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Monthly Newsletter for Members of
Community Futures Ontario



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24th Conference – A great success!



Thanks to all our sponsors, speakers and especially our host Elgin Business Resource Centre for their contributions to an awesome 24th annual conference.

Workshop session notes are available to members

<https://cfontario.ca/24th-annual-conference-2017/2017-conference-presentations>

Congratulations again to this year's award winners:

Entrepreneur of the Year – Kyle Eccelstone, Eccelstone Horse Transport - <https://youtu.be/y2-wT8kT8Ks>

Innovation Award of Excellence - Community Paramedic Remote Monitoring Program -

<https://youtu.be/EvBNqV928Xw>

Community Economic Development Award of Excellence – The Bears’ Lair Competition -

<https://youtu.be/6G2PG82mh4U>

Member’s Choice Award – Hidden Goldmine Bakery -

<https://www.facebook.com/hiddengoldminebakery/>

And in case you missed it, next year’s teaser video

Escape to the North - Allons decouvrir - <https://youtu.be/bx0tFmJJ9GA>

Enter to win Free Registration to Timmins – Sept 2018

Whether you attended the 2017 Conference in Elgin County/London or not, we would still like to hear from you. The survey should take less than five minutes. Complete the survey **before October 6**, to enter the draw for

A Grand Prize of **FREE Registration**, including meals, at the 25th annual Conference being held in Timmins, in September 2018.

Please click the link below to access the survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CFOntario2017>

Community Futures Ontario Board of Directors

The CF Ontario Board is pleased to announce its executive members for 2017/2018:

- President, Garry McKinnon
- Vice-President, Robert Price
- Treasurer, Shawn Heard
- Secretary, Colleen Gouldson
- Past-President, Dianne Adshead

The representative of Southern Ontario to the Community Futures Network of Canada Board for 2017 – 2019 will be Darrel Ryan. Garry McKinnon will continue until 2018 as the representative of Northern Ontario

Job Posting – Community Futures Ontario Communications and Professional Development Officer – Bilingual

[Employment Ad](#)

Please circulate this job posting throughout your network. Position is located in St. Thomas, Ontario.

CF Ontario Annual Salary Survey

CF Managers and Board members registered with “members only” access to the CF Ontario website can now view the results of our 2016 salary survey.

Benefits of Membership->Salary and Benefits Survey Results

Community Futures Network of Canada Update – Meeting with Minister Bains



Minister Navdeep Bains with Wendy Smitka, Helene Deslauriers and Ron Trepanier – Sept 21, Ottawa

Excerpt from report by Wendy Smitka, CFNC President

The representation committee of the Community Futures Network of Canada had a successful meeting with Minister Bains. The Minister indicated “you have friends in caucus” which suggests CFDC advocacy efforts at the local level are paying off. The meeting ended with a request to strike a task force of CFNC representatives and the Regional Development Agencies to modernize the CF Program to maximize our potential.

While in Ottawa, the committee also met with MP Marc Serre, vice chair of the National Rural Caucus and MP David Lemetti, parliamentary Secretary to Minister Bains. Both strong supporters of the CF Program.

A more detailed copy of Wendy’s report, is available to CF Ontario members here.

A full copy of the report can be found here: [Full Report](#)

Whiteboard Videos – Gaining popularity

Western Ontario CFDC Association has allowed Community Futures Ontario to adapt their whiteboard video for use throughout the province. Special acknowledgement to Jim Niesen who wrote the original script.

CF Ontario has reproduced two versions in English – one for CFDCs who promote loans of \$150,000 and another for those who promote loans of \$250,000. The video shows the provincial website link and toll free roll over phone number (1-866-668-2332) that redirects calls to the CFDC in the caller’s phone exchange.

Members can download the videos from our Website -> Communications Resources -> Whiteboard Videos and use them on your own website or social media posts. French versions are underway.

Staff Certification Congratulations!

Hats off to three recent staff certifications:



Linda Semczyszyn, General Manager

North Claybelt CFDC



Roxanne Daoust, General Manager

The Venture Centre

And



Suzanne Viel,
certified as Administrative Coordinator
and now working on her Business Analyst Certification.

How Can You Attain Certification?

Individuals submit a portfolio of evidence demonstrating that they meet the shared and specific competencies required including:

- A completed application form
- A resume
- A self-assessment of your competencies
- Copies of any diplomas, degrees or certificates that you have attained
- Proof of completion of training
- A recent performance evaluation
- A letter of support from your supervisor

https://www.cfontario.ca/files/pdfs/OACFDC/CF_Leadership_Institute/Staff_Dev.pdf

Register today

<http://cfleadershipinstitute.ca/sd/login.php?accesscheck=%2Fsd%2Findex.php>

Rural Employment Initiative – Update from CBC News – Thunder Bay

Oliver Pryce, coordinator of the Rural Employment Initiative (REI) at the Newcomer Centre of Peel was recently interviewed by CBC in Thunder Bay where he was a member of a panel that focused on innovative employment recruitment and then facilitated a workshop on partnership development.

Read the article here <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/northern-ontario-employment-gap-1.4299223>

And

Listen to the interview <http://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1051761731826>

Canada Business Ontario Information

Check out this handy information sheet on Canada Business Ontario, a helpful resource for small and medium sized enterprises and new entrepreneurs in Ontario and a major referral source for Community Futures offices throughout Canada.



[Canada Business Ontario internal Info Sheet.pdf](#)

Strategic Innovation Fund

Firms of all sizes across all of Canada's industrial and technology sectors are invited to apply. Applications for the Streams 1 to 3 are accepted on a continuing basis. There are no submission deadlines. It should be noted that 100s of applications have already been received.

At this time, a Statement of Interest is required to be considered for funding.

An application toolkit is available electronically at [Strategic Innovation Fund](#). The kit includes the program guide; the statement of interest guide and the statement of interest form.

4th Round of StatsCan 2016 Data Released

On September 13th, Statistics Canada released the fourth round of data from the 2016 Census of Population. These new data continue to enhance Canada's statistical portrait by providing information on individual, family and household income for various levels of geography and demographic groups.

To access your local data, try some of Statistics Canada's great interactive tools such as the [Focus on Geography Series](#), which provides a simple way to find data about your municipality.

Additional 2016 Census of Population data will be published on the following dates:

- October 25, 2017—Immigration, ethnocultural diversity, housing and Aboriginal peoples
- November 29, 2017—Education, labour, journey to work, language of work, mobility and migration

We want to hear from you!

From September to December 2017, Statistics Canada is conducting a public content consultation on the 2021 Census of Population. For more information, please refer to the [2021 Census of Population Content Consultation](#) Web page.

If you have any questions, please contact André Langdon, by email at andre.langdon@canada.ca or by telephone at 647-283-4683.

The Update – Your Newsletter

Do you have feedback or story ideas for the next Update? Contact Community Futures Ontario at 1-888-633-2326 or info@cfontario.ca

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