

Woolwich Township

GROWING INDUSTRY SECTORS PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Township of Woolwich is a thriving, forward-thinking and growing municipality nestled in the beautiful countryside of south-central Ontario. Settled in the early 1800s, the sense of old-world values and community pride is fused with the vision and innovation of today's leaders and business entrepreneurs.

With its proximity to Waterloo, Kitchener, Cambridge, and Guelph, Woolwich Township is the ideal place for business in any sector. Woolwich's location allows for easy and quick access to the high-tech, research, and education clusters in Kitchener, Waterloo, and surrounding cities, and there is an increasingly urban and professional population of more than 2.7 million within a 45-minute drive. All Woolwich Township is equipped with fibre optic connectivity, helping businesses from high-tech to agriculture; and the

Region of Waterloo International Airport (YKF) is located in the southern part of Woolwich at Breslau, providing hassle-free service for business and recreational travelers.

The Woolwich local food/agricultural sector represents 10 per cent of the jobs in the township. Innovations in food production, research, and delivery are at the leading edge of Ontario's local food networks.

Sustainable energy is another leading economic cornerstone. Traditional Mennonite ideals have mixed with cutting edge technology to manufacture and use wind turbines to generate a portion of the township's electricity needs. NextEnergy Inc., a Canadian leader in geothermal energy production, chose Woolwich as its national and soon to be international headquarters. Likewise, Home Hardware, founded in St. Jacobs in 1964, is another of the many company headquarters located in the township.

Additional economic strengths and emerging growth areas include the construction industry, finance and insurance, manufacture of auto parts, retail, scientific and technical services,

and the arts and culture sector.

The township has more than 344 hectares of designated Greenfield lands for employment. Land parcels of a variety of sizes are available in business parks in Elmira and Breslau, which are strategically located opportunities for businesses interested in Waterloo Region.

For residents and tourists the Township of Woolwich has it all. The St. Jacobs Farmers Market, the Drayton Theatre, the Village of St. Jacobs, the West Montrose Covered Bridge, the Grand and Conestogo rivers, and the downtowns are only a few unique aspects to explore. These features are key economic drivers and priorities for the township, consistently drawing people year after year.

Woolwich is also home to Canada's first and only wholesale produce auction, and to Foodlink – an innovative local food movement in Ontario. Festivals such as Taste of Woolwich, the world-famous Elmira Maple Syrup Festival that draws 80,000 people in one day, and Taste Local! Taste Fresh! invite all to celebrate the authenticity and excellence of local products.



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