

*Press Release - Business Retention + Expansion (BR+E) Program
Calls for Volunteers*

WANTED: Community and Business Leaders

North Grenville's Business Retention and Expansion (BR + E) Leadership Team met on Tuesday January 12th 2010 at the North Grenville Municipal Centre to confer on an essential part of the BR+E project: selection of the BR + E Volunteer Task Force. "BR + E Task Force members will be professional and trustworthy; selected participants will receive visibility and be associated with a highly successful project within our business community" reported Teri Devine (BR + E Coordinator) to the Leadership Team. "The Task Force will assist in setting the overall scope, objectives, design and policies for the project. An obligatory time commitment of 20-30 hours over the course of the project is a pre-requisite of any Task Force Member. We are recruiting members now and require further nominations from our existing leaders" said Devine.

The BR + E project is designed to stimulate economic development and growth by assisting existing businesses in the community to become more competitive by identifying and addressing local business needs. The BR + E project is a partnership between the Municipality of North Grenville and the North Grenville Chamber of Commerce. The project is partially funded by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA). To learn more about the Business Retention and Expansion project, to apply or nominate someone to be a Task Force Member, check out the Municipality's website at www.northgrenville.ca/BRandE.cfm.

Please join the Leadership Team and other members of the community at our BR + E Launch and Stakeholder meeting on Thursday January 28th 2010 at 7pm to be held in Suite "A" at the North Grenville Municipal Centre, 285 County Rd 44, Kemptville ON. You can also contact Teri Devine directly at (613) 258-9569 x 115 or tdevine@northgrenville.on.ca.

Feel free to contact Municipality of North Grenville, BR+E Coordinator Teri Devine at 613-258-9569 x 115 if you have any questions or visit our website at <http://www.northgrenville.ca/BRandE.cfm> for more information.

You can also go directly to <http://www.reddi.gov.on.ca/bre.htm> for more detailed BR+E information.

*Please note that the BR+E Program follows **strict confidentiality** guidelines and requires all participants to sign a contract to ensure that information collected is treated as confidential and is not disclosed to others except in the context of the work for which it was intended. Data is reported in aggregate only, with no individual information disclosed or published.*



North Grenville's Business Retention and Expansion (BR + E) Leadership Team, Pictured L-R BR: North Grenville Director of Planning & Development, Forbes Symon; Solution One Tax Service, Jim McManaman; O'Farrell Financial Services, Dermid O'Farrell, North Grenville Municipal Councillor, Terry Butler ER: Business Retention and Expansion Coordinator, Teri Devine, North Grenville Chamber Executive Director, Wendy Chapman Missing from photo: Ross Video Jeff Poapst; Grenville Community Futures Development Corporation Mike O'Keefe