



## SDG Counties Economic Development Newsletter - July 7, 2024



### A direct and compelling headline

**RTO 9's Partnership Fund initiative** is designed to introduce new tourism products and build on existing tourism products that enhance the region's diversity of tourism attractions. Intake #2 Applications will be for projects beginning September 6, 2024 - February 17, 2025.

#### Important to note:

- You must provide Proof of Incorporation, a CRA Business Number, Certificate of Indian Status Registry Number or a Métis Registry Number.
- A letter of support from your **DMO/DMP** is mandatory.
- All partner contributions must be made electronically – via either EFT or e-transfer.
- There is one general application. Applications are submitted through an online form that can be re-accessed from the same device.

**There are 3 categories to apply under:**

1. New Events
2. Development of Indigenous Tourism Product
3. Signage

**Deadline to apply: July 28, 2024.**

[Apply now](#)

---

## **Important Benefit Reminder for Small to Medium Enterprises - Retroactive Carbon Tax Rebate**

The Canada Carbon Rebate for Small Businesses is a refundable tax credit announced in **Budget 2024** to return a portion of federal fuel charge proceeds directly to eligible Canadian-controlled private corporations (CCPCs).



### **Who is eligible**

To be eligible for the retroactive payment with respect to the 2019-2020 to 2023-2024 fuel charge years (a fuel charge year runs from April 1 to March 31), a CCPC must:

- Have employed one or more persons in a designated province in the calendar year in which the fuel charge year begins
- Have had 499 or fewer employees throughout Canada in that calendar year
- File a tax return for its tax year ending in 2023 no later than July 15, 2024

[Learn more about the carbon tax rebate](#)

---

**EASTERN ONTARIO BUSINESS JOURNAL**

**FASTEST  
2024 GROWING  
COMPANIES**

**Apply now to be considered in an upcoming business feature in the Eastern Ontario**

## Business Journal - as one of our regions fastest growing businesses

**Eastern Ontario Business Journal** is once again celebrating regional businesses that are on the fast track to growth with its third annual Fastest Growing Companies competition.

The competition is a unique opportunity for enterprises to be recognized for substantial, sustainable and profitable growth.

EOBJ is seeking companies headquartered in Eastern Ontario (in the counties of Renfrew; Frontenac; Leeds & Grenville; Lanark; Prescott & Russell; Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry) that have demonstrated substantial revenue growth over the past three years. It doesn't matter what industry the company is in or whether it's a startup or a long-standing business. The deadline for applications is August 2.

[Visit our Website to learn more](#)

---

### Enabling Accessibility Fund - Small Projects Component: Accepting applications until July 23, 2024

This funding opportunity aims to make communities and workplaces across Canada more accessible for persons with disabilities. It will fund projects that create more opportunities for persons with disabilities to take part in community activities, programs and services, and access employment.

Application period: May 28, 2024, to July 23, 2024, at 3:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

Funding amount: Up to \$125,000 for a project that is up to 2 years in duration.

Who can apply: Not-for-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, indigenous organizations, municipal and territorial governments.

[Visit our Website](#)

**BUSINESS**  
*Sisters*



*Concours*  
**EN AFFAIRES**

---

### Business Sisters Networking Events

**August 2** - You are invited to the Business Sisters Networking Event on Tuesday, August 20 from 5 to 7 pm at the office of Exit Realty Matrix

Brokerage in Hawkesbury.

**September 17** - Are you ready to connect with other like-minded women entrepreneurs and learn how to make your business more eco-friendly? Then don't miss our next Business Sisters networking event on Tuesday, September 17, from 5 to 7 pm, at Laura's B&B at Riverview Farm in Alexandria.

Laura's B&B is the brainchild of Laura Peck and her partner Sebastian, who have transformed their farm into a showcase of plastic-free living. Laura is not only a B&B operator, but also an artist who creates stunning artworks from natural and recycled materials. She has taught art and writing workshops, some of which she has hosted at the B&B. As our host, she will share her multi-passionate entrepreneurial journey and offer simple ways for Business Sisters to implement eco-friendly practices in their business.

**Visit the Business Sisters website to register for upcoming events**

---

## **Ontario Expanding Pathways for Newcomers Working in Health Care**

The Ontario government is making changes to the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP) to expand the health care workforce, increase the occupations eligible for the In-Demand Skills stream and protect newcomers from immigration fraud. These changes help address ongoing labour shortages in key sectors such as health care while also better protecting newcomers to the province.

The province's economic immigration program will now exempt nurses who are registered with the College of Nurses of Ontario in designated classes from being required to provide a bachelor's degree to qualify for the OINP Express Entry Human Capital Priorities and French-Speaking Skilled Worker streams. This change will create additional pathways for internationally educated nurses, to receive a nomination through the program, enabling Ontario to better expand the health care workforce to meet the needs of Ontarians.

The OINP is also increasing the number of occupations eligible for the Employer Job Offer: In-Demand Skills stream from 22 to 56, which is in response to the feedback received from previously held consultations on program eligibility. This will allow more skilled workers to qualify for the program.

Ontario is increasing the Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) that will be issued when fraud is found from employers, representatives, recruiters, or those who acquire a financial benefit from fraud. The minimum penalty will rise from \$2,000 to \$10,000. This will help prevent misuse of the program and protect newcomers from immigration fraud.

To further attract the skilled workers Ontario needs the most and ensure they can start working in their professions sooner, the province is the first in

Canada to **remove discriminatory barriers** that prevent foreign-trained professionals from continuing their careers in fields they trained in, such as engineering, architecture and skilled trades.

---

## **Learn about Ontario's Safety Priorities with reps from the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development Ontario**

Will Gubbels of the MLITSD will host an Ontario safety priorities session, to announce and discuss in detail the coming 2024/25 priorities for manufacturers.



THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024, 10:30AM EST -

This virtual session will provide the opportunity for manufacturers to chat with Will Gubbels about what the Ministry is seeking in its manufacturers' inspections in the coming months.

[\*\*Register here with EMC\*\*](#)

---





# Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

Competitive. Innovative. Resilient.

The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) brings together federal, provincial and territorial governments with a \$3.5-billion, 5-year agreement to strengthen and grow Canada's agricultural sector.

The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership is a **\$3.5 billion INVESTMENT** including:

**\$1 billion** in federal programs and activities

**\$2.5 billion** in cost-shared programs and activities funded by federal, provincial and territorial governments

The Sustainable CAP builds off the success of previous partnerships, and includes an additional **\$500 million** in funding to support programs cost-shared between the federal and provincial/territorial governments.

federal funding

60%

provincial/  
territorial  
funding

40%

The Sustainable CAP marks an ambitious path forward to **advance 5 important priorities** that will increase the **competitiveness, innovation** and **resilience** of our agricultural sector:

- ▶ Building sector capacity, growth and competitiveness
- ▶ Climate change and environment
- ▶ Science, research and innovation
- ▶ Market development and trade
- ▶ Resiliency and public trust



The Sustainable CAP runs from **April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2028.**



Learn more about federal programs and services to support **producers, processors** and the **agriculture** and **agri-food** sector.



[agriculture.canada.ca/sustainable-cap](https://agriculture.canada.ca/sustainable-cap)



Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada

Canada

**Learn more about the Sustainable Agricultural Partnership Fund**

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



# 2024 WARDEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

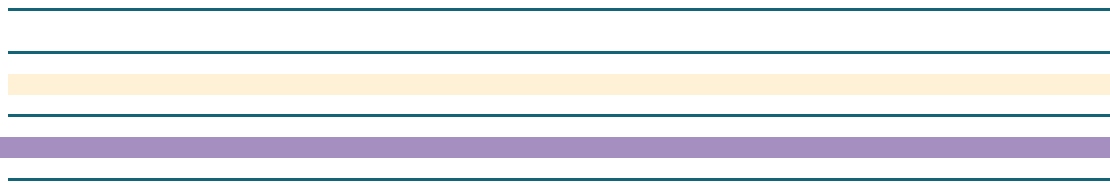
Friday, July 19, 2024

- Glengarry Golf and Country Club
- 18 holes and a cart
- Food and fun
- REGISTRATION LINK:  
[bit.ly/3VSpBhX](https://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](#)



SDG Counties is dedicated to supporting our residents and businesses. Subscribe to our free newsletter to stay informed about grants, supports and news impacting our community.

[Subscribe to our newsletter here](#)





**The United Counties of  
Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry  
Department of Economic  
Development**

Tara Kirkpatrick, Manager of Economic  
Development

[tkirkpatrick@sdgcounties.ca](mailto:tkirkpatrick@sdgcounties.ca)

[www.madeinsdg.ca](http://www.madeinsdg.ca)

T. 613-932-1515 ext. 1227

United Counties of SDG | 26 Pitt Street | Cornwall, ON K6J 3P2 CA

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!