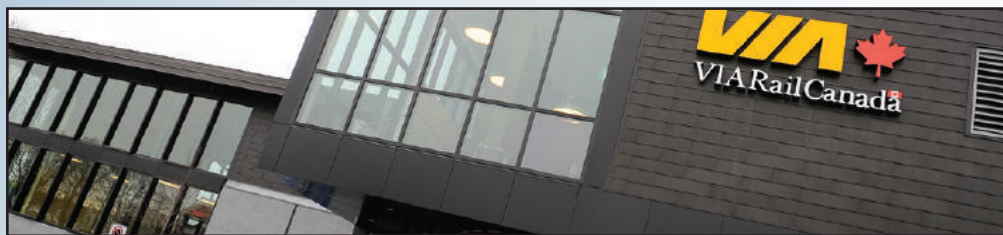


# Community PROFILE

BELLEVILLE.CA

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## welcome to BELLEVILLE

Belleville is a dynamic, growing city located in Eastern Ontario in the Bay of Quinte Region. Despite our growing community, Belleville is set apart by its inviting blend of rural and urban opportunities. Belleville delivers beautiful parks and open spaces, excellent education and post-secondary education, health care facilities, affordable housing and a wide range of cultural attractions, in addition to excellent investment and job opportunities.

With endless amenities, opportunities and a high quality of life, more and more people are attracted to our community. Whatever your interests may be, Belleville has something to suit everyone's tastes.

The following pages highlight Belleville and what will continue to shape this city as a destination for businesses, families, entrepreneurs and visitors.

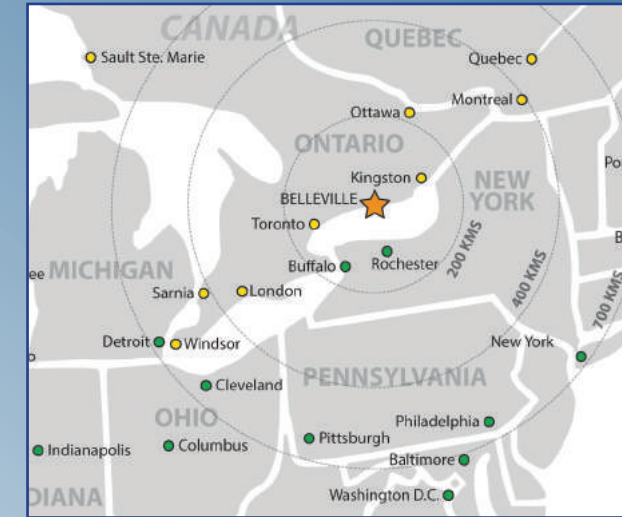
We encourage you to visit our city - explore, experience and enjoy.

### advantage

Belleville has the most efficient environment for your business with low land costs and labour rates, combined with a great location and access to a huge market.

With a strong manufacturing sector, Belleville has grown to embrace other sectors to round out our economy, stabilizing and supporting the community. Our diverse manufacturing base includes plastics and packaging, advanced manufacturing, food processing, warehousing and distribution, research and development, as well as all the support services needed by these sectors.

Belleville features state of the art communications and data processing infrastructure as well as the transportation, water, sewer and other utility capacity to meet the needs of most any business.



*Belleville is the largest urban centre in the Quinte region.*

### location

Belleville is located within the heart of North America situated on the picturesque Bay of Quinte and directly along Canada's most travelled highway, Highway 401. Our prime location is central to major markets in both Canada and the U.S. such as Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Chicago and New York City.

This city of 50,000 residents offers big city amenities with a small town touch.



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## quick facts

**12**  
minute commute  
to anywhere  
in the city.

Access to a  
regional labour  
force in excess of  
**110,000**  
skilled, reliable  
workers.

OVER  
**500**  
acres of parkland  
at 55 locations  
throughout the city.

**15**  
golf courses in  
Quinte region. 2 of  
Ontario's premiere  
courses located  
right in Belleville.

OVER  
**17**  
kilometers of  
multi-use trails that  
are maintained  
year round and  
are part of the  
Eastern Ontario  
Trails Alliance.



## demographics

As the largest community in the Quinte region, Belleville experiences steady growth in all age ranges. The two largest cities in the Quinte Region are expected to reach a population of 98,000 by 2017.

population: 49,454

Ages 0 - 9 - 5,080

Ages 10 - 19 - 5,835

Ages 20 - 29 - 6,100

Ages 30 - 39 - 5,600

Ages 40 - 49 - 6,795

Ages 50 - 59 - 7,345

Ages 60 - 69 - 5,710

Ages 70+ - 7,000

\* Source 2011 Census (Belleville)

estimated average  
household income  
**\$69,041**

estimated average  
disposable household  
income  
**\$54,273**

\* Source FP Markets 2012 (2012 estimates include Quinte West)





# BELLEVILLE *history*

The earliest known settlement was an Aboriginal village, 'Asaukhknosk', replaced by a French Mission 'Kente', and thereafter named for prominent citizens, 'Thurlow Village', 'Singleton's Creek' and 'Meyers' Creek.'

In 1789 some fifty United Empire Loyalists settled here. The most notable was Captain John Walden Meyers, a true renaissance man. Hardworking and resourceful, he built a dam on the Moira River and erected a sawmill, a gristmill and a distillery. Meyers operated a trading post and a brick kiln. He is credited with building the first brick house in Upper Canada in 1794. Meyers' gristmill drew settlers from Napanee to Port Hope to have their grinding done and the community soon became known as Meyers' Creek.

The Moira River, which winds its way through the city, played an important role in the early stages of the community's development. A strong demand for timber in England led to Belleville's development as a bustling lumber town. Rich forests nearby were easily accessible by the river and French Canadian loggers were a familiar sight in the community. The logs were cut into timber at several local mills and loaded on schooners - or were rafted and taken down the St. Lawrence to Quebec.

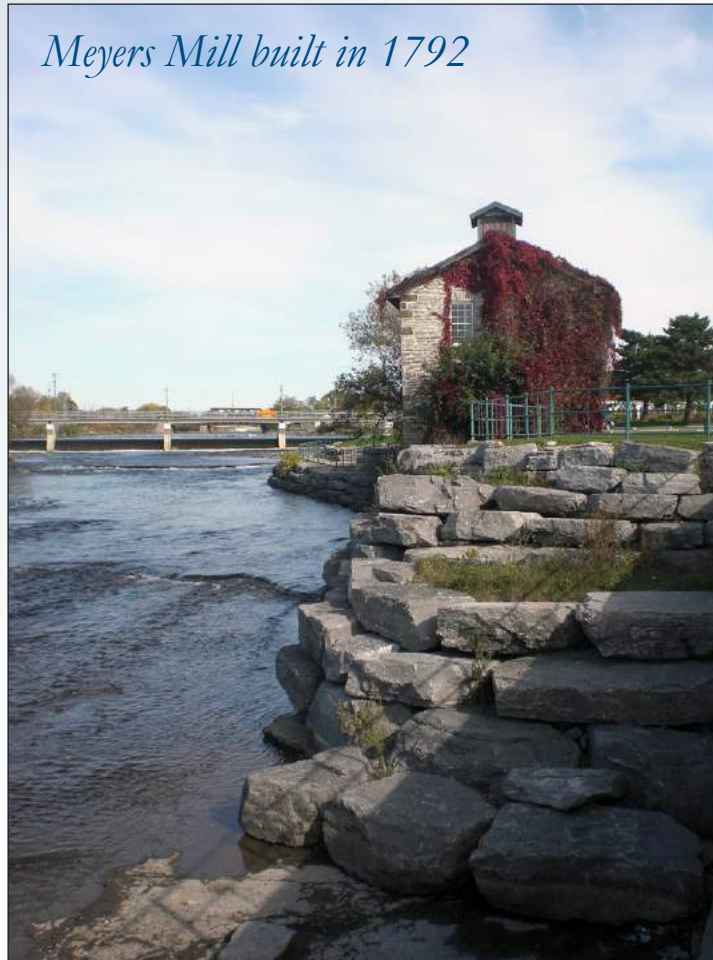
With its export trade in lumber and flour, Belleville's harbour was alive with vessels of every description. Belleville soon gained the reputation of being the most prosperous town in Upper Canada.

A visit in the spring of 1816, by Sir Francis Gore, Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada and his wife, Lady Arabella, inspired the residents to change the name of their settlement to Belleville in honour of the fair lady.

The lumber boom peaked and the arrival of the Grand Trunk Railway in 1856 gave Belleville a link with Montreal and Toronto. For many years the railway was Belleville's largest employer. In 1866, the discovery of gold near Madoc, earned Belleville the name "Gateway to the Golden North" as miners stopped for supplies on their way north of the city.

While the lumber trade declined towards the end of the nineteenth century, industries were expanding. Handcrafted, pioneered items gave way to factory made goods. Iron foundries, furniture manufacturers, plants producing wagons, carriages, candles and soap abounded. Situated in the centre of a cheese-producing district, Belleville is renowned for its world-class cheddar.

From the pioneering past to today's present vibrant community, Belleville continues to enjoy a diverse industrial base along with strong links to agriculture and its waterfront.



*Meyers Mill built in 1792*



A GREAT PLACE TO  
live, work &  
*play*





# housing

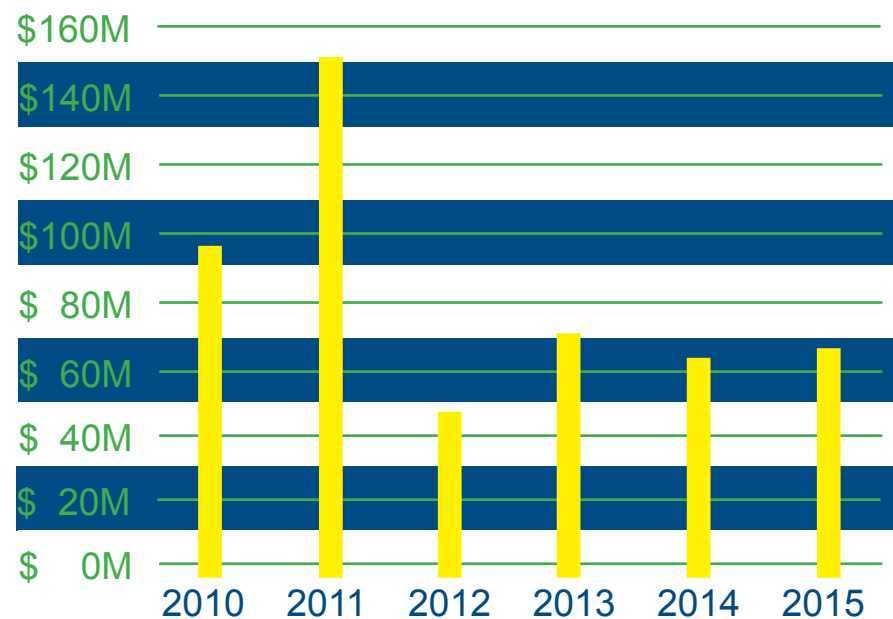
Offering affordable and elegant living in rural and urban settings, options include Victorian homes, traditional family dwellings, condominiums, subdivisions, waterfront estates, rental properties and many options for retirement and student living.



## INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH NEW DWELLING UNITS (2010-2015) CITY OF BELLEVILLE

YEAR	SINGLE DWELLINGS	MULTI DWELLING	TOTAL NEW DWELLINGS
2010	194	40	234
2011	106	61	167
2012	119	48	167
2013	103	67	176
2014	130	19	149
2015	129	81	210

## BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED (BY \$ VALUE)



Belleville offers a number of educational opportunities at the elementary, secondary and post-secondary levels, providing students with the resources needed to succeed. The City's two public school boards, Hastings & Prince Edward District School Board and the Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board operate well-respected educational facilities. French immersion is available as well as educational support and assessment programs. A variety of private school options also exist for elementary and secondary schools.

**Albert College** is Canada's oldest private co-educational boarding and day school providing an enriched and engaging curriculum from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 / Post Graduate. For information visit: [albertcollege.ca](http://albertcollege.ca) or call 613-968-5726, toll free at 1-800-952-5237.

**Sir James Whitney School for the Deaf** is the first permanent school for Deaf students in Ontario providing programs and residences for students who are deaf, blind or have a specific learning disability. Staff are dedicated to ensuring students become equipped with the knowledge and competence to be contributing citizens in our communities. For information visit: [psbnet.ca/eng/schools/sjw](http://psbnet.ca/eng/schools/sjw) or call 613-967-2823 or toll free 1-800-501-6240.

**Loyola School of Adult and Continuing Education** delivers secondary school credits in a variety of ways to suit the needs of the adult learner. Additionally, Loyola offers summer school programs - and personal support worker, pre-health, science, English Language Instruction (ESL) and other community programs. For information visit: [learningatloyola.ca](http://learningatloyola.ca) or call 613-966-9210.

**Maxwell College of Advanced Technology** is a private college offering small class sizes and a focused learning experience, both key contributors to a successful education. Maxwell College offers dental assistant, personal support worker, medical office and office administration programs. For information visit: [maxwellcollege.com](http://maxwellcollege.com) or call 613-962-7846.

**Academy of Learning College** has been part of the Belleville business community for over 20 years and is recognized in the province of Ontario as a registered Private Career College. The college offers diploma and certificate programs in accounting, business, medical, information technology and many more. For information visit: [academyoflearning.com](http://academyoflearning.com) or call 613-967-8973.

# education



When it comes to grads getting jobs, **Loyalist College** is the #1 College in Ontario. According to Provincial Key Performance Indicator (KPI) results released April 2015, 89.3 percent of the College's most recent graduates found employment within six months of graduation compared to the provincial average of 84 per cent.

Located on more than 200 acres in the beautiful Bay of Quinte region, Loyalist College is a close-knit community where students and their success come first. Loyalist provides personalized attention in small classes, rewarding field placements and superior student services. To prepare students for in-demand careers, Loyalist offers more than 60 full-time programs; apprenticeships; and 500+ online, distance and in-class courses, as well as opportunities for continuing education through more than 70 university transfer agreements. The College's wide selection of advanced diplomas, diplomas and certificates aligns with market-driven disciplines including applied sciences, biosciences, building sciences, business and management studies, health sciences, human studies, justice studies, media, arts and design, and skills and technology.

In Ontario, the College's new Digital Media Centre and the LEED® Silver certified Sustainable Skills, Technology and Life Sciences Centre are training centres of choice for students, as well as College business and industry partners. For more information on the College's Belleville and Bancroft campuses, visit [loyalistcollege.com](http://loyalistcollege.com).

There are three universities within close proximity to Belleville; Queen's in Kingston, Trent in Peterborough and University of Ontario Institute of Technology in Oshawa.



# arts AND culture

Belleville offers a thriving arts and culture community with something for everyone. Entertainment is easily found at one of our theatres, concert events, museums and many galleries. Numerous festivals and events happen year-round and are enticing to both residents and visitors.



## Belleville Public Library and John M. Parrott Gallery

The Belleville Public Library and John M. Parrott Gallery offer customers a wide range of collections and services in an exciting modern building.

This is the place to go for children's programs, book clubs and author visits, room rentals, Gallery exhibitions and art related programs, free internet and wireless access, an excellent collection of materials to borrow and a great space to relax and enjoy yourself. Starting in mid 2016 residents and visitors will be able to access 1000's of documents in our new archives facility.



# glanmore national historic site



Glanmore National Historic Site was built as a private home for J.P.C. Phillips and his wife Harriet in 1882-1883 and designated a National Historic Site of Canada in 1969 in recognition of its exceptional 2nd Empire architecture.

The grand interior features beautiful hand-painted ceilings and ornate woodwork. Many of Glanmore's rooms have been restored to the 1890s. They feature period room displays containing some original furnishings as well as beautiful objects from the Couldery Collection.

The museum cares for an extensive collection of antique furniture, paintings and ceramics. Local history is highlighted in Glanmore's lower level, and includes the Early Homestead exhibit and Maid of All Work: Domestic Service at Glanmore.

The Museum is open to the public six days a week and offers a wide variety of programs and activities for schools and the general public. Guided and self-guided tours are available year-round.

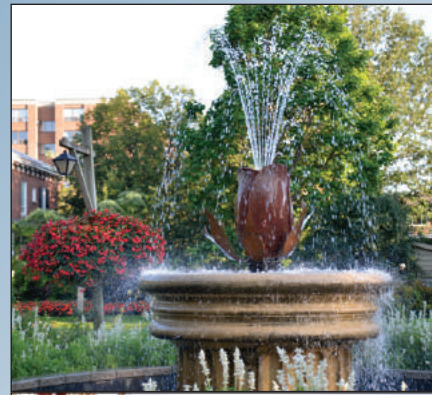
Be sure to visit Glanmore's gift shop, located in the reception room, for a selection of candies, reproduction toys, hand-made gifts, books, museum souvenirs and more.

[glanmore.ca](http://glanmore.ca) [glanmore.ca](http://glanmore.ca) [glanmore.ca](http://glanmore.ca) [glanmore.ca](http://glanmore.ca)



# *parks AND recreation*

Belleville offers picturesque parks, waterfront trails, splash pads, children's playgrounds and much more. Top-of-the-line facilities are found throughout the City which include our Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre, golf courses, swimming pools, ice rinks, ball diamonds, soccer fields and community centres.



Each winter the City welcomes the young, and young at heart, to visit the 'Christmas at the Pier' light display in Jane Forrester Park. A winter wonderland for all to enjoy.



In addition to the Christmas Lighting display the winter provides many other opportunities as well; ice-skating, ice-fishing, ice-surfing, cross country skiing and tobogganing.

Belleville is home to the Quinte Curling Club, boating and rowing clubs, and the YMCA.

*Belleville's MA Sills Park is one of Ontario's best track and field facilities and has hosted a number of premiere track-and-field events.*



# QUINTE SPORTS *and* WELLNESS CENTRE

# HEALTH *care*



**The Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre totals over 330,000 square feet and serves the community's recreational and leisure needs in one convenient location. The state of the art facility includes:**

- Three NHL sized ice pads (Family Dental Centre Arena, Rink B & Wally Dever Arena) and an Olympic sized ice pad (Yardmen Arena)
- Templeman Menninga Aquatic Centre with an 8 lane, 25 metre pool, along with preschool and therapy pools and a spectator viewing area
- Large, double multi-use Gymnasium
- Family Dental Centre Indoor Track (heated/rubberized)
- Retail space, the Café Courtyard by Vineyard Grill and the Pro Shop
- Seniors Centre and Youth Drop-in Room
- 3 fitness studios (yoga/pilates, aerobic and workout studio)
- Public lounge for social gatherings and networking
- Large accessible Customer Service Counter
- Community Group rental space, featuring a Fireplace and Multi-purpose room
- City of Belleville transit stop
- Free Public WiFi

**The Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre is located at:  
265 Cannifton Road, Belleville, ON K8N 4V8.  
Call: 613-966-4632 or visit: [quintesportsandwellnesscentre.ca](http://quintesportsandwellnesscentre.ca)**



**Quinte Health Care** provides a wide range of high quality health care services to almost 200,000 people through four hospitals in the region - QHC Belleville General Hospital, QHC North Hastings Hospital, QHC Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital and QHC Trenton Memorial Hospital - and includes four emergency departments, operating rooms at three sites, a rehabilitation day hospital, children's treatment centre, ambulatory care clinics, community mental health programs and a range of diagnostic services. There are 255 inpatient beds for acute medical patients, intensive care, obstetrics,

pediatrics, mental health, complex continuing care, rehabilitation and surgery.

QHC Belleville General Hospital is the largest of the four hospitals and operates as the main centre for health care in the region.

It is located at:  
265 Dundas St. E. Belleville, ON K8N 5A9  
613-969-5511 or visit: [qhc.on.ca](http://qhc.on.ca)



**Quinte Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine** is a community pediatric practice located in Belleville, Ontario that provides medical care to infants, children and adolescents. For more information contact: 613-966-1999 or toll free at 1-888-543-9362 or visit: [quintepediatrics.com](http://quintepediatrics.com)

**The Hastings and Prince Edward Health Unit** is headquartered in Belleville, providing dozens of programs and services, along with reliable health information to local residents. For more information contact: 613-966-5500 or visit: [hpepublichealth.ca](http://hpepublichealth.ca)

**After hours clinic and medical service clinics** are located throughout the City as well as a Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic, Quinte Midwives, dental, chiropractic, physical therapy, massage therapy and naturopath services.

As a result of Belleville's innovative Doctor Recruitment Program, many doctors are currently accepting new patients. To register for a family doctor call Health Care Connect at 1-800-445-1882 or visit their website at [health.gov.on.ca](http://health.gov.on.ca)



# shopping

Belleville provides a variety of unique and inspiring shopping experiences – from quaint boutiques to big box shopping. Roam the streets of our historic Downtown or shop the aisles of the region’s largest shopping mall.



## *Downtown*

Downtown is Belleville’s historical centre with a wide range of services, specialty stores, cafes, restaurants, galleries and entertainment. The City’s centre is where people come to work, learn, shop, enjoy great food and be entertained.

In Downtown Belleville you’ll find

- The Empire Theatre
- Pinnacle Playhouse
- The Belleville Public Library
- More than 15 restaurants and cafes
- Co-working office space in historic & modern settings
- The Farmers’ Market
- Residential Options

The next three years will be very exciting for Downtown Belleville. We will see a revitalization of the downtown and a renewed interest in being part of what has always been the ‘Heart of the City’.

For more information visit: [downtownbelleville.ca](http://downtownbelleville.ca) or call 613-968-2242.

12 new businesses opened in Downtown Belleville in 2015 & 14 new businesses in 2014

BDIA hosts many different events each year including: Savour the Chill, Flavours of Fall, Free Movies in Empire Square & Bridge Street Bridge Bash

## *Façade Improvement Plan*

The façade improvement program was designed to encourage preservation of the architectural traditions upon which the character of the downtown of the City of Belleville is based; to encourage restoration and rehabilitation of the older downtown buildings and maintain consistency in the design of these buildings; preserving downtown Belleville’s unique historic character.

## *Tax Rebate*

The tax rebate program is designed to encourage the upgrading and/or restoration of existing buildings by providing an incentive for those who undertake such work to benefit from gradual tax increases through a tax rebate program.

## *Trenval - Downtown Belleville Loan Assistance Program*

Trenval recognizes you will want to be a part of this revival for Downtown Belleville and is proud to offer assistance. They offer pre-approved low interest loans during the construction phase of the Build Belleville Project. To learn more visit: [trenval.on.ca](http://trenval.on.ca).

More information on these programs is available online at: [belleville.ca](http://belleville.ca).



## *Belleville Farmers’ Market*

Whenever you are in Belleville, check out the rich variety of crafts and produce at the Belleville Farmers’ Market. In the spring, the market comes alive with maple syrup and crafts, and remains a ‘hive of activity’ right through the Christmas season.

The market is held in Market Square behind City Hall on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Loving life in our downtown, the heart of Belleville.

## *Quinte Mall*

The Quinte Mall is a premier place to shop with over 125 stores and services including Sears, Chapters, and Toys R Us, as well as entertainment such as Galaxy Cinemas Multiplex Theatre. For more information visit [quintemall.com](http://quintemall.com).

## *Also*

In addition to these shopping options the City offers stores and services with recognizable retail names such as Lowes, Walmart, Staples, Home Depot, Canadian Tire, The Gap, Oshkosh, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Best Buy, Michaels and many, many more.



# BUSINESS *in Belleville*

With a variety of industrial areas, Belleville has strategically positioned itself to accommodate new growth and development. The current expansion of the North-East Industrial Park combined with the existing Bell Blvd. Business Park, positions Belleville to attract and maintain new investment.



## The City of Belleville also offers:

Inexpensive fully serviced industrial land 'ready to go' and industrial buildings available at very affordable lease rates.

Competitive tax rates for industrial and commercial developments.

No development charges for industrial development.



## TOP TEN STRATEGIC ADVANTAGES FOR DOING BUSINESS IN BELLEVILLE

- ✓ Centrally located with highway 401 linking Belleville to major markets in both Canada and the U.S.
- ✓ Competitive wages and skilled workforce available
- ✓ Various modes of transportation are available for easy access to other Cities including rail
- ✓ Available land and buildings at competitive prices
- ✓ Excellent Post-Secondary education that offers specified training
- ✓ Infrastructure that has capacity and is competitively priced
- ✓ A strong diversified workforce
- ✓ State-of-the-art infrastructure consisting of digital switching and fibre optic cabling
- ✓ Short commute
- ✓ Quality of life

## KEY COMPANIES

### Avaya Inc.

A telecommunications research and product development centre

### Bardon Supplies Limited

Source for plumbing and HVAC equipment and materials

### Belletile

Commercial carpet tile manufacturer

### Berry Plastics

Stretch films and hay bale films

### Decoma Autosystems

Manufacturer of automotive lighting for the auto industry

### Donini Chocolate

Chocolate manufacturer

### Durabla Canada Ltd.

Manufacturing facility for high quality gasket material

### Electrolab Training Systems

Global leader in workplace safety training

### GH Manufacturing

Contract packaging services

### Hanon Systems Canada Inc.

Manufacturing of automotive climate control systems and components

### Interface Flooring

Designer and maker of carpet tile

### Kellogg Company

Breakfast cereal manufacturing

### Kennametal Stellite Inc.

Specialty metals manufacturer (stellite/nickel based components)

### Mapledale Cheese

Award winning cheddar cheese manufacturer

### Maxwell Technologies

Deployment and repair of Point of Sale Terminals, support and services (debit machines) and reseller for paper products for point of sale products

### Mill-Fab

Providers of millwright, fabrication and trades person services

### N2 Towers

Manufacturer of inert gas generator fire suppression systems which require no discharge piping, nozzles or high pressure gas cylinders

### Norampac Inc.

Design and manufacturing of corrugated containers, folding cartons and rigid boxes

### Parmalat Canada – Black Diamond Cheese Division

Cheese manufacturer and packaging

### Polycello

An industry leader in the field of flexographic printing

### Procter and Gamble Inc.

Manufacturer of feminine hygiene and beauty products

### Reid's Dairy

Pasteurization & packaging of dairy products, juices and ice-cream

### Santa Maria Foods Corp.

Cooked meat products

### Sears Canada Inc.

Catalogue service centre for Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Provinces

### Sigma Stretch Film

Stretch film manufacturer

### Sprague Foods Limited

Produces private label food products for North American markets

### Stegg

Precision machining and assembling of metallic components

### Strathcona Energy Group

Provides vertically integrated renewable energy solutions

### Triangle Fluid Controls Ltd.

Innovative fluid sealing products and services

### Redpath

Manufactures high sugar content dry blends and packaged food products

### Vantage Foods

Manufacturer specializing in "case ready" meat products

### Vision Transportation

Warehousing and transportation services including cross docking, consolidations and distributions

### W. T. Hawkins Ltd.

Producers of acclaimed Hawkins Cheezies



# DEVELOPMENT



Belleville has built a reputation as a welcoming place for industry. Several existing buildings are available as well as prime building sites, high quality, experienced design builders and several progressive build-to-lease companies.



*- having readily available serviced land is one of the first things a company looks for when they are planning to build a new plant*



## Headquartered in Belleville

Bardon Supplies

Donini Chocolate

G.H. Manufacturing

Hawkins Cheezies

Maple Dale Cheese

Mill-Fab

Parmalat  
Black Diamond Cheese

Reid's Dairy

Sprague Foods

Stegg

Strathcona Energy Group

# LABOUR *force*

Looking for work or employees? – then Belleville is the place for you.

Challenging, career-oriented positions are available which will allow you to build the life you've always wanted in a beautiful, safe, affordable community.

If you're in need of skilled, or unskilled labour, a Belleville location allows your business to take advantage of everything our strong, yet affordable, labour force has to offer.

### *Finding Available Labour*

The City of Belleville has an innovative "Work in Belleville" program. Staff collect resumes and organize by skill set for those looking for work. These resumes are made available to any local employer looking to hire for permanent positions. It's convenient, fast, free and designed to save employers time and money.





# transportation

over 120,000,000 people are within a day's drive of Belleville

*The City of Belleville offers a location that is hard to beat with various modes of transportation all located within a short drive of any location within the city.*



## Transport/Courier

Our city has several local and national courier services that offer convenient and affordable standard and custom shipping options. In addition, more than 15 large transportation companies, including custom transporters, are located in the area and can accommodate any standard or custom shipping needs.

## Passenger

VIA Rail passenger service provides connections to all major cities. Customers can experience new efficiencies as a result of our modernized station facilities and amenities as well as convenient stops several times each day.

## Transit




Belleville operates a transit service that runs 7 days per week and travels to most urban areas in the community. Convenient bus stops and times have been carefully planned to ensure the most efficient and user friendly service possible.

For more information visit: [belleville.ca/residents/page/transit](http://belleville.ca/residents/page/transit). A mobility bus service is also provided to ensure those with physical challenges can readily travel throughout the community.

Beyond the city limits, passengers can travel aboard highway coaches offering regular service to major cities.



## TRAVEL TIME TO MAJOR CITIES (HOURS)

	TORONTO	OTTAWA	MONTREAL	KINGSTON	NEW YORK	CHICAGO
	1.5	2.5	3.5	.75	6.5	9.5
	2.0	2.5	3.5	.5	14	12
	.25	.5	1	.25	1	2



## Highways & Roads

The highway 401 corridor has three interchanges in Belleville. Provincial highways 37 & 62 provide direct access to northern regions within the province.

## Freight

Belleville has ready access to miles of track as both CN Rail and CP Rail run right through the heart of the city. This is convenient for making your shipping needs fast, efficient and accessible. Individual industrial rail sidings are also available in certain locations.

## Flight

Canada's largest Air Force Base, 8 Wing Trenton, is located in the Quinte region and has a convenient airport that can accommodate any size aircraft and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week with prior approval. On-site customs clearance is also available.

Other convenient international airports within Belleville's vicinity are Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal which provide cargo flights to many U.S. and international destinations.

## Marine Transport

Offered through Picton Terminals which is just 30km south of Belleville where large boats can be easily accommodated 24 hours/day, seven days/week operation including shore crane, top loading/unloading gearless vessels and 2000 MT/hour conveyor loading system. Customs bonded and tugs not required.



# BUSINESS *recognition*

The Quinte Business Achievement Awards recognize outstanding businesses, not-for-profit organizations and business leaders in areas such as entrepreneurship, business growth, company practices, product innovations, customer service, stewardship, marketing success and community service.

The Quinte Business Achievement Awards are presented annually as a commemoration of business excellence across the Bay of Quinte Region.

For information visit: [qbaa.ca](http://qbaa.ca)



# BUSINESS *retention and expansion*

Business Retention and Expansion is a community-based economic development tool used to encourage the maintenance and development of local business. Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E) works to improve the competitiveness of local businesses by evaluating and addressing their needs and concerns. This is crucial to the continued sustainability of communities, since businesses that stay competitive are more likely to remain and expand in their community.

The City of Belleville has been able to respond to business needs through our BR&E's by:

- Reducing business tax
- Completing specific infrastructure improvements
- Implementing several labour attraction initiatives
- Attracting approximately 20 new family doctors
- Expanding the transit system to meet business needs
- Lobbying other levels of government for business friendly policies
- Site specific improvements and adjustments to help local business

*find out more online at:  
[Belleville.ca/Business](http://Belleville.ca/Business)*

# BUSINESS *resources*

**Quinte Economic Development Commission (QEDC)** provides regional marketing programs that attract new manufacturing as well as strategic support that helps local industries become more competitive and profitable. [quintedevelopment.com](http://quintedevelopment.com)

**Trenval Business Development Corporation** has been supporting small business in the region since 1987, investing more than \$30 million in small businesses generating more than 4,000 jobs through loans, advisory services and a business support program. [trenval.on.ca](http://trenval.on.ca)

**Small Business Centre of Quinte** facilitates both startup and existing business and focuses on providing a variety of products and services that will empower entrepreneurs to seek positive resolutions to their business needs. [smallbusinessctr.com](http://smallbusinessctr.com)

**The Business Development Bank of Canada** promotes entrepreneurship by providing highly tailored financing, venture capital and consulting services to entrepreneurs. [bdc.ca](http://bdc.ca)

**Loyalist Training and Knowledge Centre** offers a wide range of human resource consulting, information technology, and training services to Federal and Provincial government agencies, municipalities, businesses, manufacturers, retailers and others. [loyalisttraining.com](http://loyalisttraining.com)

**Manufacturing Resource Centre (MRC)** has a primary mission to help local manufacturing leaders in the Quinte region improve their capabilities, competitiveness and sustainability. [manufacturingrc.ca](http://manufacturingrc.ca)

**Belleville and District Chamber of Commerce** is an organization of local businesses working together to support the business community and the community at large. As “the voice of business” for Belleville this organization focuses on improving the business climate in the community. [bellevillechamber.ca](http://bellevillechamber.ca)

**Loyalist College Community Employment Services and Meta Employment Services** provide employment programs and services to help individuals attain their employment goals. They register job vacancies and aide employers in finding the right person for the job. [communityemploymentservices.ca](http://communityemploymentservices.ca) [metaemploymentservices.com](http://metaemploymentservices.com)

**Quinte Home Builders Association** is the voice of the residential construction industry and consists of builders, land developers, trade contractors, manufacturers, suppliers, utility representatives, professional people and others engaged in the residential construction industry. [quintehomebuilders.ca](http://quintehomebuilders.ca)

**Quinte Construction Association** is a non-profit organization that serves the needs of the construction industry in the Quinte and surrounding area. The Association serves as spokesperson for its member companies who compete annually in approximately a hundred million dollars worth of industrial, commercial and institutional construction. [quinteconstructionassociation.ca](http://quinteconstructionassociation.ca)

**Belleville Downtown Improvement Area** has what is called a two-fold mandate: (A) to improve, beautify and maintain public lands and buildings within the BIA, beyond that which is provided by the municipality at large, and (B) to promote the area as a business and shopping area. In carrying out these responsibilities, the BDIA has become involved in numerous activities such as: Marketing, Business Recruitment, Streetscape Improvement, and Seasonal Decorations. The BDIA offers many benefits to business operators, property owners and even non-retailers and they work hard to improve the downtown's local atmosphere, increase economic activity and encourage more local businesses to take part in local events. [downtownbelleville.ca](http://downtownbelleville.ca)

**Quinte Manufacturers Association** is comprised of local industry leaders and is a forum for discussing and addressing issues common to all manufacturers in the Greater Bay of Quinte Region. This association helps local manufacturing leaders improve their capabilities, competitiveness and sustainability. [quintemanufacturing.com](http://quintemanufacturing.com)





# UTILITIES

Belleville offers a reliable and economical infrastructure of electricity, water, sanitary sewer, high speed – large band width internet service, natural gas and waste management services.

Belleville is serviced by two electricity providers, Veridian Energy and Hydro One. Detailed information can be obtained on rates and services available by visiting their websites at: [veridian.on.ca](http://veridian.on.ca) and [hydroonenetworks.com](http://hydroonenetworks.com)

## WASTE & WASTE *reduction*

The City of Belleville has implemented a User Pay Garbage System and several innovative waste-reduction programs for its residents. For more information on waste reduction visit our website: [belleville.ca/residents](http://belleville.ca/residents).

The City of Belleville's Green Bin Organic Waste Recycling Program is designed to help our environment by reducing the amount of waste that reaches our landfills. For further information on this initiative visit: [greenbinbelleville.ca](http://greenbinbelleville.ca).

Through a partnership with Quinte Waste solutions, Belleville and the surrounding communities work with this organization to provide efficient and effective curbside recycling, commercial recycling, household hazardous waste collection and waste electronics collection. More information can be obtained at: [quinterecycling.org](http://quinterecycling.org).

## NATURAL GAS

Belleville's local natural gas provider is Union Gas which is a major Canadian natural gas storage, transmission and distribution company based in Ontario with over 100 years of experience and service to customers. For further information visit: [uniongas.com](http://uniongas.com)



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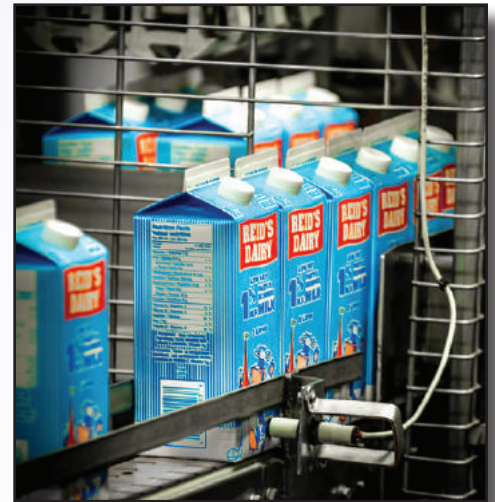
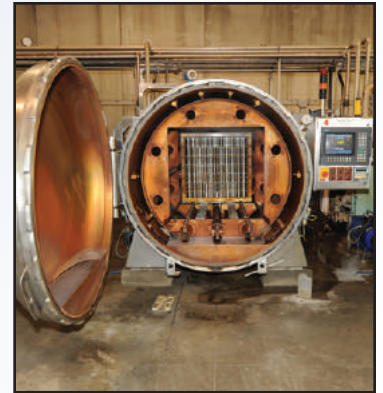
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