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Business News Updates

Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Program



Get up to \$13,500 to enhance your building's appearance!

What's Covered:

- Exterior lighting & decorative details
- Exterior Professional painting & signage
- Patio installations
- Design services

Benefits:

- Attract more customers
- Increase property value
- Support downtown revitalization

Requirements:

- Downtown BIA location
- Heritage-appropriate design
- Complete by December 31, 2025

Grant funding is subject to availability, and the program may close without notice once funds are depleted. For more information, visit our website.

[More Info](#)

Tariff Resources for Local Businesses



The Town of Shelburne Economic Development Department is dedicated to offering comprehensive resources and unwavering support for our local businesses as they navigate the complexities of this evolving situation. We are committed to empowering our business community with the tools and information needed to adapt and thrive in these challenging times.

[Visit our Website](#)

Business Supports

Caring Sector Workforce Survey

CHILD CARE & EDUCATION
SOCIAL SERVICES
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
HEALTHCARE

Workforce Planning Board of Waterloo Wellington Dufferin | Canada | EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO | Ontario

Caring Sector Survey

The Caring sectors are experiencing wide-spread and difficult staffing challenges, such as staff shortages, high staff turnover, and burnout. The Workforce Planning Board of Waterloo

10/14/2025
WINDOWS 10
End of Support

Windows 10 End of Support: What You Need to Know

Microsoft officially ended support for Windows 10 on October 14, 2025. After this date, your Windows 10 devices are no longer receiving any security updates or patches.

Wellington Dufferin is looking for insight that can help our communities tackle this challenge. Their Caring Sector Workforce Survey is active, and is collecting input from all staff in:

- Healthcare
- Childcare & Education
- Social & Community Services
- Arts & Culture
- Sports & Recreation
- Non-profit organizations of all types

[Take the Survey](#)

Why It Matters

- Security: Higher risk of cyberattacks
- Compliance: May breach regulations
- Compatibility: New tech may not work

What To Do

- Upgrade to Windows 11
- Replace incompatible PCs
- consider Extended Security Updates while in transition

[Learn More](#)

Retail Modernization Project Grant

Retail Modernization Project Grant

\$2.5 million is being invested to support small businesses in the retail sector in areas like online payment systems, inventory management software, customer relationship management tools, digital marketing, cybersecurity solutions and artificial intelligence. The new Retail Modernization Project Grant will provide a flexible grant of up to \$5,000 to be matched by participants adopting new technologies in these areas.

[Learn More](#)

Ecosystem Fund



Black Entrepreneurship Program Ecosystem Fund

The Ecosystem Fund is a key component of the **Black Entrepreneurship Program** (BEP), an initiative which aims to break down barriers and create opportunities for Black entrepreneurs. The Ecosystem Fund supports Black-led, not-for-profit organizations in southern Ontario that help Black entrepreneurs and business owners thrive. Apply by January 9, 2026.

[Learn More](#)

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