



SDG Counties Economic Development Newsletter - April 18, 2024

Ontario Trillium Foundation - Apply now for a seed grant

Seed grants help organizations enhance their ability to deliver programs and services that directly benefit community members. Eligible applicants can apply for funding to support organizational planning, pilot a new program, and build their capacity to plan for future programs and services. The grant application period is from May 29, 2024 to June 26, 2024, at 5 PM

[Learn more](#)

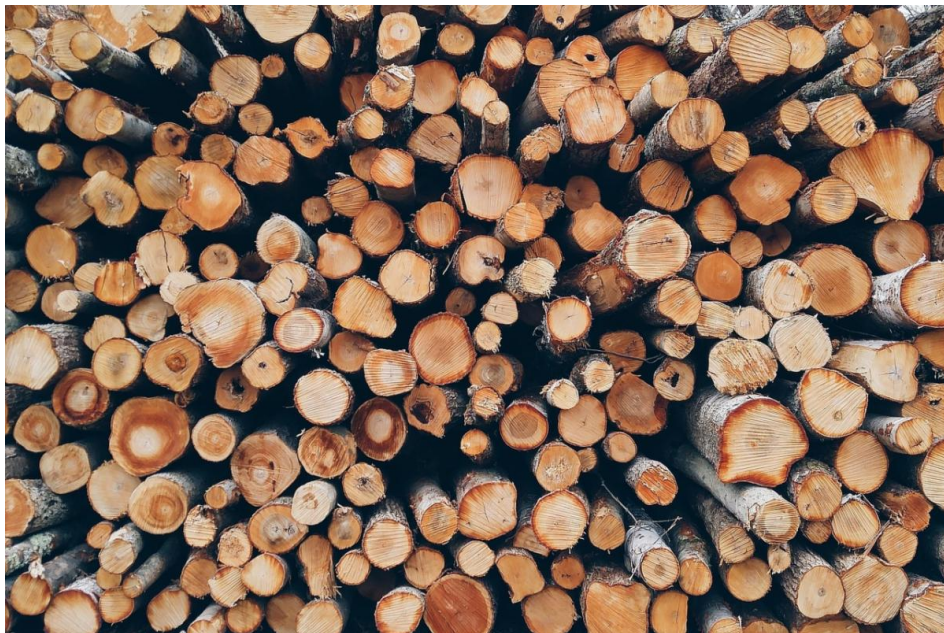
Register now for a free info session on exporting to Germany

On **May 7, 2024, from 9:00-10:00 a.m.**, the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT) and Germany Trade & Invest (GTAI) are co-hosting a free webinar event to allow interested participants to explore business opportunities in both Ontario & Germany. During this webinar, speakers from both Ontario and Germany will discuss economic conditions, exporting & regulatory practices, and accessing both region's markets. It should be noted that this webinar will be

in part focused on the Environmental Technologies sector, while also providing attendees detailed information on the overall German marketplace. The objective of this event will be to provide companies with a ready understanding of exporting opportunities for growth in an increasingly important region of the global economy in a fast-growing sector.

[Visit our Website](#)

Ontario Expanding Mass Timber Construction up to 18 storeys



Mass timber expansion will help build more homes and support Ontario's forestry sector

Ontario is expanding the use of advanced wood construction like mass timber to help build homes faster and reduce costs over time while supporting good-paying jobs in forestry, technology, engineering design and manufacturing. Currently, Ontario's Building Code allows Encapsulated Mass Timber Construction buildings to be up to 12-storeys tall. The province intends to amend the Building Code in the coming months to permit encapsulated mass timber construction up to 18 storeys.

Encapsulated Mass Timber Construction offers an environmental solution for quieter and faster construction with the same fire and structural protection as other building methods. Provincial initiatives that support advanced wood construction, such as [Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy](#), offer a significant opportunity to shift housing construction offsite and into factories, supporting more efficient and rapid construction from renewable forestry resources grown and harvested in Ontario by Ontario workers for

Learn more about Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy

Eye on the Labour Market - March 2024

NUMBER OF ONLINE JOB POSTINGS:

March 2024

5,458 ↑ 230 more than in Feb. 2024

Total number of online job postings in March 2024

8,133 ↑ 2675 more than in March 2023

Total number of online job postings in March 2023

796 (15%)

Job postings indicated hybrid or remote work available

3,362 (61.6%)

Job postings were found on employer websites

LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE:

March 2024

6.7% Ontario

5.3% Eastern Ontario

5.0% Ottawa



Do you have a specific LMI question?
Contact lmihelpdesk@eotb-cfeo.on.ca

NUMBER COLLECTING EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (EI):

Ottawa



Males
Age 15 to 24

Jan 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024
660	560	810



Females
Age 15 to 24

Jan 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024
190	230	260



Males
Age 25 to 54

Jan 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024
3,040	2,960	4,220



Females
Age 25 to 54

Jan 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024
1,200	1,580	1,700



Males
Age 55 +

Jan 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024
960	800	1,110

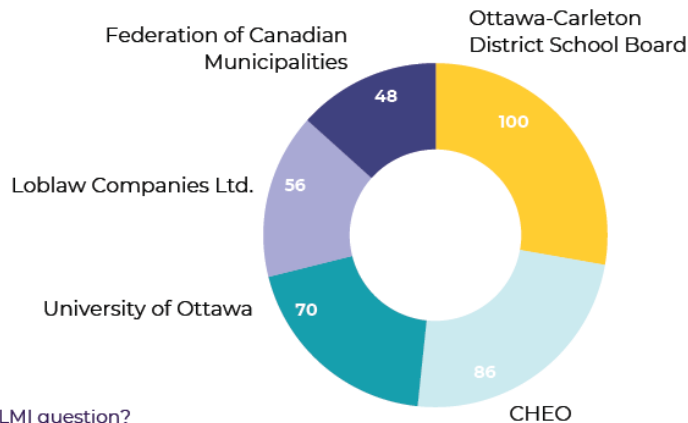


Females
Age 55 +

Jan 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024
280	370	410

EMPLOYERS WITH THE GREATEST NUMBER OF POSTINGS:

March 2024



Foreign Temporary Workers and Healthcare Insurance

On Wednesday, May 15, at 11 am, EMC, in partnership with "People Corporation" will be hosting a free information session to discuss the current labour shortage challenges in the manufacturing industry, the requirement to provide healthcare coverage to foreign workers, and the significance of the Foreign Workers Canada Health Plan (FWCHP) and the People Corporation Foreign Workers Inpatient Program (PC Inpat Plan).

[Register and learn more here](#)

Strategies for Improving Food Safety, Waste Reduction and Sustainability

With consumers scrutinizing food costs and supply chains, manufacturers are under pressure to show progress on food safety, waste, and climate issues. None of these endeavors can be compromised to help improve another, so how are food producers expected to strike a balance? Augmenting core business processes such as training and tracking can significantly impact success in all areas.

[Learn more with EMC](#)

Extended producer responsibility and Ontario Blue Box Program

On April 23 at 1 pm EMC will be hosting an information session on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and transition of the Blue Box Program to the new regulatory framework, featuring a presentation by the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA) followed by a Q&A.

[Register here](#)

NEW Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund

The new Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund was **announced as part of the 2024 Budget: Building a Better Ontario** Funding will be delivered through two streams:

- Repairing and upgrading existing sport and recreation facilities into more accessible, state-of-the-art facilities that better suit the community's needs.
- Building new and transformative sport and recreation facilities, including replacing existing facilities that have reached the end of their

lifespan and are beyond repair.

Applications will be open to municipalities, Indigenous communities, and non-profit organizations. More information about eligibility and application guidelines will be provided in Summer 2024.

Ontario takes steps to modernize public sector procurement process

Effective April 1, 2024, a new regulation under the Building Ontario Businesses Initiative Act, 2022 (BOBIA) gives businesses across the province access to more government and public sector procurement opportunities.

The new regulation enshrines in law that Ontario's public sector — including hospitals, schools, colleges and universities — give preference to Ontario businesses when conducting procurements for goods and services such as acquiring school supplies or food for cafeterias.

To ensure Ontario remains compliant with its trade obligations, this regulation applies to procurements below \$121,200 for goods and services in the Broader Public Sector. Similarly, for the Ontario Public Service, the thresholds are set at \$30,300 for goods and \$121,200 for services.

The government anticipates that at least \$3 billion in contract awards will be targeted to Ontario businesses through to 2026.

[Learn more at Supply Ontario](#)

Community Economic Development 101

**Community
Economic
Development
101**



Community Economic Development 101 is a FREE, half-day workshop, being presented by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

The event is sponsored by the Township of North Stormont and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry and will take place at **North Stormont Place (16299 Fairview Drive, Avonmore, ON, K0C 1C0), on Thursday, May 23rd, 2024 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.**

Workshop Topics:

- What is Community Economic Development and why it's vital for your community;
- The value of planning in your community;
- Collaborative roles of individuals and organizations;
- Tools and resources to assist you

Who Should Attend:

- Elected officials and municipal staff, including economic development officers
- Board members, Committee representatives and Chamber of Commerce reps.
- Community leaders and volunteers interested in affecting change in their community.

Snacks and refreshments will be served during a mid-morning break.

[Register for FREE here](#)

Upcoming events with the Cornwall & SDG Business Enterprise Centre

April 23, 1 pm	Learn how to use Canva	More info
April 25, 7:30 am	Breakfast Connections event in North Stormont	Register Here and learn more Register here and learn more
April 30, 12 pm - 1:30 pm	Learn how to pitch your business	Register Here
Applications now open for Summer Company Plus (May 17, 2024 deadline)	For youth ages 15-29	Learn more

Business Retention & Expansion Training Program

Are you planning to engage with businesses in your community or start a Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E) project this year? You should attend the upcoming BR+E training sessions to learn the best practices for engaging the businesses in your community. Through the BR+E program, participants will learn how to make their community a great place to do business.

[Learn more](#)

Registration now open for the 2024 SDG Counties Warden's Golf Tournament



2024 WARDEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, July 19, 2024

- Glengarry Golf and Country Club
- 18 holes and a cart
- Food and fun
- REGISTRATION LINK:
bit.ly/3VSpBhX



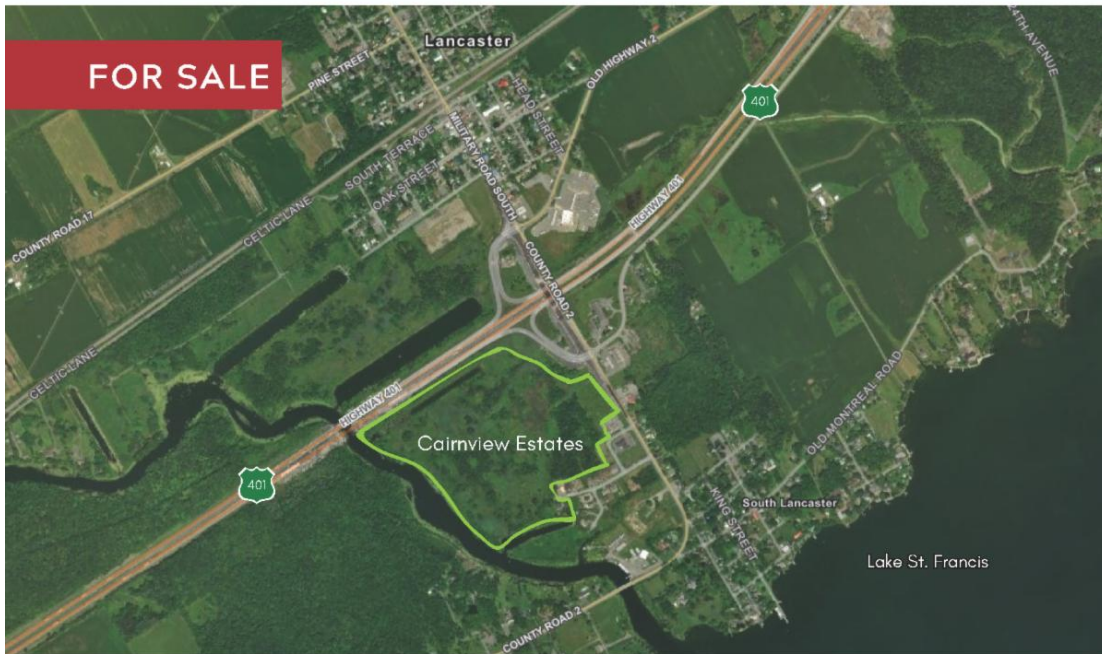
Warden Jamie MacDonald invites you to spend an amazing day enjoying the majesty of the great outdoors in North Glengarry. The Warden's Golf Tournament will take place on Friday, July 19, 2024, starting at 8 am., at the Glengarry Golf and Country Club, located at 20511 McCormick Road, in Alexandria.

[Purchase your golf tickets on Eventbrite](#)

DEVELOPMENT LAND

DRAFT PLAN APPROVED SUBDIVISION

SOUTH
GLENGARRY



CAIRNVIEW ESTATES

69.17 ACRES, LANCASTER, ONTARIO

Municipal approvals for 184 lots +
4 developable blocks

A unique opportunity to purchase a Municipally draft plan approved subdivison, including premium waterfront lots with access to Lake St. Francis, and an 18-hole golf course around the corner.

- ✓ AT HWY 401 INTERCHANGE
- ✓ FULLY SERVICED
- ✓ WATERFRONT LOTS
- ✓ HIGH HOUSING DEMAND AREA
- ✓ MUNICIPAL PARK PLANNED

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69.7 acres available for sale at "Cairnview Estates" in Lancaster, ON. A unique opportunity to purchase a Municipally draft plan approved subdivison, including premium waterfront lots with access to Lake St. Francis, and an 18-hole golf course around the corner.

[Learn more at www.investsdg.ca](http://www.investsdg.ca)

Mark your calendar for the
2024 Cornwall and Area Job

Fair- Featuring Skills Ontario

Wednesday, April 2024, at the Cornwall Civic Complex
Sessions run from 1 pm - 3 pm and from 6 pm - 7 pm



**Cornwall & Area
JOB FAIR**
featuring Skills Ontario

**FOIRE DE
L'EMPLOI**
pour Cornwall & la région
avec Compétences Ontario

Wednesday April 24th
10am to 1pm & 3pm to 6pm
Cornwall Civic Complex
Salons A, B & C

Le mercredi 24 avril
10h à 13h et 15h à 18h
Complexe civique de
Cornwall Salons A, B et C

NEW THIS YEAR

Visit our website to register for FREE transportation from select locations across the region!

NOUVEAU CETTE ANNÉE!

Visitez notre site web pour vous inscrire au transport GRATUIT à partir de certains endroits dans la région!

sdccornwall.ca/2024jobfair



**SkillsCompétences
Canada Ontario**



This year's event will feature transportation from across the region to accommodate residents from Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Akwesasne and Cornwall.

There will have a bus picking up registered attendees from the following locations:

Alexandria (GIAG 580 Main St S)

Lancaster (Flying J 20382 Old Hwy 2)

Winchester (Joel Steele Community Centre 577 Main St W)

Morrisburg (Valu-Mart Shopping Plaza)

Ingleside (FoodLand Shopping Plaza)

Long Sault (Pharmasave Shopping Plaza)

Akwesasne (A'nowara'ko:wa Arena 36 Philip Hopps Memorial Rd)

For registration and pick up/drop off time please

visit: <https://forms.gle/v53mcwgAhcZFCNcJ6>

Residents in Cornwall can hop on Cornwall Transit for a free ride if they mention they are heading to the job fair.

Cornwall and Area Lifestyle Expo happening April 26-28

Hosted by the Cornwall & Area Chamber
of Commerce: Location: Benson Centre, 800
Seventh Street, in Cornwall.

Expo Hours: April 26 (4 pm - 9 pm); April 27 (10
am - 6 pm); April 28 (10 am - 4 pm). General
admission: \$5. Free entry for seniors (65+) and
children (under 12).



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