

### 2018 Economic Development Summit Friday, November 16, 2018

- 8:30 am **Registration / Brochure Table Open / Networking**
- 9:00 am **Welcome / Greetings / Tribute**
- David Gordon, Mayor, Municipality of North Grenville
  - Robin Jones, Warden, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
- 9:15 am **Minister's Address**
- The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing / MPP Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes
- 9:30 am **Keynote: LeBoat Brings the World to the Rideau Canal**
- It's been a journey that has brought the world to the Rideau Canal. LeBoat is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and its first expansion into North America with a successful inaugural season.
- Presenter: Cheryl Brown, Managing Director (President) LeBoat
- 10:10 am **BREAK / Networking**
- 10:25 am **Shaping Our Future Workforce Together**
- Let's give our youth the right tools to be successful in Leeds Grenville. It takes businesses, municipalities and education providers working together to address skill gaps and supporting future entrepreneurs.
- Presenters: Stephen Sliwa, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board  
Upper Canada District School Board  
Grace Maher, 2017 Graduate, North Grenville District High School  
Claire Baker, Grade 12 Student, Athens District High School
- 10:45 am **Leeds Grenville Economic Development Update**
- It's time to celebrate! A quick reflection on the key successes over the past 10 years and where we are heading in 2019.
- Presenter: Ann Weir, Economic Development Manager, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville



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- 11:00 am **Keynote: It's Just the Beginning**  
Canopy Growth is the first publicly traded cannabis company in North America and continues to be the largest producer in the world. At the Summit in 2014, Bruce presented "What Can Happen in a Year." He's back to share the company's growth, the impact that is occurring in the region and what is ahead.  
  
Presenter: Bruce Linton, Founder, Chairman and Co-CEO, Canopy Growth Corporation
- 12:00 noon **LUNCH / Networking**
- 1:00 pm **Bill Thake Memorial Economic Development Leadership Award**  
Nominees: Doug Bond – Township of Rideau Lakes  
Geraldine Taylor – Municipality of North Grenville  
  
Introductions: Andy Brown, CAO, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville  
Deanna Clark, Economic Development Officer  
  
Presenters: Robin Jones, Warden, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville  
Marlene Thake  
Glenn Allen, 1st Recipient of the Bill Thake Award
- 1:15 pm **Keynote:**  
**Economic Outlook: Challenges and Opportunities Ahead for Canadian Businesses**  
Should Canadian businesses be optimistic or pessimistic regarding the current economic situation? Pierre Cl  roux presents the most up-to-date information on the performance of national and global economies. From challenges related to labour shortage to trade relationships with the United States, discover how Canadian businesses should navigate the economy to position themselves for growth.  
  
Presenter: Pierre Cl  roux, Vice President, Research and Chief Economist, BDC
- 2:05 pm **Updates and New Developments**  
Presenters:
  - Port of Johnstown – Frank McAuley, Port Management Committee
  - 1000 Islands Bridge – Natalie Kinloch, Chief Financial Operating Officer, Federal Bridge Corporation and Tim Sturick, Deputy Executive Director, Thousand Islands Bridge Authority
  - Question & Answer
- 2:45 pm **Closing Remarks**

