



Joint Economic Development Meeting

Exploring changes, challenges & opportunities for rural economic development and the agribusiness sector through the lens of Doug Griffiths' book, 13 Ways to Kill Your Community

PMD Arena Hall - 68 Main Street West, Drayton

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

- 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** **Registration, Buffet Style Dinner & Networking**
- 5:55 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** **Welcome & Opening Remarks: Mayor Neil Driscoll**
- 6:00 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.** **Immigrants & Newcomers: Dirk Dekker, Country Bait**
Local Agribusiness Feature: Breaking into the International Market
- 6:20 p.m. - 6:40 p.m.** **Immigrants & Newcomers: Tom Lusic, Wellington County**
Workforce Diversity, Entrepreneurial Drive & Investment Readiness
- 6:40 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.** **Assessing Community Needs & Assets: Dale Franklin, Blooming Dales**
Mapleton Chamber of Commerce
- 6:50 p.m. - 8:10 p.m.** **Assessing Community Needs & Assets: Ryan Gibson, University of Guelph**
Exploring Changes, challenges & opportunities
- 8:10 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** **Closing Comments & Adjournment**
Mayor Neil Driscoll, Township of Mapleton
Mayor Andy Lennox, Township of Wellington North
Mayor George Bridge, Town of Minto



Keynote Speaker: Ryan Gibson

Ryan is the Libro Professor of Regional Economic Development in the School of Environmental Design and Rural Development at the University of Guelph. Originally from rural Manitoba, he has a deep intrigue and respect for rural communities, rural people, and the events that shape their futures. Over the past ten years he has been engaged in research projects and community development processes focused on new forms of governance, regional collaboration, cooperatives, rural philanthropy, rural revitalization, immigration and migration.

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