

2024 Economic Development Summit

AMPING UP in Leeds Grenville

Friday, November 22, 2024

8:30 am **Registration | Networking**

9:00 am **Welcome / Greetings**

- Michael Barrett, MP Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes
- Steve Clark, MPP Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes
- Nancy Peckford, Warden, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville / Mayor, North Grenville

9:15 am **Growth from Within the Maitland Chemistry Park**

The Maitland Chemistry Park is capitalizing on new opportunities as Evonik Canada and INVISTA invest \$31 million to reintroduce new and returning products. Working collaboratively, the investment brings excitement with new well-paying jobs and opportunities to the Leeds Grenville region.

Presenters:

Greg Canning-LeBlanc, Plant Manager, Maitland Hydrogen Peroxide, Evonik Canada
Matthew Murton, Maitland Site Manager, INVISTA (Canada) Company

10:00 am **BREAK**

10:15 am **VOLTARI - Leading a Revolution**

Voltari Marine Electric, headquartered in Merrickville, is a global leader in marine technology. They are a team of visionaries that have come together and are now ready to share full-throttle the excitement on their commercial fleet launch.

Presenter:

Cam Heaps, Founder / Chief Executive Officer, Voltari Marine Electric

10:40 am **KEYNOTE: Ontario's Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power**

Ontario's Minister of Energy and Electrification will speak to Ontario's Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power. With energy demand in Ontario soaring, the province is proactively ensuring a clean and affordable future. The province has initiated the largest competitive energy procurement ever seen in Ontario and is leading the way in North America's biggest nuclear energy refurbishment and expansion to address increasing energy needs.

Presenter:

Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification

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- 11:40 am **Largest Battery Energy Storage in Canada**
The Skyview 2 Battery Energy Storage Project in the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal will provide up to 411MW to improve Ontario's electrical grid. This \$750 million facility will play a pivotal role in meeting demand by storing excess energy during periods of low demand and releasing at peak hours.
Presenters:
Ben Greenhouse, Chief Executive Officer, Potentia Renewables Inc.
Will Patterson, Senior Project Manager, Potentia Renewables Inc.
- 12:00 pm **LUNCH | Networking**
- 1:00 pm **Bill Thake Memorial Economic Development Leadership Award**
Recipient: Dave Brown, Brown's Marina
Presenter: Roger Haley, Past Warden, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
Marlene Thake
- 1:30 pm **Keynote: BDC Economic Outlook - Canada in the midst of a soft landing**
Join Pierre Cl  roux for an overview of the economic challenges and opportunities within Canada and abroad. Learn how interest rate cuts will stimulate the Canadian economy and what it means for your business as you strategize for 2025.
Presenter:
Pierre Cl  roux, Vice President, Research and Chief Economist, BDC
- 2:30 pm **Leeds Grenville / 1000 Islands Rideau Canal Waterways**
Counties Economic Development continues to work on business development, investment attraction, workforce, and tourism strategy implementation. Learn about the activities undertaken, the importance of small business in Leeds Grenville, what's ahead and the opportunity for input.
Presenter:
Ann Weir, Economic Development Manager
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
- 2:45 pm **Closing Remarks | Networking**