

## 2020 Economic Development Summit Friday, November 20, 2020

8:00 am **Webcast Opens**

9:00 am **Welcome / Greetings**

- Michael Barrett, MP Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes
- Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing / MPP Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes
- Pat Sayeau, Warden, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

9:15 am **State of the Economy: A Global and National Snapshot**

The economic impact of the pandemic has been significant globally and nationally. The question is, where are we heading and what does economic and business recovery look like?

Presenter: Dr. Trevin Stratton, Chief Economist and Vice-President  
Canadian Chamber of Commerce

9:50 am **Bill Thake Memorial Economic Development Leadership Award**

Nominees: Karen Bedard – Municipality of North Grenville  
Janet Campbell – Village of Merrickville-Wolford  
Wendy Merkley – Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands

Introductions: Andy Brown, CAO, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville  
Deanna Clark, Economic Development Officer

Announcement: Pat Sayeau, Warden, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

10:05 am **BREAK**

10:15 am **Keynote Session: An Ontario Made Economic Recovery**

As Ontario navigates COVID-19, plans for growth, renewal and recovery continue to evolve through strategies and made-in Ontario solutions. Hear more about how we can strengthen our province's business resiliency and build back our economy together.

Presenter: Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

10:45 am **Eastern Ontario's Connectivity Update**

EORN continues to advance Eastern Ontario's regional digital strategy. With cell service and broadband access essential, learn more on the progress to date and direction going forward.

Presenters: Lisa Severson, Director of Communications  
Jim Pine, Co-Lead  
Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN)

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11:15 am **Leeds Grenville Economic Development Update**  
 Stronger together has never been more important in supporting local businesses. Learn how the impact of COVID-19 has strengthened collaboration and refined key areas of focus.  
 Presenter: Ann Weir, Economic Development Manager  
 United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

12:00 pm **LUNCH BREAK**

1:00 pm **Economic Recovery Chat Rooms**  
**Join the conversation and pick two different areas of interest:**

1:05 pm **Session 1**

**Regional Priorities:**

**Small Business, Local Business Marketing and Promotion**

What types of initiatives should be undertaken within the next 6 months?

**Tourism**

What role should the Counties play in tourism and key strategies?

**Agriculture and Food**

What are the top areas of concern and how should they be addressed?

What type of buy-local initiatives and value-added products should be considered?

**Manufacturing, Transportation, Logistics and Warehousing**

What are the challenges, pivots, needs and opportunities within the industry?

**Workforce**

What are the impacts of COVID-19 to our local workforce?

**New Economy Opportunities**

What are the opportunities for the region in the new economy?

**Moderators:**

Darren Gallacher

Bonnie Ruddock

Katie Nolan

Rob Nolan

Frank O'Hearn

Tina Stevens

1:30 pm **Session 2 (choose 2nd area of interest)**

1:55 pm **Wrap-up**

