

The **Municipality of North Grenville**, through partnership with the **North Grenville Chamber of Commerce** and partial funding by the **Ontario Rural Economic Development Program (RED)**, will be delivering the **Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E) Program** to our local business community this year.

**Please join us for the launch of the
North Grenville Business Retention + Expansion Program
at a Community Stakeholder Meeting**

Thursday, January 28, 2010, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Centre, 285 County Road #44
Main Floor Community Hall, Suite “A”

Who should attend? *Those interested in local business, the local economy and the community as a whole!*

The process involves determining needs and opportunities for local business through a systematic approach using surveys and interviews and then developing and implementing an action plan to address those needs and opportunities.

We are looking for volunteers to participate as members of the Task Force.
Application forms are available through our website at <http://www.northgrenville.ca/BRandE.cfm>
and will also be available at the event.

BR+E Program Short-term Goals

- Provide community support for local business through volunteer involvement
 - Identify and address immediate concerns of individual business
- Let local businesses know how much they are valued in the community

BR+E Program Long-term Goals

- Increase the competitiveness of local businesses
 - Develop and implement action plan
- Help local business manage change in the local economic environment

Feel free to contact BR+E Program Coordinator Teri Devine at tdevine@northgrenville.on.ca or 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 & volunteers 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.