



EVER WONDER WHAT GOES ON AT THE HBDC?

→ QUESTIONS GET ANSWERED

Over 40,000 individual inquiries were served last year, including questions from business owners, job seekers and community leaders involved in economic development. We are your one-stop source for Huron County information!

→ ENTREPRENEURS GET ADVICE

Each month, approximately 25–30 entrepreneurs receive extensive one-to-one consulting on business management topics ranging from marketing, financing, taxation and employee management. Another 40 - 45 attend our popular Better Business Seminar Series on a monthly basis.

→ LOANS GET APPROVED

Since inception in 1993, the HBDC has disbursed over \$4.6 million in commercial loans to small businesses throughout Huron County. These businesses came to us because they could not obtain financing elsewhere.

→ BUSINESSES GET LAUNCHED

In 2005, the Huron Business Development Corporation helped to launch and expand 395 local businesses, bringing the total since inception up to 1,200 - or over 40% of all Huron County enterprises.

→ NEW MARKETS GET DEVELOPED

Every year, the HBDC explores new opportunities for generating revenue in the farm, manufacturing and tourism sectors, including most recently new co-operatives for community-owned wind energy and beef processing.

→ YOUTH GET EXPOSED TO CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Each year, Plant Tours, Summer Skills Camps and Summer Company programs give over 250 of our young people a chance to explore the rewarding careers open to them in Huron County.

→ PEOPLE FIND WORK

Our Employment Resource Centres in Seaforth and Clinton assist local job seekers with resume development, interviewing, skills training and employment opportunities. In 2005, we helped close to 300 clients find work.

→ NETWORKS GET FORMED

Over the years, the HBDC has been instrumental in bringing partners together to address economic development opportunities. Huron Tourism Association, Huron Manufacturing Association, Huron Good Food Box, and Heritage & Cultural Partnership are all examples of organizations that have benefited from our mentoring along the way.

→ PROJECTS GET FUNDED

As part of our mandate, we have leveraged over \$10 million in economic development funding from dozens of agencies at the federal, provincial and regional levels. In fact, our current success rate on funding proposals is 97%!

→ GOOD THINGS HAPPEN

Since 1993, HBDC has been a proud partner in over 90 distinct economic development projects involving close to 200 individual partner organizations. By making good things happen in Huron County, we have developed something of a name for ourselves in the field of rural economic development – garnering 15 national and provincial awards to date for our efforts.