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SMALL BUSINESS DRIVES PROSPERITY IN CHATHAM-KENT

Small Business Week Highlights The Entrepreneurs, Connections And Support That Help Our Community Thrive

CHATHAM-KENT, ON — As Canada celebrates BDC Small Business Week, October 19–25, 2026, the Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce is recognizing the entrepreneurs whose ambition, investment and hard work help build local **prosperity**. The national celebration provides an opportunity to recognize business owners and connect them with resources to navigate challenges and pursue growth.

Small businesses help make Chatham-Kent a place where people can build careers, raise families and invest in their future. Supporting their success means more than celebrating individual achievements—it means strengthening the conditions that allow businesses and communities to thrive together.

Connecting businesses, strengthening their voice

The Chamber's purpose is to cultivate a thriving business ecosystem, working with like-minded stakeholders so members can broaden their economic horizons, inspire success and contribute to a prosperous, vibrant community for generations to come.

Its four strategic pillars translate that purpose into action:

- **Engage:** Connect businesses through learning, shared expertise and lasting relationships.
- **Empower:** Bring businesses, community partners and government together to support growth, resilience and leadership.
- **Inspire:** Encourage innovation, connect experienced leaders with emerging entrepreneurs and celebrate local business success.
- **Impact:** Advance solutions-based advocacy and build awareness of how public policy affects business competitiveness.

Together, these priorities place connectivity and advocacy at the heart of the Chamber's work: helping entrepreneurs build relationships, exchange ideas and bring their concerns into conversations that shape the business environment. The goal is a stronger business community that contributes to economic opportunity and quality of life across Chatham-Kent.

See how we celebrate **business** in Chatham-Kent. Visit [CKCCTV, the Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce's YouTube channel](#), and meet the people and businesses helping our community thrive.

Practical resources for business owners

During Small Business Week and throughout the year, entrepreneurs can access support through:

- [BDC Small Business Week](#): Events and learning opportunities focused on helping entrepreneurs respond to change, improve productivity and pursue growth.
- [Ontario Chamber of Commerce resources](#): Reports, policy submissions and analysis addressing issues that affect Ontario businesses and their competitiveness.
- [Chatham-Kent Economic Development's Small Business Centre](#): No-cost, confidential consultations covering business planning, financing information, marketing, permits and other startup and growth needs.

Business owners can also explore [local workshops and networking events](#) or contact the Small Business Centre at 519-351-7700 or cksbc@chatham-kent.ca to book an appointment, for business resources and financing contact your local BDC representative in Chatham-Kent 519-419-0032 or [BDC Small Business Week 2026](#).

This Small Business Week, residents and organizations are encouraged to put support into action: shop locally, consider local suppliers, recommend a local business and help entrepreneurs make new connections. A commitment to small business is a commitment to Chatham-Kent's future.

About the Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce

Since 1872, the Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce has served as a non-partisan voice for business, connecting employers, advancing economic prosperity and advocating for the conditions required for businesses and communities across Chatham-Kent to succeed.

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