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Welcome to the 15th Edition of Selwyn Township's Business eNewsletter!

If you would like to be removed from the Business eNewsletter mailing list,
please email [Meaghan Larocque](mailto:Meaghan.Larocque@selwyn.ca).

Kawartha Chamber Nominations

The Kawartha Chamber invites you to submit nominations recognizing excellence in the local business community. A pat on the back for a job well done is a great way to show your support during this difficult time.

Nominations are not limited to Chamber members. Businesses, organizations and individuals in Peterborough County or City can be nominated. Encourage your colleagues, customers and neighbours to also submit a nomination. Self-nominations are welcome. *Nomination Deadline: May 12, 2021.*

[Nominate Here!](#)

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Taste of the Trent-Severn (#TasteoftheTSW)

Calling all Culinary Providers within Kawarthas Northumberland!

Regional Tourism Organization 8 (RTO8) is reaching out to all food & beverage producers and providers within Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough City and County and Northumberland County to get creative and showcase a culinary product created to commemorate the 101st anniversary of through navigation on the Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site of Canada. RTO8 is pleased to partner with Parks Canada for this year of commemoration and they would love to feature your business as part of the campaign.

For more information, visit the [Regional Tourism Organization 8 website](#).



Peterborough Utilities Transitioning to Hydro One

Beginning on June 1, 2021, all Peterborough Distribution customers will start to receive their electricity service from Hydro One Networks Inc.

There's no action required at this time, and we encourage you to visit HydroOne.com/Peterborough to learn more about the transition to Hydro One.

**Peterborough
Distribution**

1937680 Ontario Inc.



Between now and May 31, 2021, please continue to contact Peterborough Distribution at 705-748-6900, Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or after hours at 705-748-9300, to report a power outage or discuss your Peterborough Distribution service.

Peterborough Distribution served the customers and communities in Lakefield with safe and reliable power, and we thank them for their commitment and dedication.

Kawartha Choice FarmFresh

Peterborough & the Kawarthas Economic Development (PKED) and the Kawartha Lakes Economic Development have recently launched kawarthachoice.com. Improving upon the well-established Kawartha Choice FarmFresh (KCFF) program, the new website features an enhanced ability to connect consumers with regional food producers.

Do you produce, sell, serve or showcase food and drink from the Kawartha region? Your business may qualify for free KCFF membership if a minimum 15% (or \$25,000) of total food purchases are sourced locally. Among the many benefits of membership, you'll receive a listing on kawarthachoice.com with links to your website and social media accounts.

Kawarthachoice.com is part of a larger project funded by the Government of Ontario's Rural Economic Development Program.

Visit the Kawartha Choice website for more information about membership benefits.

Are you a member?
KawarthaChoice.com

Kawartha Choice FARM FRESH

Kawartha Lakes
Peterborough
Ontario

Update Your Business Listing with Kawartha Chamber

With new COVID-19 restrictions in place, help the Kawartha Chamber of Commerce & Tourism keep local customers updated. They have revamped their [Open/Closed List](#) and businesses have now been sorted into six categories for easier access.

- **Open**
- **Limited Services**
- **Closed**

Keeping You Updated

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CHAMBER of COMMERCE & TOURISM

We encourage member & non-member businesses in Peterborough County to email info@kawarthachamber.ca with your updated business information! This includes hours, services, closures, etc.

The Kawartha Chamber will be updating lists regularly, so keep them updated as things evolve.

Level UP - Connecting Students with Businesses

Level UP is an innovative work-integrated learning program, powered by Riipen and sponsored by the Government of Canada, to prepare students in post-secondary education and employers (or organizations) to thrive in the future of work.

Businesses can hire a student or group of students to complete a short-term project, which helps students gain relevant work experiences, build professional networks, gain career clarity, and develop their skills.



Level UP - Powered by Riipen

It's easy to get started!

1. **Sign-up** and login to your Riipen account
2. Create a Level UP project on Riipen from scratch or using a template
3. Submit your project for review by the Level UP team
4. Review applications and select a student or team
5. Interact with students and provide feedback

For more information, reach out to the Level UP support team by emailing levelup@riipen.com.

New Website Launched for Small Business Centres in Ontario

A new website - www.sbcontario.ca - has been launched to increase access to information for small business owners, and at the same time increase awareness of Small Business COVID Recovery services available to small businesses.

The new website includes the launch of a new brand which will unite the 54 existing Small Business & Entrepreneurship Centres across Ontario.

"Business Enterprise Centres are on the ground in communities across Ontario to provide local advice and support to entrepreneurs," said Candy Pollard, Business Consultant with the Cornwall Business Enterprise Centre. "It is nice to see ongoing investment in our small businesses and the renewed confidence in the networks that support them."



Empowering entrepreneurs to launch, build and thrive!

Looking for guidance in overcoming today's business challenges? As your Ontario Small Business COVID-19 Recovery Network, we're here for you.

 **SMALL BUSINESS CENTRES ONTARIO**

Government Updates

Stop the Spread Business Information Line

Businesses who have questions about closures of workplaces or how emergency measures impact their business or employment can call the Stop the Spread Business Information Line at 1-888-444-3659. Help is available from Monday to Sunday from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.



Province of Ontario's
Stop the Spread Information Line
1-888-444-3659

Ontario Expands Eligibility for Main Street Relief Grant

The Ontario government is expanding the number of small businesses that can apply for the Main Street Relief Grant to help offset the costs of purchasing personal protective equipment (PPE) to cautiously and gradually reopen in parts of the province.



 Ontario expanding eligible applicants to help small businesses with the unexpected costs of PPE

Small businesses with 2 to 19 employees in all eligible sectors (expanded from 2-9 employees), including those in the arts, entertainment, and recreation sector, can now apply for up to \$1,000 in financial support.

This one-time grant reimburses main street businesses for up to \$1,000 in PPE costs incurred since March 17, 2020. Eligible businesses for the Main Street Relief Grant now include those with 2 to 19 employees in the following sectors:

- retail trade;
- accommodation and food services;
- repair and maintenance;

- personal and laundry services;
- gyms and yoga studios; and
- arts, entertainment, and recreation.

For more information, visit the [Ontario Government website](#).

Resources to Help Workplaces Reopen Safely

The Ontario government is launching new health and safety education campaigns focusing on helping small businesses across the province reopen safely. The on-the-ground assistance includes a comprehensive suite of resources business owners can access at no cost to ensure they are helping prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace. These include:



- **Free webinars on how to operate a business safely**, and comply with health and safety requirements, during COVID-19.
- A **free 30-minute online course on infection prevention and control** provided by the Public Services Health and Safety Association.
- Provincial Employment Standards Call Centre (webes@ontario.ca) and Occupational Health and Safety Contact Centre (webohs@ontario.ca) to answer small business health and safety questions.

For more information on these tools, visit the [Ontario Government website](#).

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