

## **ADDENDUM TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION REPORT**

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### **INFORMATION**

#### **9. Labour Market Group of Renfrew and Lanark**

In collaboration with Algonquin College, the Labour Market Group of Renfrew and Lanark and the Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Services is developing a program to learn of employer expectations, challenges, opportunities and strategies for managing the post-pandemic workforce and workplaces.

The first component is a virtual presentation on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. from the Chief Economist of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Trevin Stratton, to provide data and information and set the stage for the second component of the program. Dr. Stratton is an economist specializing in global and technological change and he will share his views of the global economy that will emerge as the COVID-19 pandemic abates. He will also speak on the effects of the pandemic on small town and rural areas, to localize the information for Renfrew County. Following Dr. Stratton's presentation, the Labour Market Group of Renfrew and Lanark will present the preliminary findings of their Labour Market Employer One Survey.

The second component will be four separate facilitated virtual consultations, each with a specific sector, with a broad range of local employers to gain their perspective on challenges, opportunities and adaptations they are anticipating for the post-pandemic local and global economy and the changes they see coming to workforce and workplace environments. These sessions will be delivered over Thursday, March 11 and Friday, March 12. Erik Lockhart, of the Queen's University Executive Decision Centre, will facilitate these sessions. This will enable a wide audience of employers to participate and contribute remotely and conveniently.

The results and outputs from this program will assist employers as they plan for the post-pandemic economy, especially as it relates to workplace innovation and adaptations and to the likely nature of the future workforce and the requirements, structures and changes to which they will have to adjust their employee environments. It will also enable the College, Labour Market Group, Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development Services, and other organizations to more effectively assist employers, develop workforce development and recruitment efforts and foster economic and community growth.

10. **2022 Ontario Winter Games Advisory Committee Update**

The 2022 Ontario Winter Games Advisory (OWG) Committee held a meeting on Monday, February 8, 2021 and wish to report the following:

- (a) Date of Games  
The Ontario Winter Games will be held over two consecutive weekends from February 24-27, 2022 and March 3-6, 2022.
- (b) Ontario Winter Games Coordinator  
Recruitment for an OWG Coordinator has started with a closing date of February 18, 2021. Staff are looking to have the successful candidate start during the first week of March.
- (c) Call for Sub-Committee Chairs  
A call for 16 Sub-Committee Chairs has been issued with the aim to have these Chairs in place by mid-March. Any interested candidate is welcome to send their resume to the designated OWG email account at [info@renfrewcounty2022.ca](mailto:info@renfrewcounty2022.ca).
- (d) Transfer Payment Agreement  
The Transfer Payment Agreement has been executed by both the County of Renfrew and the Province of Ontario. Staff continue to work on finalizing the key indicators that need to be completed prior to receiving the first two rounds of funding by the end of March.