

December 16th, 2021 eNewsletter



### Holiday Greetings from Ontario East

Ontario East wishes everyone a safe and Happy Holiday as we look forward to a busy and prosperous New Year in eastern Ontario.

(Our office will be closed December 20, 2021 to January 3, 2022)

## 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](mailto:info@ontarioeast.ca)



**Ontario East Annual General Meeting**  
Wednesday, February 9, 2022  
(at EDCO Conference in Toronto)

### SAVE THE DATE!

At the Ontario East Annual General Meeting (AGM), we will approve audited financials, appoint officers and provide an update on Ontario East activities for the past year and plans for the future.

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

Details and Registration coming soon.

We hope to see you there!

# 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)



## Ontario East and its Members Participate in Provincial Economic Development Consultations

Recently the Ontario East Economic Development Commission (Ontario East), along with many of its community economic development members participated in consultations with the Province of Ontario to provide input and feedback on funding programs, pandemic recovery and regional economic development.

With over 30 years since our regional investment promotion organization was launched, our collective experiences and demonstrated success implementing collaborative and cooperative regional programs position Ontario East well to provide important insights into the future of economic development and how important government programs and services are to our local businesses, and to those who support them.

**Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade (MEDJCT)** programs like the Regional Development Fund and the Land for Employment Action Plan (LEAP) offered by the **Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)** are two examples of many economic development programs that help our members to effectively deliver much needed assistance and support services in the region as we work together to attract and retain employers in eastern Ontario.

Thank you to our provincial partners at these Ministries and the **Ontario Ministry of Agriculture of Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)** and the **Ministry of Labour, Training, and Skills Development (MLTSD)** for your ongoing support and important contributions to Ontario East.



## Ontario East Talent Identification Support Project Update (OE-TISP)

OE-TISP: Pandemic Workforce Data and More of our Most Popular blogs for Jobseekers for you to Use and Share

Are you looking for post-pandemic workforce data?

OE-TISP's partners, the Eastern Workforce Innovation Board, allowed us to [republish here](#) the significant data they gathered.

Also, our most popular blogs have been about moving to eastern Ontario, so we wrote two more:

[Improve Pandemic Living by Relocating for Work](#) and [Job Seekers, Moving to Eastern Ontario Is a Good Investment](#).

Subscribe to the [OE-TISP blog here](#) and join the monthly committee meetings so your community is at the forefront of workforce innovation.



**Horacio Barbeito**  
President and CEO, Walmart Canada

## Walmart Canada unveils state-of-the-art warehouse technology in Cornwall

*Cornwall Ontario* – Walmart Canada has officially opened a brand new, state-of-the-art warehouse order fulfillment system at its distribution centre in Cornwall, Ontario – the first of its kind at Walmart Canada.

This \$20-million investment will improve Walmart Canada’s world-class supply chain and future- proof the organization by equipping associates with the industry-leading technologies, training, and development they need to modernize work and keep goods flowing.

The 40,000-square-foot space provides the retailer with a modern method of order fulfillment that uses innovative technology with a user-friendly computer system to deliver goods to associates. The system will provide general merchandise, including health and beauty products, apparel, stationery, and electronics to 136 Walmart stores from Kingston, Ontario, to Canada’s East Coast. It is part of Walmart Canada’s \$3.5-billion investment to make the online and in- store shopping experience simpler, faster and more convenient for associates and customers.

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