



SDG Counties Economic Development Newsletter - June 11, 2024

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](#)

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Business Sisters Networking Event

Curious about our new networking event format? Mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 18, 5-7 pm event at LeClair Manor located at 4792 2nd Line Road, in North Lancaster. Purchase your tickets at www.business-sisters.ca

The Industrial Energy Efficiency Program's final funding window closes on June 30, 2024



Calling all industrial facilities in Ontario! Save on Energy's Industrial Energy Efficiency Program (IEEP) is accepting applications for the final round of funding until June 30, 2024. Applicants to the IEEP can receive up to \$5 million in funding to implement their energy-efficiency projects.

[Learn more about the eligibility criteria and apply today](#)

Get growing with Retrofit Program agricultural incentives

Improve your greenhouse or barn operations and your bottom line with LED grow lights, dual and natural vents, and high-efficiency ventilation exhaust fans with the Retrofit Program's agricultural incentives. There's more! For greenhouses in the southwest region of Ontario, incentives are available for distributed energy resources, including solar photovoltaic panels in combination with battery storage.

[Learn more and find out if your greenhouse or barn is eligible today](#)

WILWorks Skilled Trades in Advanced Manufacturing - Wage subsidy of 50% of

participants salary, up to \$5,000; for a training period of up to 20 weeks

Canada's skilled worker shortage is a pressing issue, especially in the manufacturing sector, where demand is soaring due to rapid technological advancements and impending retirements. WILWorks Skilled Trades in Advanced Manufacturing is a pre-apprenticeship program for youth (15-29), providing the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in advanced manufacturing trades.

This program is designed to create a skilled workforce for Canada's manufacturing future, utilizing employer-led, hands-on training and mentorship. Participants gain access to online self-directed e-learning focused on introductory technical skills for industrial mechanic millwrights and industrial electricians.

Our employer-friendly approach lets you integrate training easily, while participants gain valuable, real-world experience during a training period of up to 20 weeks. Funded by the Government of Canada's Canadian Apprenticeship Strategy, together we can build the manufacturing workforce of tomorrow! Limited spaces available

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Fully Funded Mentor Training for Skilled Tradeswomen

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity! EMC Canada, in partnership with the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum (CAF) is offering a Fully Funded Mentor Training for Skilled Tradeswomen. The course is designed to equip participants with invaluable mentorship skills. This program is a testament to our commitment to enhancing women's retention and career advancement opportunities in the trades. We aim to build a more robust, diverse workforce by creating influential mentors and fostering mentorship relationships.

Registration applications are open until June 28th, 2024. For more information, contact Susan (smclachlan@emccanada.org) or visit <https://leadership.caf-fca.org/mentor-development/>

Social selling and social listening to boost your brand for Canadian exporters

ARE YOU READY TO **EXPORT?**



On July 3, 2024, from 1 pm to 2 pm, Join the Trade Commissioner Service for the free webinar Social Selling and Social Listening to boost your brand for Canadian Exporters to learn about:

- How to have a digital-first approach in 2024 with social listening/social selling, online marketing, and website localization
- Learn more about social commerce
- Help your international customers buy from you by giving them an online local video marketing experience in their language(s) and market(s).
- Case studies - how companies are using digital tools to sell online today. Best practices, take-aways and live Q&A

Learn more and register to attend here!

RT-09 Partnership Fund Information Sessions detailing upcoming tourism grant opportunities June 25, 28 | July 2, 4, 10, 16 | 10:00am-11:00am | Online

Join Meg from RTO 9 as she goes through the 2024/2025 Partnership Fund application, guidelines and eligibility requirements for the second in-take period. This information session will go through the application process and help you determine whether your project or organization is eligible to apply, how the program works, and what expenses can be incurred under the project. There will also be time at the end of the presentation to ask questions about the program. This is your opportunity to get familiar with the program before applying!

To find out more about the program, be sure to check out our website [here](#).

- Applications for the Partnership Fund open July 5, 2024 and close July 28, 2024!

Register here for the info sessions

The WEOC (Women's Enterprise Organizations of Canada) loan in Ontario is available through PARO



The WEOC loan:

- Offers up to 50k in financing
- Has a 5-year term that can be repaid without penalty at any time
- Supports majority women-owned (50.1%+) businesses in any sector
- Doesn't require collateral
- Can help women with poor credit (depending if their business plan and strategy are strong)
- Is character-based lending
- Owner must be at least 19 years old
- Be a permanent resident or citizen
- Business must be based in Ontario

More information here: <https://www.myparopath.ca/paroprospere-eligibility-criteria?show-toolbar=true>

Register now for the June 20th Breakfast Connections Business Event in South Stormont!

Join area business owners for a networking breakfast on June 20th with Guest Speaker Terry Wills sharing the multi-generational success story of Wills Transfer Limited.

Date: June 20th ; **Time:** 7:30 a.m. ; **Location:** 2 Milles Roches Road, Long Sault
Register for Breakfast Connections

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



North Dundas
Chamber of Commerce

SOCIAL MIXER AND YEAR IN REVIEW

Join us for our last social mixer before summer break to connect with other members and learn about the accomplishments of the Chamber this year.

June 21st | 6:00pm
Smokie Ridge Vineyard

The North Dundas Chamber of Commerce Social Mixer and Year in


Review will be held at Smokie Ridge Vineyard on June 21st at 6 pm. [Register here to attend.](#)

Ontario Delivering Choice and Convenience by Expanding the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages Starting this Summer

Phased rollout will allow beer, cider, wine and ready-to-drink alcoholic beverages to be sold in convenience, grocery and big-box stores.

The phased expansion and rollout will begin later this summer and will include the following milestones:

- On August 1, 2024, the up to 450 grocery stores that are currently licensed to sell beer, cider or wine will also be able to sell ready-to-drink beverages. These grocery stores will also be able to start offering consumers large-pack sizes like the 30-pack that is popular in Quebec.
- After September 5, 2024, all eligible convenience stores will be able to sell beer, cider, wine and ready-to-drink alcoholic beverages.
- After October 31, 2024, all eligible grocery and big-box stores will be able to sell beer, cider, wine and ready-to-drink beverages, including in large pack sizes.



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