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2022 Business Excellence Award Winners

Last night, the Burlington Chamber Commerce presented the Business Excellence Awards at the Burlington Chamber of Commerce Gala. Burlington Economic Development is proud to recognize award winners in our two categories, Excellence in Innovation and Technology and Excellence in Global Business.

Excellence in Innovation and Technology: [EcoSynthetix Inc.](#) Chosen for their commitment to offering sustainable solutions for manufacturing companies both in Canada and internationally, they provide sustainably engineered products used in the manufacturing processes of paper, adhesives, and more.

Excellence in Global Business: [ASTOUND Group](#). They have become a leader in North America for providing innovative experiential marketing solutions, using unique mediums and a cohesive project approach.

For more information on all the award winners, [click here](#).

Burlington City Council Gives Go Ahead to Purchase Robert Bateman High School Site

At the June 21st Burlington City Council meeting, Council authorized City staff to take steps to complete the purchase of the Robert Bateman High School site.

[Click here](#) for more details and to read the full media release.

Conceptual Floor Plan

Subject to detailed review and confirmation



Government of Canada Invests Nearly \$2 million to Help Food Processors and Agri Businesses Accelerate Adoption of Clean Technologies

On June 10th, 2022, The Government of Canada announced a nearly \$2 million investment for [Bioenterprise Canada](#) to deliver the FoodShift program - a green initiative that will help southern Ontario agri-business and food processors adopt net-zero technologies.

The project will connect agri-business and food processors looking to adopt clean technologies with cleantech entrepreneurs developing technologies that are ready for market.

SMEs in the food processing sector will be eligible to receive up to \$50,000, matched by the SME, to support the cost of adopting new green technologies. **Applications open July 27, 2022.**

[Read the media release](#) for additional information or [click here](#) to learn more about the program and eligibility.

Applications Open for Regional Quantum Initiative in Southern Ontario



Last week, the Government of Canada announced that FedDev Ontario will deliver more than \$23 million over six years to support eligible businesses to advance and commercialize their quantum products and solutions for domestic and global markets.

Repayable contributions of up to \$5 million will be provided to projects that involve a range of activities to demonstrate, commercialize and scale-up Canadian-made quantum technologies, solutions and companies. Project examples include technology demonstration geared towards market growth; commercialization, aimed at bringing new tech to market; business development and capacity building; and adopting quantum technologies.

Applications are now open. Read the [media release](#), and [apply online here](#).

Local Agri Businesses to Support This Summer

Burlington has a wide variety of unique, local agriculture businesses to support or visit at local markets all summer long.

[Backed By Bees](#) offers natural craft mead, raw honey, and other curated goods.

[NuttyHero](#) creates delicious nut & seed butters, and donates one meal to food banks and contributes towards planting trees with every food or gear item purchased.

[Kind Grinds Inc.](#) provides Fair Trade, Small Batch Specialty Coffee with Quality Roasts as well as an Artisan Style Cold Brew Beverage Line.

Burlington Leading the GTHA for Public Electric Vehicle Charging

A recent article from The Atmospheric Fund (TAF)

highlighted how Burlington has more charging stations per capita than any other city in the Greater Toronto - Hamilton Area. Burlington has over 30 public stations per 50,000 people, while Toronto only has 16 stations per 50,000 people.

[Click here](#) to read the full article or learn more about TAF's EV Station Fund [here](#).



Burlington Business Spotlight: Backed By Bees

Backed By Bees is a full service beekeeping operation, meadery, and on-farm market. They focus on raw honey, all natural mead, and curated Ontario products for the local market.



Backed By Bees chose Burlington for the substantial rural area, which allowed their bees access to natural forage. While the city's business-friendly regulatory environment, accessible food-based businesses, and proximity to major urban centres allows them to operate easily and efficiently. [Click here](#) to learn more about why Backed By Bees chose Burlington to do business.

Backed By Bees is also one of the many Burlington businesses supported by our Digital Service Squad during the pandemic, including supporting them in securing a \$2,500 Digital Transformation Grant from **Digital Main Street**, a program funded by the government of Ontario and Canada's FedDev Ontario agency.

Supports Available for Businesses

Small
Business
Loan

Up to \$100,000 online for businesses who have been in operation for at least 24 months and are generating revenues. [Learn more here](#).

Ontario
COVID-19
Worker Income
Protection
Benefit

Eligible employers are entitled to be reimbursed the amount of infectious disease emergency leave pay that they paid to their employees, up to \$200 per employee per day taken. For more information, click [here](#).

Interest and Penalty-Free Payment Period

Six-month interest- and penalty-free period to make payments for most provincially administered taxes between January 1, 2022 and July 1, 2022. [Click here](#) for more information.

My Main Street Program

The My Main Street Local Business Accelerator program has launched in four communities in Burlington, including Fairview, Aldershot, and Downtown Burlington. [Click here](#) for to learn more.

