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Welcome to the sixth issue of **Staying Connected!** Hear more about our featured funder, **City of Ottawa**, with a spotlight on their programs and funding. Find out how our **featured employment and training organizations** support job seekers and employers. We share information about our new **Employer Bulletin on COVID-19**, our **Q4 Real-time Labour Supply and Demand report** and early highlights from our **Youth Survey on Youth Employment**. We also provide a **special LEPC update** and share upcoming **virtual events**.



HIGHLIGHTED FUNDER CITY OF OTTAWA

The City of Ottawa's vision is a city made up of vibrant, distinctive, connected and safe neighbourhoods, economically diverse, strong, and affordable, with accessible and sustainable transportation, embracing our diversity, social and cultural activities, and leading in environmental stewardship.

Towards that vision, the City engages the public, provides public policy and programming, and supports neighbourhoods, sub-municipal regions and community agencies and groups with funding contributions.

We highlight two funding sources:

- Community Economic Development Funding Program (February Lunch and Learn)
- Community Funding Program (March Lunch and Learn)

A full list of City of Ottawa funding can be found [here](#).



SPOTLIGHT ON FUNDING & OTHER SUPPORT

The annual **Community Economic Development Funding Program** funds projects that reduce barriers to employment and create jobs for disadvantaged populations. Grants are available for non-profit organizations that are starting businesses and creating jobs, or helping people that are under-represented in the mainstream economy to develop entrepreneurial and employability skills. Up to \$280,000 per year is awarded to projects selected by a jury panel of reviewers (*applications closed on March 20th*).

The **Community Funding Program** invests in non-profit community social service agencies that offer services for residents facing the greatest needs and barriers. Applications to qualify for funding under the **Sustainability Fund** (5-year terms, renewable) are now open and the deadline has been extended to April 14.



FEATURED SUCCESS STORIES

Community Funding Program

Testimonial from a resident using services at a non-profit social service agency in receipt of community funding from the City: *"This program is the reason I am still alive. My counsellor guided me through the shambles of my life I had been existing in. She helped me realize there were tools I could benefit from, how to use them so I could rebuild some basic necessities such as freedom, hope and self-worth."*

Community Economic Development Funding Program

TiE Ottawa received a grant in support of helping foreign student graduates from Ottawa Post-Secondary Institutions to access local business/professional networks and to successfully appeal to local businesses for relevant employment (reducing Ottawa "brain drain").

HIGHLIGHT | EMPLOYER RESOURCES

Employer Help Desk is launching its **first Employer Bulletin – COVID-19**. The rapidly changing situation with COVID-19 means it is not “business as usual”. Click [here](#) for updated news, tools and resources to help employers manage their workforce.

HIGHLIGHT | LMI LIBRARY

We are pleased to publish our **Q4 Real-time Labour Supply and Demand report** highlighting online job ads and job seekers for October to December 2019. Click [here](#) to read now.

HIGHLIGHT | EMPLOYMENT & LEARNING RESOURCES

We partnered with the Ottawa Youth Engagement Committee (OYEC) on a survey to capture **Ottawa youth perspectives on employment**. Click [here](#) for a preview of early findings. A detailed report will be published in April.

FEATURED ORGANIZATIONS

Updated info sheets now available online



[Job Seeker Resources](#)



[Employer Resources](#)

- [EcoEquitable](#)
- [People, Words & Change](#)
- [St. Lawrence College Employment Services](#)
- [University of Ottawa](#)
- [Willis College](#)
- [Youth Ottawa](#)



PARTNER NEWS – An Update from LEPC

The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development (MLTSD) has ended the Local Employment Planning Councils (LEPCs) pilot and is supporting the eight LEPCs to transition to the **Local Board Program**, should they choose to do so. Algonquin College has chosen to transition back to the Local Board (for those of you who remember our Labour Market Ottawa days). A new business plan will be prepared for May 4th, in consultation with the community.

We have also been awarded an Ontario Labour Market Partnership (OLMP) contract to scale up our **Making It in Manufacturing Resource Network**, and are partnering on an Eastern Ontario Training Board OLMP focused on a region-wide Employer survey to determine workforce needs.

Doug Wotherspoon, Chair of the LEPC Executive Steering Group, shares that *“the College recognizes the importance of community workforce planning and looks forward to continuing to move forward on redefined priorities that will build on the solid foundation that the LEPC pilot afforded Ottawa.”*

UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS:



Social media finds:

This month we focus on COVID-19 online resources

CFIB COVID-19 Small Business Help Centre [@CFIBbuzz](#)

HRPA COVID-19 Resource Centre [@HRPA](#)

Canadian Chamber of Commerce COVID-19: Business Resilience [@CdnChamberofCom](#)

Ottawa Employment Hub - Virtual April Staying Connected

April 9, 2020, 11:00am to 12:00pm - Click [here](#) to access the Webex conference call
Join by phone: +1-855-282-6330 - Access number / Meeting number: 806 117 985

Ottawa Board of Trade (OBOT) Webinars - A new webinar series designed to support you in our current economy and beyond. Led by local business leaders with subject matter expertise in the areas most important to you.

- [April 2, 2020 - Managing Your Cash Flow](#)
- [April 7, 2020 - Business Insurance in the COVID-19 Context](#)
- [April 9, 2020 - Resilience: The Art of Bouncing Back](#)
- [April 14, 2020 - Tax Measures and Business Assistance Programs](#)
- [April 16, 2020 - Practical Guidance to HR Issues Related to the COVID-19 Crisis](#)
- [April 23, 2020 - Culture, Engagement & COVID-19](#)

CERIC Free Webinar Series | Thriving Through Chaos: How to Manage Your Mental and Emotional Well-Being and Help Your Clients Do the Same

March 31, 2020 to April 9, 2020 (if you can't attend, register to receive the webinar recording)

CERIC Free Webinar Series in April & May | Career Theories and Models at Work: Ideas for Practice

Various dates in April and May (if you can't attend, register to receive the webinar recording with captions in both English and French)



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