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## BUSINESS RETENTION + EXPANSION ►



### WHAT IS GROW GUELPH?

We are a task force made up of business support organizations that service Guelph.

Together, we develop and deliver programs and services that support the retention and growth of local business.

### WE SURVEYED LOCAL BUSINESS

From November 2013 to May 2014, Grow Guelph conducted interviews with 54 local businesses.

We asked questions related to performance, planning, workforce, and the benefits and barriers to doing business in Guelph.

Feedback was categorized in to four main themes: business climate, workforce, business development, and innovation.

**Full business interview results can be found at [growguelph.com](http://growguelph.com).**

### WHAT WE'VE DONE SO FAR

Here are some of the programs and services available to help support business development in Guelph.

#### IMPROVE BUSINESS CLIMATE

2016 BR + E BUSINESS VISITATION AND SURVEY PROGRAM

*GROW GUELPH*

DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL PROCESSES MAPPING, REVISIONS, AND MANUAL DEVELOPMENT (2016)

*CITY OF GUELPH*

GUELPH TRANSIT SURVEY

*CITY OF GUELPH*

GROW GUELPH QUARTERLY UPDATES

*GROW GUELPH*

MIND YOUR BUSINESS MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

*GROW GUELPH*

#### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND ATTRACTION

EMPLOYER ONE SURVEY

*WORKFORCE PLANNING BOARD OF WATERLOO WELLINGTON DUFFERIN*

SPEEDWAY AND RHYZE PROJECT

*INNOVATION GUELPH*

MAGNET PROGRAM

*GUELPH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CONESTOGA COLLEGE*

MANUFACTURING DAY

*WORKFORCE PLANNING BOARD OF WATERLOO WELLINGTON DUFFERIN*

WATERLOO, WELLINGTON, DUFFERIN LOCAL LABOUR MARKET ACTION PLAN

*WORKFORCE PLANNING BOARD OF WATERLOO WELLINGTON DUFFERIN*

CONTACT CONESTOGA COLLEGE, INNOVATION GUELPH AND THE UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH FOR INFORMATION ON TRAINING AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.

#### BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

GROW GUELPH TRADESHOWS

*CITY OF GUELPH, INNOVATION GUELPH, UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH*

ONTARIO EUROPEAN AGRI-FOOD FORUM

*CITY OF GUELPH, ONTARIO AGRI-FOOD TECHNOLOGIES, WELLINGTON COUNTY, UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH*

REGIONAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT

*GUELPH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE*

NETWORKING EVENTS

*GUELPH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, GUELPH-WELLINGTON BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE, INNOVATION GUELPH*

CONNECT GUELPH BUSINESS DIRECTORY

*CITY OF GUELPH, GUELPH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH*

VARIOUS FUNDING PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT INNOVATION AND COLLABORATIVE R&D *ONTARIO CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE*

#### INDUSTRY INNOVATION

INDUSTRY LIAISON PROGRAM

*UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH – CATALYST CENTRE*

THE HUB INCUBATOR

*UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH*

ENHANCED RESOURCES FOR INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

*CITY OF GUELPH, INNOVATION GUELPH, UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH*

To learn more about these programs and others, please get in touch one of our local business service organizations. Contact information can be found on the back of this brochure.

# GUELPH'S ECOSYSTEM OF BUSINESS SUPPORT

By working together, Guelph's business service organizations create an ecosystem of support delivering a wide range of programs and services to help your business grow and prosper.

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