



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING BRIEF FEBRUARY 5, 2018

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Upcoming Meeting

Date:

Monday, March 5th
@ 9:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker:

There are no guest speakers scheduled at this time.

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DEADLINE QUICKLY APPROACHING

The deadline to nominate for a business is Friday, February 9th.
Contact Alison at amerkley@twprideaulakes.on.ca for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: Awards will be presented on Friday, April 6th.

EASTERN ONTARIO REGIONAL NETWORK

Guest speakers Lisa Severson of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) and Jim Pine of Hastings County attended the meeting to discuss EORN's objective of providing increased internet speeds, bandwidth, and mobile coverage and capacity to Eastern Ontario.

Our guests highlighted that approximately 94.5% of households within the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville have coverage up to 10Mbps, a great improvement compared to the amount prior to the creation of EORN, and that they are continuing to strive and advocate for increased speeds.

'TINY HOMES' FOR TOURISTS

Guest speaker John Loerchner, owner of Cabinscape, was invited to discuss how the tiny home movement has generated business opportunities in the form of tourist lodging.

Mr. Loerchner spoke about the growing popularity of travellers searching for low key accommodations in remote spaces, to allow them to enjoy nature while still having access to basic amenities, and how this may fit well within Rideau Lakes through partners, such as the conservation authorities.

PORTLAND REVITALIZATION

The Township hosted a visionary workshop attended by thirty people, to discuss the future of the Portland Hall and Harbour Redevelopment.

The next step is to refine a concept plan and perform a business case analysis.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

The Economic Development Committee is proud to announce it has a new Community Profile. The Profile includes information on topics such as local services, demographics, and industries, and compiled it all in a single source.

COMMUNITY GUIDE

The Community & Leisure Services Guide is a helpful resource listing the different services and activities in Rideau Lakes. The free guide is circulated to residents and businesses throughout the Township twice a year.

Advertising space is being accepted until **February 14th**. If interested in learning more, contact Sue Dunfield, Manager of Community and Leisure Services, at 1-800-928-2250 ext. 238 or susan@twprideaulakes.on.ca

SKATE THE LAKE – February 17th and 18th

Come to Portland and watch as skaters take on courses between 5k and 100k in length during this annual event known to avid skaters around the world.

Visit www.skatethelakeportland.com for information.

