



***Pierre Lemieux,  
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Glengarry–Prescott–Russell***

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**MP PIERRE LEMIEUX ANNOUNCES \$80,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR RIDING BUSINESSES AND STUDENTS**

*“With this \$80,000 I have announced, post-secondary students will gain hands-on experience working on e-commerce projects under the mentorship and coaching of entrepreneurs.”*

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**Ottawa** – Pierre Lemieux, Member of Parliament for Glengarry–Prescott–Russell, on behalf of the Honourable Rob Moore, Minister of State (Small Business and Tourism), announced \$80,000 in federal funding in support of small businesses and post-secondary students in the Information and Communications Technologies field. The funding is part of the government’s investment of \$3.5 million to create hundreds of internships for post-secondary students across Canada through Canada’s Small Business Internship Program (SBIP).

“This funding is essential for businesses that are looking to keep up with the digital age, in order to better reach and serve their clientele,” Mr. Lemieux said during a press conference held at Studio de Lettrage in Hawkesbury. “With this renewed commitment to small business internships, we are helping young Canadians get a head start, while at the same time helping our local businesses and strengthening our rural economy.”

Mr. Lemieux congratulated the Prescott-Russell Community Development Corporation (PRCDC), which was one of 17 organizations from across Canada selected to act as delivery agencies.

“Canada’s continued economic recovery will be stimulated by the private sector, and our goal at the PRCDC is to make it easier for small businesses to invest and create jobs and an excellent way to achieve that goal is through programs like Industry Canada’s SBIP that offers the opportunity to post-secondary students to enhance their skills in the SME’S of our region,” said Mr. John Candie, president of the PRCDC. Mr. Candie acknowledged Mr. Lemieux’s strong support for businesses throughout the riding.

Mr. Lemieux recognized Le Studio de Lettrage, which received funding through SBIP last year.

“As MP for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, I know very well the strengths of the region and I’ve been a witness to the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurial drive that we find here,” Mr. Lemieux said.



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“Studio de Lettrage, which received funding last year, is a shining example of this program’s potential for small businesses in Glengarry-Prescott-Russell.”

The announcement was attended by Hawkesbury Mayor René Berthiaume, members of the Studio de Lettrage team and Felix Blackburn, president of Digitrade — a partner company that also received funding for interns last year.

“In our region, sales and marketing of our products and services via internet technology is a must for our economic growth,” said Mr. Blackburn. “With the help of the SBIP program, not only did we reach our goal, but in addition we helped develop our own local youth's experience in their respective fields of study.”

Mr. Lemieux concluded, “Local businesses are the strength of our rural economy and they have my full support.”

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