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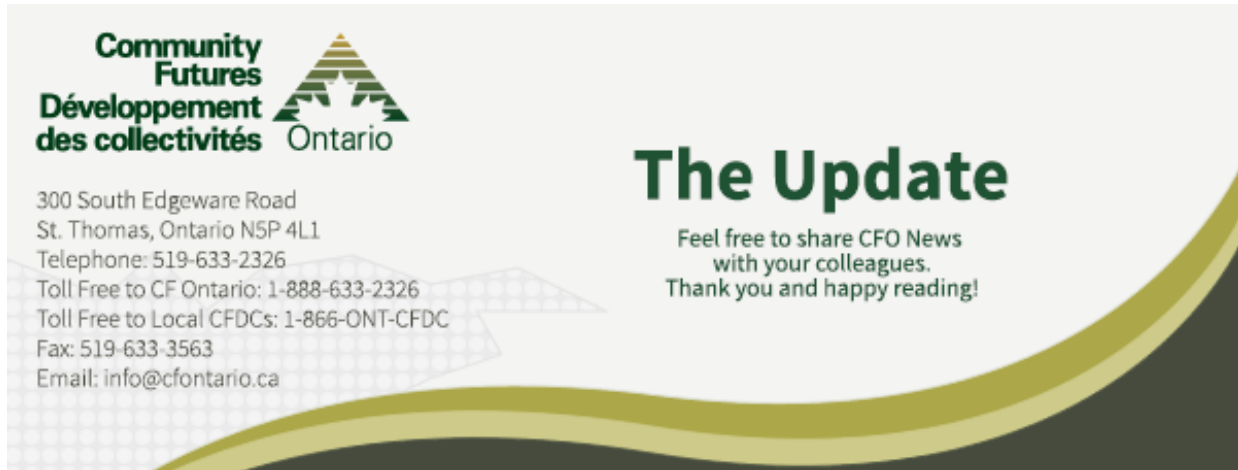


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FEATURE ARTICLE

[Annual Conference Update: SCHED](#)



(click the graphic above to fill out your profile or find out more about our NEW tour below!)



In other conference news, please remember to book your [hotel](#) and book ahead for [restaurant reservations](#) near by as this is a busy time of year for conferences, especially in London.

And don't forget... this year, there is no need to register for the [Workshops](#) (Creative Process, Skill-Building Workshops and Story-telling Sessions) ahead of time... just participate in the one you choose.

INNOVATION

[Confederation College TEC Hub](#)

August 7, 2019 - In the [fall of 2018](#), Confederation College opened its new Technology, Education and Collaboration (TEC) Hub. This space was specially designed to enhance student learning and assist in growing skilled workers in Northern Ontario.

[Learn more...](#)

[Government of Canada helping small businesses innovate](#)



Canadian small businesses invited to develop innovative solutions to two new challenges

OTTAWA, May 8, 2019 /CNW/ - As the single largest purchaser of goods and services, the federal government is using procurement to help Canadian small businesses succeed.

Through the [Innovative Solutions Canada](#) (ISC) program, government departments are inviting small businesses to come up with a new innovative product, service or solution in answer to specific challenges they face. Winning small businesses may receive up to \$150,000 to refine their research and development and, if accepted into Phase 2, receive up to \$1 million to develop a working prototype. The government can then act as a first customer, helping small businesses to commercialize their innovations, scale up their business and create good middle-class jobs across Canada.

[Read More...](#)

[Canada's Connectivity Strategy](#)



High-Speed Access for All: Canada's Connectivity Strategy

Canada faces **a national connectivity gap**. Rural Canadians face the daily challenge of slower, less reliable Internet access than those in urban centres.

Canada's Connectivity Strategy is a historic commitment: to connect every Canadian to affordable, high-speed Internet no matter where they live, and to improve mobile cellular access from coast to coast to coast. The Strategy is Canada's plan for delivering on this commitment: through new investments and collaboration with our partners, ensuring *high-speed access for all*.

[Read more...](#)

NEWS & COMMUNITY

[Annual Conference Speakers](#)



Meet some of our speakers for this year's conference!

[Watch the video...](#)

[CFNC Annual Report 2018-19](#)



"It is my pleasure to share with you the 2018 - 2019 Community Futures Network of Canada's annual report. It highlights the community economic development work of 268 Community Futures Development Corporations/Community Business Development Corporations serving all parts of rural and semi-urban Canada.[...] At Community Futures we open doors to opportunity by investing capital, resources and expertise in local entrepreneurs." ~Wendy Smitka

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[Canada's Rural & Remote Broadband Conference](#)



[The Raw Carrot is on the move!](#)



The Raw Carrot is spreading across Ontario, providing nutritious meals and creating jobs for marginalized people.

Founded in 2014, The Raw Carrot is a social enterprise housed in the Paris Presbyterian Church on Grand River Street North. The company's purpose was to create jobs for those who receive assistance from the Ontario Disability Support Program.

[Learn more...](#)

[Agriculture in the North](#)



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Agriculture in the North: Fostering skills growth and building capacity for Indigenous entrepreneurs

August 16, 2019 – Hay River, Northwest Territories – Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Northern Farm Training Institute (NFTI) in Hay River, NWT will receive an investment of up to \$392,920 through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership's AgriDiversity Program to run the Northern Diversity in Agriculture Program. This northern pilot program will enable Indigenous market garden entrepreneurs, women, and youth to receive training to become educators and mentors in their community as From-the-Land Food Ambassadors.

[Read more...](#)

ACROSS ONTARIO

[Awards Banquet 2019 Nominees](#)

Here is a list of this year's impressive submissions for Excellence Awards for Entrepreneur, Community Development and Innovation.

We can't wait to roll out the red-carpet to reveal the recipients of the 2019 CF Ontario Awards this September 16th in London, Ontario.

To each of our nominees, CONGRATULATIONS!

Business/ Project

Entrepreneur

[Cottage Care Rentals Inc](#)

[WAI Products Ltd](#)

[Fromagerie kapuskoise](#)

[Complete Concrete Forming Inc](#)

[Refillery District](#)

[The Boardwalk Boardgame Lounge](#)

[Next Millennium Farms Inc. o/a: Entomo Farms](#)

[The Willow Studio](#)

[Valley Bio Limited](#)

[Truck-Right Data Management Inc.](#)

Community Economic Development

[Cross Border Partnership Program](#)

[Million Dollar Makeover](#)

[Small Business Centre - Belleville](#)

[Farm Gates Sales Signage Pilot Project](#)

[Norfolk Indwell Housing](#)

[Saugeen Connects](#)

Innovation

[Unlocked & Inspired, Experiential Tourism Partnership Project](#)

[Link 2 Feed](#)

[Northeast Superior Regional Broadband Network \(NSRBN\)](#)

CFDC

Haliburton CDC

Haliburton CDC

North Claybelt CFDC

Orillia Area CDC

Orillia Area CDC

Peterborough CFDC

Peterborough CFDC

Peterborough CFDC

Renfrew County CFDC

Trenval BDC

Cornwall & Counties CFDC

Kawartha lakes CFDC

Trenval BDC

CF Oxford

Venture Norfolk

Saugeen CFDC

CF Oxford

Sarnia-Lambton CFDC

Superior East CFDC

[ONN: Nonprofit advocacy matters](#)



ONTARIO NONPROFIT NETWORK

Canadian nonprofits strengthen communities, contribute to the GDP, and employ over two million people. The 2019 federal election is coming so let's take advantage of this increased awareness of issues our sector and communities care about.

How to advocate:

Advocacy toolkit

Advocacy tipsheet

Election rules guide

[News from the ONN: Top Three](#)



ONTARIO NONPROFIT NETWORK

The top three things that are or will be affecting your community:

1) Bracing for the budget impact: This year's provincial budget may require organizations to make some hard decisions. It's important to make informed decisions before acting, and consider the impact on staff, leadership, and community. Read more in this important update from the law firm [Carters Professional Corporation](#).

2) Ontario's community wealth building movement is growing: More and more communities are addressing the [wealth leaking out of their local economies](#) by trying out community wealth building strategies, like community land trusts, community finance, anchor institutions, and cooperative, nonprofit, and other locally-owned enterprises. You can see [examples of community initiatives in action on our website](#).

3) Navigating changes to employment and training: Like the health care and child care sectors, [Employment Ontario programs are undergoing a massive shift](#) as the Province engages new "service system managers" - nonprofit, public, or private sector - to manage local delivery of employment and training programs. Beginning Fall 2019, the new employment services model will launch in the Regions of Peel, Hamilton-Niagara and Muskoka-Kawartha.

[Read all the news...](#)

[Immigration Matters Initiative](#)



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The business sector in Canada employs more than 12 million people. Entrepreneurs are a very important part of the business sector and the Canadian economy as a whole. More than 2.7 million Canadians are self-employed, and more than 800,000 of them have paid employees.

These entrepreneurs ensure there's competition and consumer choice for products and services in communities large and small from coast to coast to coast. As we look to the future, immigrant entrepreneurs and business leaders will have an important role to play ensuring we have a growing and successful economy.

"Canada has an opportunity to be a country where the best talent from around the world can move here and do their life's work as never before."

~Alexandra Clark, Chief of Staff to the Chief Executive Officer, Shopify

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[FedDev Invests in Francophone Entrepreneurs](#)



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FedDev Ontario Invests in Services for Windsor-Essex Francophone Entrepreneurs

\$285,749 to support social and cooperative entrepreneurship initiatives

August 1, 2019 – Windsor, Ontario

Mélanie Joly, Minister of Tourism, Official Languages and La Francophonie, announced a [FedDev Ontario](#) contribution of \$285,749 to the [Conseil de la coopération de l'Ontario](#) (CCO) to expand its French-language entrepreneurship services to the Windsor–Essex region.

FedDev's funding for the CCO is through the [Economic Development Initiative](#) (EDI), a national program delivered by the regional development agencies across Canada, which builds on the strengths of each region to facilitate sustainable economic growth in OLMCs.

[Read more...](#)

LESSONS LEARNED & BEST PRACTICES

[The Northern Attraction Series](#)



Thinking Local: Best practices and Solutions for Northern Ontario Communities

Throughout the Northern Attraction Series, the goal has been to develop a Northern Newcomer Strategy that government, employers, service providers, residents and more can look to when discussing how Northern Ontario can attract and retain newcomers. As the final piece to this Strategy, the author explores best practices that northern communities can adopt to facilitate this newcomer process and mitigate the demographic concerns Ontario's northern regions are experiencing.

[Learn more...](#)

[5 Secrets to recruiting top talents](#)



Finding quality talent isn't always easy for business owners. But, with the right tactics, it can be done!

You just need to know where to look and how to sell yourself, so top performers are eager to work for you.

You'll learn:

- how to stand out to quality prospects;
- where to start looking;
- how to use social media to find talent.

[Read more...](#)

[How to Start a...](#)

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There are licences, permits and registration requirements specific to different types of businesses. To get the right start for your business, it is important to consider all of the potential requirements.

Our How-To guides provide an overview of the potential licence, permit and registration requirements that may apply to the following business types.

[View all the How to guides...](#)

You may also be interested in our [business guide](#) collection or our selection of articles that are [available in other languages](#).

[Working smarter: 3 strategies for improving business productivity](#)



Technological advances, customer expectations and especially globalization have increased the need for higher productivity. [Choosing the right equipment](#) can help you reduce the risk of costly errors and improve the way you do business. Before you buy any equipment, be sure you are thoroughly familiar with the current and future needs of your business.

[Read more](#) about what questions you should ask yourself to increase productivity without increasing cost.

HR & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

[Certificate in Local Economic Development](#)



[Certificate in Local Economic Development](#) - The Chang School of Continuing Education, Ryerson University

Enhance your skills and knowledge and thrive in public and private local economic development (LED) positions. [This](#)

[online four-course certificate](#) is designed for entry-level, experienced, and advanced economic development professionals. It will prepare you to successfully address the current and emerging area of LED in the Canadian context. You may apply courses towards the educational requirements for your [Certified Economic Developer \(Ec.D.\)](#) certification. More details about the [certificate here](#).

Registration for the first course in the certificate is open. [CPL795: Local Economic Development Fundamentals](#) will be offered online this fall. [Enroll now](#).

For more information, contact Frank Miele, Academic Coordinator, Local Economic Development at frank.miele@ryerson.ca.

[Flyer](#)

[Ivey Field Project](#)



IFP welcomes companies to participate in Ivey's capstone academic course. IFP typically looks for projects that are strategically relevant and where the scope of work introduces analyses that cover several functional areas of the business (i.e. new product launches, modifying operational processes or even the need for a structured employee recruitment strategy).

[Learn more...](#)

[Upcoming Course: Financial Forecasting](#)



Proving financial viability is often the largest hurdle for small business clients.

Simply put, many would-be entrepreneurs struggle with financial literacy and numeracy, preventing them from properly assessing the profit potential of their enterprise.

In '*Counselling Your Clients through Financial Forecasting*', we'll explore strategies and methodologies you can use to help your clients through this often-difficult process.

Course time & location: Friday, September 20, 2019 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM ADT; online

[Read more...](#)

[CSAE: Upcoming Events](#)



Events taking place on the west coast this fall:

Sept 27 - [Boost your Career with the Psychology of Networking](#)

Oct 22 - [CSAE 2019 Vancouver](#)

Oct 22 - [CSAE 2019 Governance Forum](#)

The Update - Your Newsletter

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