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COVID-19: FedDev Ontario launches Regional Relief and Recovery Fund to support local economies

Businesses across southern Ontario unable to access existing relief measures can now apply for funding under new initiative

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in uncertainty and anxiety for businesses and their employees. Small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are at the heart of our economy and our communities. As a source of local employment and pride, they play a key role in the well-being of communities across the country. That is why the Government of Canada has implemented a series of concrete and tangible measures to help them retain their employees, pay rent and access capital to pay their bills.

Building on these measures, the new **Regional Relief and Recovery Fund** (RRRF) is being delivered by regional development agencies (RDAs) to help more businesses and organizations in sectors across the economy such as manufacturing, technology, tourism and others that are key to the regions and local economies. RDAs are best positioned to provide this additional support as they work closely with communities across the country every day and understand the diverse local realities.

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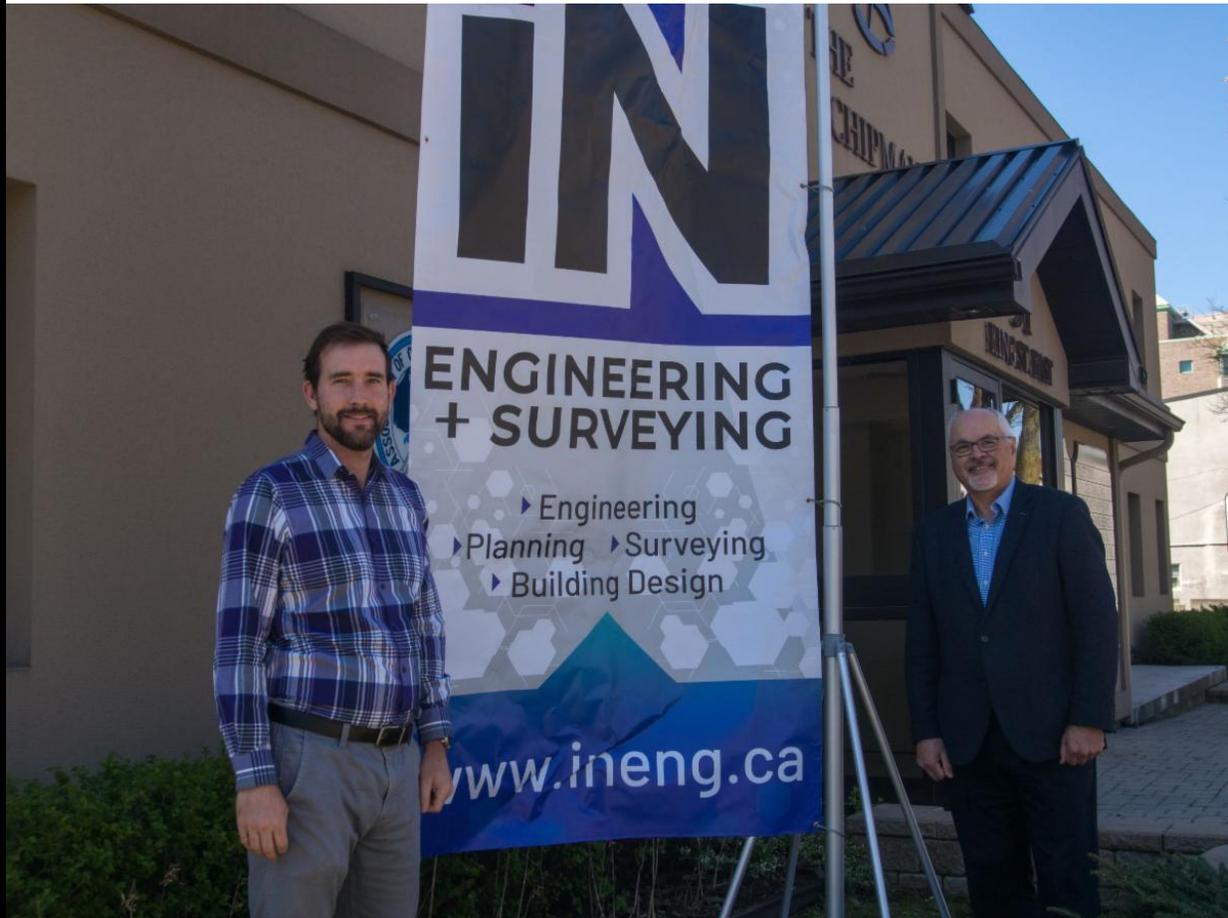
ROI Releases Special Fact Sheet Edition on Rural Employment Impacts from COVID 19

This fact sheet release is about the economic consequences of the pandemic shutdown as measured by employment losses between February and April 2020. It paints a stark picture but for rural Ontario stakeholders there may also be a sense of relief in that the losses in Rural and Small Town Areas have only been tracking at half that of the Larger Urban Centres (i.e. -7.8 % RST vs -16 % LUC). However, year over year comparisons provide a different perspective of rural and urban declines which looked at in this way fall

much closer to each other in scale (- 10.4 RST and -11.3 LUC). This longer term comparison accounts for typical April job growth from seasonal employment change that hasn't materialized in rural areas this year.

There is also a gender dimension to the data. The findings show that just like Canada as a whole rural Ontario females are experiencing the brunt of the job loss more than are rural men. This likely reflects both their sectoral and occupational roles.

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IN Engineering Merges with Collett Surveying Ltd

Press Release, May 12, 2020

Brockville, ON - IN Engineering acquired on March 31st, 2020, Collett Surveying Ltd with the vision of combining surveying and engineering services within a single company. The new company will be named IN Engineering + Surveying. Brent Collett, OLS will remain with the company as an employee-partner and ensuring continuity in providing excellent service to the community.

President and Principal Engineer, Andrew F. Melchers, P.Eng and Director of Surveying, Brent Collett, OLS announced at the beginning of April that they have merged to create a new, modern engineering firm for Eastern Ontario. IN Engineering will now provide land surveying, engineering services as well as planning and architectural services as part of a single integrated service. The two have often partnered together on projects but now they can provide all these services under the banner of IN Engineering + Surveying. To ensure a professional transition and continuity of corporate knowledge, Brent Collett will stay with the company as the Director of Surveying. "Brent isn't retiring, he's staying on board to continue to serve the community with his vast experience and knowledge. We will continue to work from the Chipman Centre, 51 King Street East", adds Melchers.

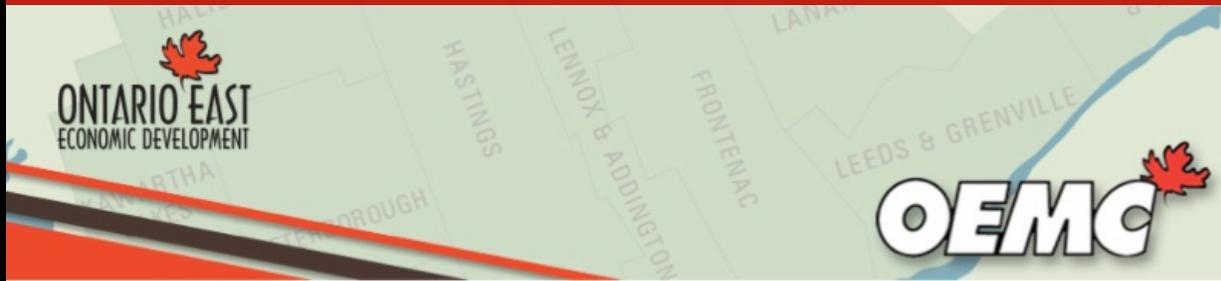
"I am very pleased to be partnering with Brent and Collett Surveying to continue one of

the oldest business in Brockville and Eastern Ontario", said Andrew Melchers, founder of IN Engineering, "I have been building my firm over the past couple of years and I realized modern engineering firms need to be able to offer a wide range of consulting services."

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Ontario East Municipal Conference (OEMC) 2020 NAV Centre, Cornwall September 16-18, 2020

The COVID-19 Outbreak is causing the rescheduling of many events around the world. However, we hope that by the autumn of this year that the risks of the virus will have sharply receded, thus enabling us to continue with our annual conference. We will continue to monitor the situation and will advise you as soon as possible should this change. In the meantime, we are continuing to work on the programming to ensure that OEMC 2020 is the great event you have come to expect and look forward to.

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