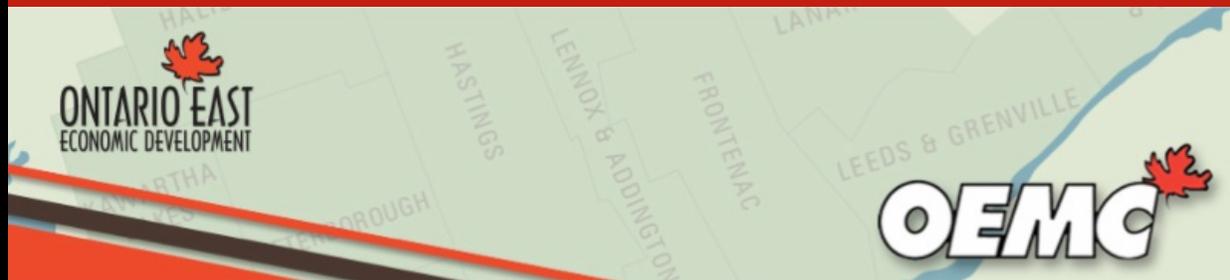


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Ontario East Events

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



Ontario East Municipal Conference (OEMC)
Going Virtual on
Wednesday, October 21 and Thursday, October 22, 2020
10:00am to 2:30pm Daily with Lunch Breaks

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Join us for **OEMC 2020** – an innovative program with over 35 sessions on the latest topics! The program will include welcome remarks from the **Honourable Victor Fedeli**, and the optional opportunity to virtually network with OEMC attendees over lunch. OEMC attendees are eligible for **3 points** towards EDAC's professional Ec.D. accreditation.

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2020 Virtual Municipal Agriculture Economic Development & Planning Forum

Wednesday, November 18, and Thursday, November 19, 2020

The 12th annual Municipal Agriculture Economic Development & Planning Forum is being hosted virtually by Huron County on November 18-19, 2020. Join for two half-days of sessions, a virtual tour of Huron County and some of its most exciting agricultural and rural projects.

If your portfolio includes rural planning, economic development or any aspect of the agriculture sector – food, farming, ag value chain businesses, workforce attraction, or agricultural innovation you won't want to miss the 2020 Forum. The Forum will be of interest to municipal economic developers, planners, council members, CAOs, and supporters of local economic development initiatives. The Forum looks at leading edge collaborations and innovations to grow the ag sector and your community.

Early Bird Registration Now Open!

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Ontario East News

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Eastern Ontario Workforce Development Update

OE-TISP Immigration Subcommittee Meeting Held October 8th

As part of the OE-TISP strategic plan, we've gathered a group of people interested in immigration in the eastern Ontario region together to look at:

- international students and how we can help them stay
- how we can use LMI data to help new Canadians choose eastern Ontario
- what we can do about rates of overqualification in new Canadians.

The inaugural immigration subcommittee meeting for the project received great enthusiasm - with people hearing about it and asking to attend the session from outside the region, creating opportunities for talent pipeline sharing.

On October 8, the subcommittee met to start resolving the issue of new Canadians feeling connected to the community in eastern Ontario. You'll be able to read about what the OE-TISP is doing as a result of the ideas shared on the [OE-TISP blog](#). **So subscribe** to get updates!

Ontario East Economic Development Commission Seeking Members to Join the Board of Directors

Elections for the Board of Directors of the **Ontario East Economic Development Commission** will soon be held for the 2021-22 term of the Board. This is your opportunity to serve on the Board and assist in governance oversight and forming the strategic direction of the Commission. Participation on the Board of Directors provides an excellent professional development opportunity where you will be able to share ideas, learn and serve the Ontario East community along with your economic development peers.

Terms & Meetings

Directors are appointed for a two-year term and may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms, if re-elected for a second term. The Board meets a minimum of four times per year and for special meetings, as required.

Eligibility Criteria

The Board of Directors consists of a minimum of five (5) Active Members and up to two (2) Associate Members. Active Members are employed in economic development with a municipality or regional agency funded by municipalities. Associate Members are employed by an agency, organization involved in economic development through the private sector, educational system, or government. Members must be in Good Standing (dues paid) to be nominated and elected. This year nominations are being sought from Active members only.

Nomination Process

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Past-President Shelley Hirstwood will receive and approve nominations for preparation of online election. Nominations must be received by **4:00 p.m. Friday, November 6, 2020.**

Please send a request for the nomination form, in confidence to info@ontarioeast.ca

Enquiries may be directed to Jay Amer, Board Secretary @ jay@ontarioeast.ca or (705) 755-1141

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Ontario Supports Small Main Street Businesses with
\$60 Million in Funding through PPE Grant

New measures will help businesses reopen safer, rehire faster and recover from COVID-19

Toronto — The Ontario government is continuing to help businesses rebuild, reinvest and create good jobs across the province. Today, Prabmeet Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, announced Ontario's Main Street Recovery Plan and intends to introduce the Main Street Recovery Act, 2020, proposed legislation that would support small businesses and modernize rules to allow them to innovate and meet the challenges of today.

If passed, the act will remove hurdles faced by small businesses and allow them to pursue new opportunities — while maintaining or enhancing protections for public health, safety and the environment.

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