some 2,200 bars every minute at its Cornwall plant, where it employs 60 staff and is looking to continue hiring.

"Our location is ideal for food processing," says Bob Peters, division manager of economic development at the City of Cornwall. "Both Cornwall and Eastern Ontario are in that triangle of three of central Canada's largest metropolitan areas – Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa – so as a food processor you're within a region that allows you quick and easy access to deliver your products to consumers."

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Applications Now Open for Ontario's Small Business Support Grant

Province Providing up to \$20,000 for Eligible Businesses Impacted by Provincewide Shutdown

Applications close March 31, 2021

The [Ontario Small Business Support Grant](#) is intended to help small businesses (including sole proprietorships) in Ontario that are required to close or significantly restrict services

under Ontario's provincewide shutdown effective December 26, 2020.

Eligible businesses can receive between \$10,000 and \$20,000. Starting at \$10,000 for all eligible businesses, the grant will provide businesses with dollar for dollar funding up to a maximum of \$20,000 to help with revenue losses resulting from government mandated lockdowns.

Businesses will be able to use the support however they see fit. For example, some businesses will use the support to pay employee wages, while others will need support maintaining their inventory.

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