

E-K *Business News*

AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE ON ELIZABETHTOWN-KITLEY

McNamee Concrete Inc. 2011 Business of the Year

McNamee Concrete Ltd. was named the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley 2011 Business of the Year at the Award Luncheon held Thursday September 29, 2011 at the Cedar Valley Golf & Country Club on County Road 29.

Jill Widenmaier-McNamee, Office Administrator, accepted the award from Mayor Jim Pickard and Economic Development Chairperson Jim Miller, extending thanks to the Committee and the community for the honour. The Business of the Year Award honours businesses that have demonstrated excellence in their field, longevity, innovation and involvement in their community.

When describing this year's winner, Jim Miller stated that McNamee Concrete "has operated in the Township for over 30 years, and employs 62 people at the height of the summer season." Mr. Miller noted "John McNamee began in 1977 with only a few employees and one truck – a mobile mixer that mixed on site to specifications. Today McNamee Concrete has expanded with both sons, Trevor and Clayton working with the business and an impressive number of trucks and other equipment. McNamee Concrete is very competitive and has been awarded jobs across south eastern Ontario." Mr. Miller also commented that McNamee Concrete is very supportive of local organizations in the community, listing a number the recipients of McNamee's generosity.



Left to Right: Jill Widenmaier-McNamee, Office Administrator and Mayor Jim Pickard



Left to Right: Tile Tech Flooring Inc., All Weathers Service Depot, McNamee Concrete Inc., The Gravel Doctor and the Light Touch.

This year saw six businesses nominated:

- All Weathers Service Depot
- The Gravel Doctor
- Heritage Kitchens
- The Light Touch
- McNamee Concrete Ltd.
- Tile Tech Flooring Inc.

In acknowledgement of the accomplishments of the nominees, the Committee presented each with a certificate recognizing their excellence.

The Committee Chair welcomed guest speaker Susan Fournier, Program Manager, Ontario Trillium Foundation. Ms. Fournier spoke to those in attendance on the importance of small businesses in the community. She shared information on various grants and other assistance available for entrepreneurs, emphasizing that there were a number of government agencies happy to help as they wanted small businesses to be successful.

Chair Jim Miller announced a special presentation. Mayor Jim Pickard presented Bernice Moore, past chair of the Economic Development Committee, a certificate from the Counties of Leeds and Grenville acknowledging her as a nominee for the Bill Thake Economic Development Leadership Award. Mayor Pickard then presented Ms. Moore with a certificate recognizing her over twenty years of dedicated volunteer service to the community as a member of the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley's Economic Development Committee and Committee of Adjustment.



Left to Right: Bernice Moore and Mayor Jim Pickard

2011 Business of The Year Nominee Profiles

All Weathers Service Depot

All Weathers Service Depot, owned and operated by Sheldon Weathers is a family run business employing Sheldon, wife Nancy and son Michael on a full time basis, and son Bill on a part-time basis. The business has been in operation for 15 years. Participating in student co-op programs, they often hire students for the summer. All Weathers Service Depot service and provide warranty repairs for lawn and garden equipment for several manufacturers and retail stores in the area. The business also repairs and services ATV's, skidoos, and motorcycles.

All Weather Service Depot has recently expanded its location, and in addition to MTD, Briggs, Kohler, Honda, Poulan Murray, has taken on Cub Cadet as one of its warranty representatives in order to better serve its customers.

All Weathers Service Depot supports local events and provides donations to Diabetes, Heart and Stroke, Prostate Cancer, Big Sisters, silent auctions and local charities.

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Jill Widenmaier-McNamee, Office Administrator and Steve Clark, MPP
Leeds-Grenville



McNamee Concrete Ltd.

McNamee Concrete is an independently owned and operated family business since 1977, employing 50 people at the height of the summer season, and 25 fulltime during the winter months.

McNamee specializes in forming and pouring concrete foundations, floor slabs, steps and sidewalks.

McNamee Concrete opened its doors in 1977 and over thirty years later is still growing. Still owned and operated by John McNamee, McNamee Concrete began with only a few employees and one truck – a mobile mixer that mixed on site to specifications. As the business expanded, both sons, Trevor and Clayton joined their father in running the growing family business.

Over the years McNamee Concrete has grown into a well established business. McNamee's has been recognized by the Ready Mixed Concrete Association of Ontario with the Ontario Concrete Award for Codes Mill Inn, located in Perth.

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Heritage Kitchens

Heritage Kitchens Ltd. owned and operated by Les and Theresa Peddell, opened with two staff members in 1991 and now employs sixteen full time employees and two summer students. Heritage Kitchens' designers are well known for their attention to detail and for pushing the envelope of kitchen design.

Heritage Kitchens recently completed moving the manufacturing and warehouse facilities to a second location at the Brockville Airport. Work has begun expand to the showroom more than double its current size to allow for a lateral move into the "do-it-yourself" cabinet and related furniture business. They also have a third location in the 1000 Islands Mall in Brockville. For many years Heritage Kitchens has been involved in donating significant time and goods in support of St. Joseph Catholic School in Toledo. The business also supports the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity, Loaves and Fishes, the Jessica Carr and Rett Syndrome Fund, Rotary Club of Brockville, the Hillel Foundation and MADD Canada. This year, Heritage Kitchens Ltd. is very pleased to begin an association with the Friends of Palliative Care through a golf tournament sponsorship.

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Tile Tech Flooring Inc.

Tile Tech Flooring Inc., owned and operated by Frank Maggio, was established in 2003 and now has 12 full time employees, an increase of 3 employees in the past year. Tile Tech Flooring is a premium flooring solutions provider in the Eastern Ontario/Thousand Islands Region, with an exceptional focus on unmatched customer service and high product quality.

In a time of economic decline, Tile Tech Flooring has forged forward by providing affordable solutions with strong customer relations, which has allowed the business to grow into a positively reputable position to keep ahead of the tide during these slow times. With growth comes change which for Tile Tech has resulted in hiring more crew members, major updates to its showroom location and a boost in marketing tactics including a new website, as well as the adoption of up-and-coming marketing and customer relations tools.

Tile Tech supports a number of charities and organizations, including Knights of Columbus Auction, CFJR/BellMedia Auction, Rhett Syndrome Golf Tournament, Christ United Church Lyn Golf Tournament, sponsorship of local baseball and hockey teams, sponsorship of local athletes, is a regular Cheo donator and regular supplier of materials for local Habitat for Humanity.

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The Gravel Doctor

The Gravel Doctor was established in 1997 in this area, and in 2001 expanded their service area into Eastern Ontario. The company employs just under 20 full time employees; this increases in the winter months to 30 including sub contractors. The Gravel Doctor utilizes a unique system to remove potholes, ruts and corrugations. The system recycles existing gravel to save on the purchasing of new materials, and creates a "scarified" re-graded surface that is compacted with a 3,000 pound roller. The company states that their mission is to:

- "Recover and recycle" the useable gravel in your existing driveway;
- To cut out and remove each pothole and rut;
- To prepare the surface, ready to accept new gravel; and
- To eliminate "layering" - a layer of new gravel spread on top of an inconsistent surface is inherently unstable and will lead to early failure of the driveway surface.

Since 2008, The Gravel Doctor has expanded their services, now offering asphalt paving, stone masonry and stone facing, concrete sidewalks and curbing, property maintenance and grass cutting, as well as interlock driveways, decks, fences, windows and doors. In addition the business now has tri-axle dump trucks that allow it to service larger loads and we also offer equipment rental.

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The Light Touch

The Light Touch, owned and operated by Kevin Wallace, is a lighting sales and design business specializing in residential and commercial applications. At the Light Touch, you can find any type of lighting, from a simple light bulb to game room lighting, recessed lighting, chandeliers, landscape lighting, tiffany fixtures, track lighting and much more. The Light Touch also sells bathroom exhaust fans, range hoods, ceiling fixtures and even artwork.

The Light Touch opened in May 1992 and now, a well established business, employs ten full-time and two part-time employees.

Kevin believes their success is partly due to effective time management and implementation of quick ship programs with key supply channels.

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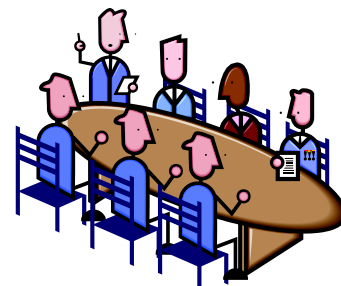
EDC Wants You!

Do you want to be a part of the development of Township businesses and industries; working to maximize the benefit to the Township and area residents? Then get involved and participate in your community with the Economic Development Committee!

The Committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. in the New Dublin Council Chambers. You must be a resident of the Township and 18 years of age or older.

To apply, simply submit a letter of interest outlining how your qualifications, skills, interests and/or background relevant to the Committee, to:

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PREMIER'S AWARD FOR AGRI-FOOD INNOVATION EXCELLENCE

Farmers have always been innovative in how they run their business, adapt their machinery or look for partners to compete in the global economy.

Since its inception in 2006 the Premier's Award for Agr-Food Innovation Excellent has annually recognized the outstanding achievements of Ontario's agri-food industry. Now permanent the program will ensure that opportunities for new jobs and economic growth will increase as a result of the innovative ideas generated and celebrated across the province.

Details of the process, as well as application and guidelines, are available at:

www.ontario.ca/agrifoodinnovation

or

1-877-424-1300

**You must complete and submit an application
either electronically or in hard copy
by 5 p.m.**



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

2010-2014 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mission Statement: Under the direction of Council, to manage the development of the Township businesses and industries within an environment that maximizes benefit to the Township and area residents.

Meeting Information: The Economic Development Committee meets at 5 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Main Administration Office in New Dublin. All meetings are open to the public.

Membership

Committee Members

Jim Miller
Mark Jenkins
Blake McKim

Council Representatives

Councillor Dan Downey
Councillor John Johnston

Ex-Officio

Mayor Jim Pickard

Staff Resources

Deputy Clerk, Betty Gibson
Administrative Assistant, Laura Stanzel

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SAVE THE DATE!



United Counties of Leeds & Grenville Economic Development Summit

Date: November 25, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Place: North Grenville Municipal Office
285 County Rd 44
Kemptville Ontario

For more information please contact either
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www.leedsgrenville.com

Upcoming Seminars and Workshops

Lanark-North Leeds Enterprise Centre

Importing and Exporting Commercial Goods Seminar

- For small businesses interested in importing and exporting commercial goods
- Oct. 27th, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
Speaker: Andrea Ethier, Canada Border Services Agency
FREE

All About Google

- Oct. 29th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Speaker: Syd Bolton
- \$20 (includes lunch) per person

Succeeding in the 'Age of the Empowered Consumer

- Will introduce three key areas of study to enhance your business planning
- Nov. 4th, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Speaker: Jennifer Debruin of Articulation
- \$10 per person

Growing your Business Using Social Media

- Nov. 9th, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Lanark & District Civitan Club
- \$10 per person
- Hosted by: the Lanark-North Leeds Enterprise Centre in partnership with the Government of Ontario and the Labour Market Group of Renfrew and Lanark

The above listed seminars will all being held at the Regional Centre for Business Development in Smiths Falls. Call Cindy at 613-283-7002 ext. 108 or email cjames@ripnet.com to register and to get more information.

Space is limited- so you must pre-register!



IS YOUR BUSINESS READY?

ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE

All private sector businesses must comply with the Accessibility Standards for Customer Service Regulation 429/07 by **Jan. 1, 2012**.

Is your business ready?

What is Accessible Customer Service?

- Flexible service that meets the needs of an individual customer
- Putting the person first
- Understanding that some methods of service may not work for all people

Principles of Accessible Customer Service:

- Dignity
- Independence
- Integration
- Equal Opportunity
- Respect

For More Information:

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Contact Centre (ServiceOntario)

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TTY: 416-325-3408 / Toll-free: 1-800-268-7095

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