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Small business services extended to Welland

Jan. 24, 2012 – The City of St. Catharines' Enterprise Centre is partnering with the Welland Development Commission and Welland Job Gym to provide seminars and one-on-one business consultation services in the Rose City.

Seminars and consultation with an Enterprise Centre representative will happen the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Job Gym at 225 East Main St. The services are free but an appointment is required for consultations, which will be booked on a first-come, first-served basis. Pre-registration is also required to attend seminars.

"This project shows tremendous co-operation between area economic development offices," said Dan Degazio, manager of economic development for the City of Welland. "This partnership will complement existing services in Welland and South Niagara. Given the area's many job losses, it's important to enhance existing services for entrepreneurs because small business is a strong way to build on the assets in our economy."

The Enterprise Centre is Niagara's largest one-stop resource for business start-up information and facilitating business growth. The office was founded in 1997 as a unique partnership between Ontario's Ministry of Economic Development and Innovation and the City of St. Catharines. Reaching more than 50,000 start-up and existing small business owners from across the Niagara region, the office has been integral to the economic development of the region.

"We're so excited for the opportunity to formally expand our services, and more importantly, how this partnership will nurture a culture of entrepreneurship in the community," said Jessica Potts, Enterprise Centre manager.

For more information or to book appointments, call 905-732-7655 or email admin@jhs-niagara.ca. A seminar schedule will be posted online at www.jobgym.com.

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