

## Tuesday, May 6, 2025

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### 2025 Shelburne Economic Development Committee (EDC) Breakfast

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 6 7:00 am - 9:00 am

Address: 203 Main Street East Shelburne, ON L9V 3K7

Welcome to the 2025 Shelburne Economic Development Committee (EDC) Breakfast! Join us on Tuesday, May 06, 2025, from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM for a morning of networking and discussions about our community's economic growth. This in-person event will be held at the Shelburne Royal Canadian Legion Branch 220. Connect with local business owners, share ideas, and learn about upcoming projects. Don't miss this opportunity to engage with fellow entrepreneurs and enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast. We look forward to seeing you there!

Register [Here](#)

## Wednesday, May 7, 2025

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### Weathering the Storm: Strategies for Rural Stability and Growth in Uncertain Times

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 7 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville (Dufferin Room)

Join us for the second *Team Dufferin: A Series by Economic Development* session!

**Date:** May 7th, 2025

**Time:** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**Location:** Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville (Dufferin Room)

**Format:** Hybrid (In-person & Online)

This session will take a closer look at Dufferin County's rural economic landscape, with a spotlight on vulnerable sectors such as the agri-food industry and manufacturing, and the challenges and opportunities shaping their future.

This event is **free and open** for all.

Register [here](#)

## Tuesday, May 13, 2025

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## SBEC Shelburne Satellite Office

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 13 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: Mel Lloyd Centre, 167 Centre Street, Entrance E Shelburne, ON L9V 3R8

Every second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m., the Orangeville and Area Small Business Enterprise Centre (SBEC) is open at its satellite location at the Mel Lloyd Centre in Shelburne. Business owners are invited to drop by to get help with their start-up or expansion questions.

Walk-ins are welcome, however appointments are recommended. To book an appointment, please contact Mark Jamieson, Co-ordinator of the Orangeville and Area SBEC at [mjamieson@orangeville.ca](mailto:mjamieson@orangeville.ca), 519-941-0440 Ext. 2270 or via cell phone at 519-942-6334.

## Thursday, May 15, 2025

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### Level Up Dufferin Training

Date and Time: Thursday, May 15 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: Dufferin Board of Trade / Dufferin Biz Hub Office 246372 Hockley Road, Mono L9W 6K4

Formerly known as 'Dufferin Tourism Trails,' our restructured training program, Level Up Dufferin, is designed to drive impactful change within our community—starting with our local businesses! Through this initiative, we offer training, online resources, and a recognition program in key areas such as LGBTQ+ safe space, social and environmental responsibility, and business accessibility.

The Dufferin Biz Hub (a social enterprise of the Dufferin Board of Trade) believes in the power of business to drive positive change in our community. With the transformation of our previous 'Tourism Trails Training' into the enhanced Level Up Dufferin, we are providing business owners with the tools to align their operations with their values.

Available training sessions include:

Accessible Business & LGBTQ+ Safe Space Training

Socially & Environmentally Responsible Business Training

Inclusivity Training (D.E.I)

The training programs were initially created under the Dufferin Tourism Trails brand, thanks to a FedDev Tourism Grant. This grant allowed us to develop custom content crafted by post-secondary educators, industry experts, and individuals with lived experience.

[Register Here](#)

## Tuesday, May 27, 2025

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### Succession Planning for Small Business

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 27 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Address: 200 Lakeview Court, Upper Level, Orangeville, ON

Selling your business is one of the most important decisions you make as an entrepreneur. Whether you want to retire or move on to other challenges, the sale could be your largest-ever financial transaction. Mark Jamieson, Co-ordinator of the Orangeville & Area Small Business Enterprise Centre, will discuss how taking the right steps early on can help you maximize the sale price, minimize tax liabilities and other expenses, and achieve your other goals for the transaction. In this workshop we will explore many exit options, whether they be internal or external. As a business owner, you know your business will eventually change hands. But will the transition occur on your terms.

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## Thursday, May 29, 2025

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### 2025 Business Excellence Awards & AGM

Date and Time: Thursday, May 29 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Address: Best Western Plus Orangeville Inn & Suites 7 Buena Vista Dr, Orangeville, ON L9W 0A2

#### *A Red & White Gala celebrating local excellence and Canadian pride.*

The Business Excellence Awards (BEAs) are a decades-long tradition that celebrates exceptional businesses, nonprofits, and business leaders in Dufferin County. This year, they are focusing on our community and our country — recognizing those who are **proudly Canadian** and **proudly Dufferin**. These awards highlight local excellence and celebrate the dedication of individuals and organizations that contribute to the growth and well-being of our community, all while fostering a deep sense of pride in operating a business in Dufferin, Ontario, Canada.

The award nominees are proudly Canadian and proudly Dufferin, dedicated to supporting and strengthening the local community. They embody their corporate values, demonstrate resilience through challenges, and actively contribute to making Dufferin County a better place to live and work. Their commitment to local success reflects the spirit of Canadian innovation, generosity, and community pride. Nominations are open to both DBOT members and non-member businesses located in Dufferin County.

Nominees will be celebrated, and winners announced at the BEA Gala on May 29<sup>th</sup> at Best Western in Orangeville. The evening will be a celebration of Dufferin and Canada.

Gala guests are invited to wear red & white business or cocktail attire to show their Canadian pride.

[Register Here](#)

