



VILLAGE OF OIL SPRINGS

Home to Fairbank Oil Company which is the **OLDEST
PETROLEUM COMPANY IN THE WORLD**

**SITE OF THE FIRST COMMERCIAL
OIL WELL IN NORTH AMERICA**

The smallest municipality in Lambton County,
with the **BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENTS**


**Discoveries
That Matter**
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Economic Partnership
Powering a Sustainable World®

ABOUT THE VILLAGE OF OIL SPRINGS

The Village of Oil Springs is located in the central part of Lambton County. While only 8km² in size, the area is steeped in history. Oil Springs is 155 years old and is a municipality full of pride for a heritage older than the country of Canada.

Originally called Black Creek, it became the site of North America's first commercial oil well in 1858 when asphalt producer James Miller Williams set out to dig a water well and found free oil instead. Williams' discovery triggered North America's first oil rush & the village's name was changed to Oil Springs that same year.

John Henry Fairbank, a surveyor turned oil man who came to Oil Springs in 1861, struck it rich. He founded the successful Fairbank Oil Company which is now the oldest petroleum company in the world. He also invented the jerker line, a method used to pump oil to the surface from multiple wells using a shared steam engine. Jerker lines are still used to pump oil in Oil Springs today.

The municipality is home to the Oil Museum of Canada which preserves the site of the first commercial oil well.

More than 300 oil wells are still active in the area today and many still use 19th century technology.

DEMOGRAPHICS/IMPORTANT INFORMATION

POPULATION.....	649
TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS.....	275
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME.....	\$76,519
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME.....	\$101,506
AVERAGE # OF PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD ...	2.33
LABOUR FORCE.....	360
LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE.....	67.08%
AVERAGE HOUSE PRICE.....	\$329,564
RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE.....	1.50%

A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE LABOUR FORCE in Oil Springs is employed in the manufacturing, healthcare fields, and construction.

LARGEST PUBLIC EMPLOYERS IN LAMBTON COUNTY INCLUDE:

Bluewater Health, Lambton Kent District School Board, Corporation of the County of Lambton.

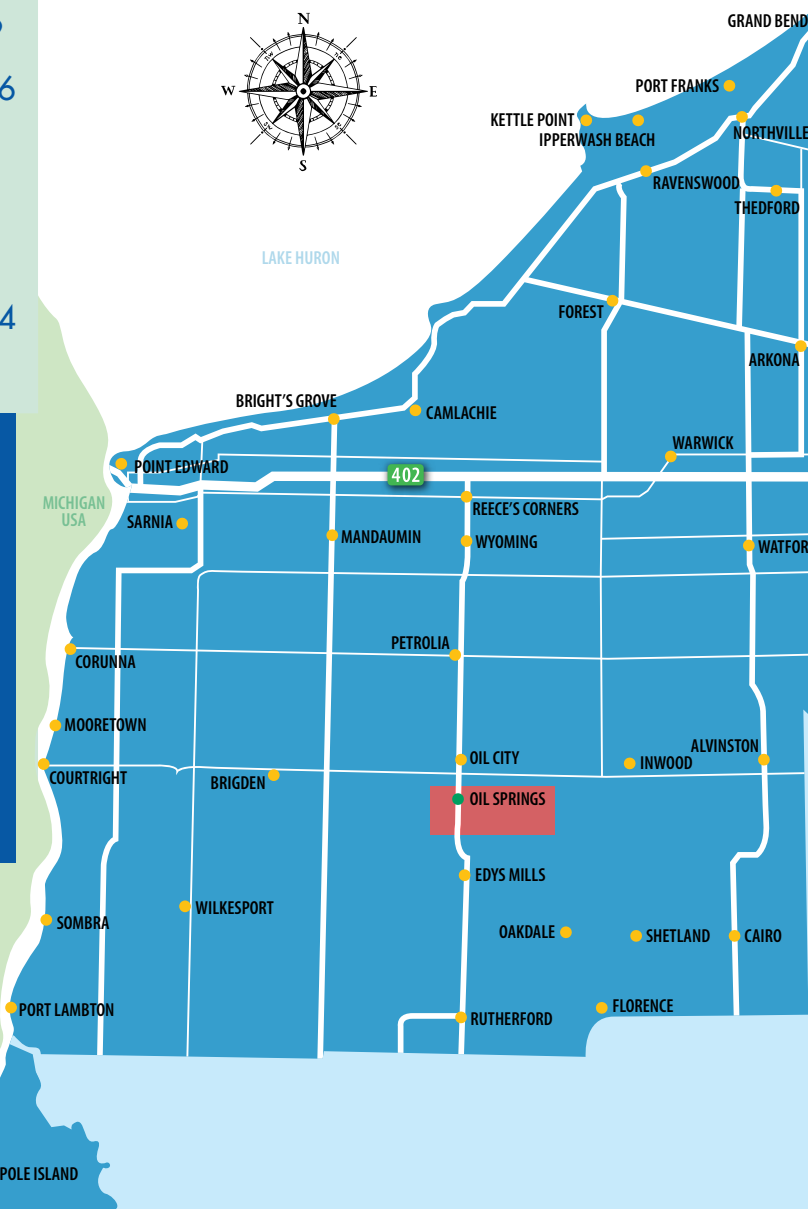
LARGEST PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN LAMBTON COUNTY INCLUDE:

NOVA Chemicals, Imperial Oil, Steeves & Rozema Group

PROXIMITY TO MAJOR CENTRES

Distance taken from closest municipality border to destination

SARNIA.....	25km	15min
LONDON.....	75km	50min
TORONTO.....	255km	2hrs 35min
DETROIT, MI.....	125km	1hr 25min



WHY THE VILLAGE OF OIL SPRINGS?

With quiet country roads providing easy access to major economic hubs, Oil Springs provides an exceptional quality of life for those looking to escape to rural Ontario, while still affording residents the amenities that they want just a short drive away in neighboring communities.

The Village of Oil Springs offers low building permit fees and has fully serviced vacant lots for housing or for your business. The area is known for being a safe, family focused rural community with welcoming neighbors and great internet service.

By locating in this area with a strong sense of community, your business can become an integral part of this quaint and picturesque region of Lambton County and provide customers a unique destination to discover.

Businesses identified as being ideal for location in Oil Springs include opportunities for an antique shop, a bakery/café, small scale gym, full-service restaurant, green burial and cemetery business. The strong internet connectivity provides the opportunity for home-based business process outsourcing such as human resources, accounting, payroll, or call centres.



PRIMARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION

Lambton Kent District School Board
St. Clair Catholic District School Board
Conseil Scolaire Viamonde
Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Lambton College

HEALTHCARE OFFERINGS

Bluewater Health
Lambton County Public Health



AMENITIES

The Village of Oil Springs is well served by the excellent education and health care systems of Lambton County and is also home to an abundance of recreational opportunities located in the municipality and throughout Lambton County.

A beautiful historical trail runs through Oil Springs for nature walkers looking for something different and has two children's playgrounds.

The municipality has a Library located on the main street. Lambton County Library Service offers a wide variety of events for all ages.

The Village of Oil Springs Youth Centre is in the heart of Oil Springs and can facilitate/host events for up to 372 people.

The municipality is also home to Black Creek Golf Course which is a 9-hole course that will challenge golfers of any level.

The Village of Oil Springs is an engaged community and offers residents and newcomers three Service clubs in the area. The Optimists, Masonic Lodge, and the Royal Canadian Legion all have groups in Oil Springs.

ABOUT LAMBTON COUNTY

TOP 7
INTELLIGENT
COMMUNITIES
OF THE YEAR

Recognized as a Top 7 Intelligent Community in the World, Lambton County is well known and respected as a key engineering, research, development, and product commercialization centre for the petrochemical and refining industries and is North America's leading centre for bio industrial manufacturing research and development.

Home to 11 unique municipalities and three First Nations, Lambton County is the birthplace of North America's oil industry (1858) and today is Canada's 2nd largest petrochemical cluster. With more than 500,000 acres of cultivated farmland, the area is one of Ontario's agricultural leaders. A diverse manufacturing sector supports these, and other industries and exports specialized products worldwide.

The award-winning Western Sarnia-Lambton Research Park and Lambton College – ranked one of the top 3 research colleges in Canada – helps Lambton County power innovation across a variety of sectors. On top of being an economic driver for both the Province of Ontario and Country of Canada, Lambton County also offers its residents an unparalleled quality of life.

With over 140km of waterfront that features two internationally recognized Blue Flag Beaches on the shores of Lake Huron and the St. Clair River, Lambton County proudly offers countless opportunities for residents to enjoy the outdoors year-round. The region enjoys a warm climate with more than 230 days of the year seeing temperatures above 0° Celsius and is home to 16 art galleries, eight breweries, wineries, and cider houses, six museums, and three theatres, as well as delicious locally sourced food that can be enjoyed at more than a dozen restaurants along the waters of Lake Huron and the St. Clair River. Lambton County is an exceptional place to live and invest.

ABOUT THE SARNIA-LAMBTON ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

The Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) is the lead economic development agency for the Sarnia-Lambton area. Funded by the County of Lambton, we have a focus on promoting the distinct advantages that Sarnia-Lambton proudly offers companies and residents. By coordinating community-based economic development initiatives and working to maintain a commercially attractive environment, we foster new business creation, help ensure that established firms remain and grow here, and work to attract growing businesses to the Sarnia-Lambton area.

As a public/private partnership, SLEP works to advance economic opportunities across the Sarnia-Lambton area. Through collaboration with local business leaders, educational institutions, and municipal governments, we help elevate the Sarnia-Lambton area through coordinated economic development initiatives.

Recognized by the International Economic Development Council as an Accredited Economic Development Organization, the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership is the 2nd office in Ontario and the 4th in Canada to attain that top distinction.

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