

International Plowing Match and Rural Expo Early Exhibitor Booking Deadline Extended to July 8th

KEMPTVILLE -The International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM) is being hosted in North Grenville in and around the Kemptville Campus lands from September 20 - 24.

The IPM is the largest event of its kind in North America with people coming from across Canada, the U.S. and beyond. This five-day celebration of agriculture and rural living will bring an estimated 70,000 people to the region. This is the first IPM in 3 years so it should be a blockbuster!

The event is a collaborative effort of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, the Municipality of North Grenville and the local organizing committee.

Business Invitation:

Local businesses in Leeds Grenville are invited and welcomed to be part of the Tented City. Take advantage of the "Canada Day Special" offering an early booking discount to exhibitors until **Friday, July 8th**. This is a perfect opportunity to promote yourself to a very large audience.

****Please note on your application if you wish to be in close proximity of the Leeds Grenville Regional Showcase tented area being organized by Counties Economic Development.**

For more information:

- Visit the Exhibitor [webpage](#)
- Contact Local Exhibitors Chair Dermid O'Farrell via [email](#)

Event attendees can expect plowing competitions, live entertainment in multiple venues and opportunities to learn about agriculture through hundreds of exhibitors that include large and small equipment, lifestyle items and much more! Advanced tickets are now on sale and volunteers are still being recruited. For information visit the [website](#) or send an [email](#).

Economic Development Leadership Award

Nominate a Economic Development Leader

The Leeds Grenville Economic Development Office is asking individuals, councils and economic development committees to identify candidates for the annual Bill Thake Memorial Award for Economic Development Leadership.

Before heading off for summer vacation, talk to your colleagues and community members about who is deserving of this individual award in your municipality. If you have someone in mind within the 10-member municipalities of Leeds Grenville, consider putting their name forward. You can connect with us at ecodev@uclg.on.ca or call Deanna Clark at 613-342-3840, ext. 5360.

For more information and nomination forms in both Word and PDF visit our [Summit 2022 webpage](#). The Economic Development Leadership Award will be presented at the annual Economic Development Summit on November 18, 2022.



The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, September 30, at 4 p.m.

Immigrant Entrepreneur Award

Nominations now open for Immigrant Entrepreneur Award



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PARTNERSHIP**

The St. Lawrence-Rideau Immigration Partnership is now seeking nominations for the 8th Annual Leeds and Grenville Immigrant Entrepreneur Award.

To be eligible, the nominee must have been born outside of Canada, be an owner / operator of an active business in Leeds Grenville, live in Leeds Grenville and demonstrate characteristics of a successful entrepreneur. There is no limit to the number of nominations you can make. All you need to do is submit the person's name and the name of their business.

Nominations are open until Friday, September 9th.

For more information or to nominate, contact Project Coordinator Lauren Smith at 613-213-4455, on Twitter @LGIImmigration or send her an [email](#).

Funding Opportunities

Tourism Partnership Funding Intake 2 Starting July 5th

RTO 9 works hand-in-hand with tourism partners to enhance experiential tourism across the South Eastern Ontario region. RTO 9's Partnership Fund is designed to forge strong and diverse partnerships that either build on existing tourism products or introduce new tourism products. These projects serve to enhance the region's diversity of offerings to create a competitive advantage in tourism experiences.

Partnership Funding for 2022-2023 is intended solely for tourism businesses interested in undertaking tourism-related initiatives that increase visitation to the South Eastern Ontario region. RTO 9 continues to offer partnership funding opportunities to its individual tourism operators to help with pandemic recovery and rebuilding efforts as they continue to cautiously reopen the region. Please read through the 'Important Information' and 'Partnership Guidelines' before applying.

The next intake for applications will open on July 5 until July 25, 2022.

Important Information and Guidelines

Grow Your Business Online: \$2,400 Grant Available to Small Businesses

The development and implementation of e-commerce is critical for businesses to remain competitive today. Through the Canada Digital Adoption Program, eligible small businesses can receive a grant of up to \$2,400 to help with the costs related to adopting a wide array of digital technologies. Make sure your business is digitally visible and making the most of selling online.

Grant money can be used to undertake the following: