

## Interest In The ABC's Of B&Bs

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HALDIMAND—Tourism Caledonia held a meeting on April 25 for residents wishing to learn what is needed to set up a bed and breakfast in their home.

“We’ve always talked about wanting more bed and breakfasts in Caledonia,” said Barbara Martindale, Executive Director, Caledonia Chamber of Commerce. “We have two bed and breakfasts and one Airbnb, but we need more accommodation since we have no motel or hotel.”

“There is always a reason for people wanting to stay in Caledonia,” she continued. “Whether it be a wedding, hockey tournament or they’re just visiting. And many of them want to stay at bed and breakfasts.”

Martindale said it was a successful night with several in attendance, and “just what Tourism Caledonia had hoped for.”

Haldimand County’s Tourism and Economic Development division and Grand Erie Business Centre attended and identified the ways they could be of assistance.

Jean-Michel and Karen Patten, owners of newly established bed and breakfast Le B&B, made a presentation on what it took to get their Caithness Street East location up and running, along with what is needed to operate a bed and break- fast.

Le B&B was established last year in a century home across from the Grand River in Caledonia.

Martindale said two couples from Caledonia and one from Hagersville showed interest and she feels they “will go ahead and start something.”

For more information on opening a bed and breakfast in your home, call 905-765- 0377 or email

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