

did you know?

York Region's Small Businesses are significant contributors to the Region's economy with a major impact on jobs, investment, trade, innovation and prosperity.

- Small Businesses (1-19 employees) account for approximately 85% of businesses in York Region

- 86% of Small Businesses operate in the service-producing sector, with the remaining 14% in the goods-producing sector

- The Region's Small Business community is diverse, with firms across a range of sectors including: financial services, business services, manufacturing, retail, information and cultural industries, and construction

- The top three sectors operated by Small Businesses in York Region are personal services, retail trade and business services

- More than 2,000 new Small Businesses are started each year, as Regional entrepreneurs respond to market opportunities

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Clients of the York Small Business Enterprise Centre:

Patricia Easton, Owner, Jordash Inc in King

Jack Brice, Partner, retiredandinspired.blogspot.com in Whitchurch-Stouffville

Brian Scarth, Owner, Scarth Guitars in Aurora

Lisa Goral, Chef and Owner, Petite Gourmet in East Gwillimbury

Chankanha Say, Owner, S&P Food Market in Newmarket



contact the centre

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advancing business creation, innovation, and growth



In partnership with the Ontario
Ministry of Small Business and
Consumer Services



who we are

In partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Small Business and Consumer Services, the **York Small Business Enterprise Centre** is part of a small business support network, made up of more than 45 Small Business Enterprise Centres in Ontario.

If you are starting a new business, have less than ten employees, or have been in business for less than five years, we provide information, resources and free consultations on all aspects of your business needs.

Partnerships with Provincial and Federal agencies give us access to a wide range of information on programs, services, assistance and legislation affecting small businesses in Canada. We can refer you to financiers, bankers, accountants, lawyers, educators, consultants, mentors and other entrepreneurs.

The York Region Economic Strategy branch operates the **York Small Business Enterprise Centre**, which serves small businesses in the Northern six York Region municipalities:

Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, King, Newmarket and Whitchurch-Stouffville

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do you need small
business advice,
information or
support?

we will help



Deborah Forbes, York Small Business Enterprise Centre client, and owner of 'To Have and to Hold ...'

"After contacting the York Small Business Enterprise Centre, I realized that you don't have to do it alone! When it comes to developing a business, we really have tremendous resources available. My only regret is not asking for help sooner."

services we offer

CONSULTATIONS Free consultations, by appointment, to review your ideas or business needs

INFORMATION A wide range of information, research stations with internet connections, and an extensive collection of business resource materials for research purposes

SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS Seminars, webinars and business development workshops provide information and tools to help you operate your business

YOUTH PROGRAMS Encouragement for York Region's youth with the Business Plan Challenge Program, Summer Company Program, and other initiatives



SUMMER COMPANY PROGRAM 2008

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES Referrals to business programs, financial providers, professional services, youth mentoring and the annual "Bridges to Better Business" Conference