



Sector Table Workshop: Report to Participants February 2017

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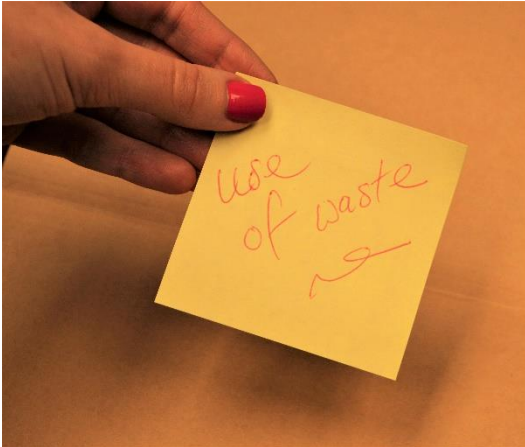
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Key issues

stronger links between industry & post-secondary education; recruitment; new opportunities for business partnerships; supplier hubs; knowledge-sharing; understanding government policies & procedures

Opportunities to explore

raise awareness about benefits of manufacturing and job opportunities; innovative use of waste; stronger links between industry & post-secondary education; product & market development; better business climate

Strong points

global manufacturers; exports; established & experienced workforce; knowledge-sharing & collaboration

Weak points & threats

limited co-operation between industry and provincial government; shipping & export costs; import competition

Proposed actions in 2017

In partnership with industry and the education sector, identify training and education gaps and opportunities for workshops and training sessions.

Coordinate manufacturing exchange groups to discuss priority issues.

Commission an impact study and create an awareness campaign about the local benefits of manufacturing.

THE SECTOR TABLE WORKSHOP

On Dec. 7, the Valley REN hosted a workshop in Kentville with more than 60 people from five key sectors in the Annapolis Valley: agriculture, tourism, information and communications technologies (ICT), manufacturing, and sustainable energy.

Our facilitator, Common Good Solutions, led the five "sector tables" in a SWOT analysis.

Key points from the Manufacturing Sector Table are noted here, with suggestions for how the Valley REN can help the business community grow these sectors.

Read the full report [here](#).

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