



**CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE**
HALTON HILLS

2025-26

Annual Highlights



Building Business. Building Community.

HALTON HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chair's Message



Dear Members and Supporters of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce,

As I complete my first year as Chair of the Board, I would like to start by thanking you, our members, as well as our incredible Chamber team for the resilience and support that you have shown in light of what has been an uncertain and 'noisy' year. Despite the threat and reality of tariffs, technological change and growing costs, our members and staff have found creative ways to manage these challenges and better yet, support one another. I could not be prouder of the community we have.

Over the past year, our Chamber has been at the forefront of advocacy for our members, engaging with all levels of government to ensure your voice is heard. At times, this has been speaking on trade issues with our provincial and federal representatives at roundtables. At other times, it has been working with Town Council and staff to voice solutions that work for both business and residents. With the municipal election and forces larger than our community looming, the torch of advocacy carries on, and our Chamber's efforts this past year have it burning brighter than ever.

We also need to recognize the fun we have had together. This past year, we held over 40 events, and if you had the pleasure of attending any one of those, you know two things: the registrations fill up quickly, and two, that networking is alive and well at the Chamber. From our After-Hours events to the Golf Tournament to the Mayor's Lunch, the Chamber team puts an enormous amount of work into these events, and I love seeing members new and old connecting and sharing their challenges and successes.

As we have some Board members finish their terms, I want to thank them for their wisdom, engagement and hands-on approach to the Board's work. Roger Alfaro, Ray Chesher, and Sean Ashbee, thank you.

Finally, I would like to thank our CEO and President, Melanie Frazer, and her dedicated team. Without the focus, passion and hard work that you bring to your work everyday, none of this would be possible. I have full confidence that whatever the year ahead brings, our Chamber and our community will continue to be heard and supported.



Peter Sproule

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Frazer
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CEO
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the Board

2026–2027 BOARD NOMINEES



Dean Wood | BorderWorx Logistics

Dean Wood is a long time Halton Hills resident and respected entrepreneur with more than 40 years of experience in cross-border transportation, customs, and logistics. As Founder of BorderWorx Logistics, he has built a trusted company known for collaboration, innovation, and helping businesses manage complex trade and supply chain challenges.

He was recently appointed to the Halton Police Board and is an active supporter of local healthcare and charitable initiatives. He believes strong businesses should also contribute to strong communities.



Dustin Wright | A Home For Life

Dustin Wright is founder of A Home For Life, a Halton Hills-based business that helps seniors and families age safely at home through accessibility modifications and trusted handyman services. Before becoming an entrepreneur, Dustin spent 25+ years as a Marketing, Communications, and Government/Corporate Affairs executive, leading strategy for Fortune 500 and community-focused organizations in complex, highly regulated sectors. He is a trusted advisor to CEOs, boards, and senior leaders, with deep experience in issues management, crisis response, and stakeholder engagement.



Kat Brazier | Mortgage Powered Financial Group

Kat Brazier is a Mortgage Agent Level 2 helping clients in Georgetown and across Ontario with first-time homebuyer mortgages, refinancing, and mortgage solutions for self-employed borrowers.

Before mortgages, Kat spent 17 years running her own business. That taught her how to solve problems, plan strategically, and provide personalized solutions. Skills she now brings to every client.



Nick Sawrantschuk | Doane Grant Thornton

As Principal of Independent Business Group (IBG) with Doane Grant Thornton LLP, Nick provides advisory support to privately held Ontario corporations, with a focus on corporate, personal, and estate year-end tax planning. He works closely with business owners to develop practical strategies that support tax efficiency, business growth, succession planning, and long-term value creation.



Peter Perko | CA14

Peter has been a creative partner to businesses and organizations for a number of years, helping them tell their stories and connect with their audiences through thoughtful design. As a Registered Graphic Designer (RGD), he brings a strategic approach to every project, whether it's developing a new brand identity, creating a compelling marketing campaign, or designing a new publication. His journey has been a blend of entrepreneurship and creative leadership. Studio Fourteen is his design consultancy, Print Fourteen is his web-based print management business, and he also co-founded CA14 Marketing, an alliance of creative professionals dedicated to providing integrated marketing solutions.

CHAMBER STAFF



Melanie Frazer
Chief Executive
Officer



Raven Murray
Membership and
Communications
Specialist



Arielle Gagne
Member Services
and Events
Coordinator

OUR MISSION

The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce operates as a vibrant business hub within the region. Drawing together innovative local businesses and policymakers, the Chamber plays a role in fostering business success. We serve as a platform for forward-looking leadership and dedicated advocacy, contributing to the growth and well-being of Halton Hills.

OUR VISION

The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce functions as an essential collaborator in business achievements, working to:

- Promote a climate of open enterprise and a favourable business environment.
- Facilitate connections between the local business community, and government, fostering economic growth and entrepreneurial support within Halton Hills and improving the overall business climate.
- Empower both private and public sector leaders to invest, innovate, and collaborate on solutions that drive community growth.
- Provide guidance to our community by consistently demonstrating care and integrity in all endeavors.

CHAMBER RECOGNITION

This past year, we were proud to share that Melanie Frazer, President & CEO of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce, was named the *2025 Small Chamber Executive of the Year* by the Chamber of Commerce Executives of Canada (CCEC)!

This national recognition highlights Melanie's leadership, creativity, and commitment to strengthening Halton Hills' business community.

Ensuring that local businesses across Georgetown, Acton, and the surrounding area continue to grow, connect, and succeed together.



ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

440
Members

41
Events

68,000
Website Page
Views:
a 1.5% YoY
increase

8495
Social Media
Followers

53
New
Members

Event
Attendees
1700

48%
Email Open
Rate
13% above industry
average

98%
Member
Retention

144,900
Website
Interactions
Every Visitor Clicked on
something 3.45 times

CHAMBER PROGRAMS & CONNECTIONS

Ambassador Program

Chamber Ambassadors play a meaningful role in supporting the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce by helping connect members, support at events, assist with member visits, and help welcome new members into the Chamber network. This volunteer role offers the chance to build visibility for your own business, engage with fellow local leaders, and contribute to a stronger business community. Interested in learning more? Visit our website for details.

Members: Anita Bergsma, Cindy Riddell, Karen McBride, Kori Arsenault, Pauline Farquhar, Roger Alfaro, Rosanna Palmieri.

Halton Hills Now Magazine

Published twice a year, Halton Hills Now shares local business stories, member expertise, community updates and practical information with businesses and residents across Halton Hills. The magazine gives Chamber members another way to build awareness, share what they do and connect with the community.

Annual Chamber Events

Each year, the Chamber brings the business community together through networking events, learning opportunities and signature events including the Business Excellence Awards, Mayor's State of the Town Lunch, Power Breakfast, Golf Tournament, She Means Business Awards, Business Expo and more. These events create opportunities to make connections, celebrate local business and hear from leaders on issues that matter to our community.



ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Your Chamber works to be your voice when you can't be at the table. We bring the concerns, challenges and priorities of Halton Hills businesses directly to decision-makers at the municipal, provincial and federal levels.

Local advocacy

- Hosted a Town Hall with Mayor Lawlor to review the Town budget and give members an opportunity to ask questions directly.
- Represented the business community at Council meetings, consultations and other local discussions where decisions affecting business are being considered.
- President & CEO Melanie Frazer serves on the Town's Official Plan Community Working Group, bringing a business perspective to long-term planning.
- Melanie also participates on the Guelph Street Revitalization Committee, helping ensure local businesses are part of conversations about the future of the corridor.
- Hosted two Power Breakfasts, creating opportunities for members to hear from leaders and discuss issues affecting business.

Provincial advocacy

- Hosted the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario's Minister of Finance, for a conversation with local business and community leaders.
- Hosted the Honourable Nina Tangri for a local small business announcement and discussion.
- Met with the Honourable Vic Fedeli to discuss economic development, investment and issues affecting local businesses.
- Participated in a small-table discussion with Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition and Leader of the Ontario NDP.
- Participated in the Ontario Chamber of Commerce Advocacy Day at Queen's Park.
- Attended the Ontario Economic Summit, where Melanie moderated a ministerial roundtable.

Federal and national advocacy

- Hosted a business roundtable with the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, President of the King's Privy Council for Canada and Minister responsible for Canada-U.S. Trade, Intergovernmental Affairs, Internal Trade and One Canadian Economy.
- Met in Ottawa with MPs Michael Chong and Kristina Tesser Derksen to discuss federal issues affecting Halton Hills businesses.
- Supported local businesses affected by U.S. tariffs by sharing programs and resources, gathering feedback and bringing local concerns into government discussions.
- Represented Halton Hills nationally through Melanie's role as Co-Chair of the Ontario Caucus Advisory Committee for the Canadian Chamber of Commerce National Policy Convention.

Your membership investment makes this work possible. It gives the Chamber the capacity to show up, build relationships, participate in consultations and speak on behalf of our business community.

When you can't be at the table, we work to make sure the voice of your business is.



Ensuring that when you can't be at the table...



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We Are Your Voice of Business



We are proud of our accreditation status showcasing our commitment to excellence as a leading Chamber of Commerce. There are only 82 accredited Chambers in Canada.

To achieve accreditation, a Chamber must meet minimum standards in critical areas pivotal to a Chamber's success, including organization/governance, policy and advocacy and membership programs/services. It also bolsters our "voice of business" in the community and our role in advocating policies at the national and international levels, highlighting our dedication to fostering business growth and prosperity.





Building Ties Through Connection





Networking, Business Support, and Learning



Our Values



Integrity



Respect



Excellence



Collaboration



Inclusiveness



MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

Lifetime Members:

- Beaumont Enterprises Limited/Doug Penrice

50+ Years:

- CapServCo Limited Partnership / Grant Thornton LLP
- Royal Bank of Canada
- Paul C. Armstrong Insurance Brokers Inc.

45+ Years:

- Communications & Power Industries Canada Inc.
- Concept Ford
- Georgetown Chevrolet Buick GMC
- Helsons LLP
- Leferink Transfer Ltd.
- The Club At North Halton
- Scotiabank - Georgetown
- United Fire Safety Co. Ltd.

40+ Years:

- Artcast Inc.
- Carney Electric Ltd.
- Carpet Barn - Carpet One
- Jones Funeral Home Ltd.
- Saputo Dairy Products Canada G.P. (Neilson)
- Silver Creek Service Centre
- Spriggs Insurance Brokers Ltd.
- TD Canada Trust
- Young's Pharmacy & Homecare

35+ Years:

- Acton Auto Tech Inc.
- Acton Precast Concrete Limited
- Andrews Farm Market and Winery
- Adult Learning Centre - Literacy North Halton
- Best Western Halton Hills
- Desjardins Insurance, Lora Greene
- Enbridge Gas Inc.
- Erik Schubert Excavating Ltd.
- Family Optical
- G. McClure Carpentry
- Halton Hills Hydro Inc.
- Halton Region Economic Development
- Howell Pipe & Supply
- Leathertown Lumber Inc.
- Nellis Construction Ltd.
- Norbram Group Insurance Benefits Inc.
- P&H Milling Group
- Solinst Canada Ltd
- Speedy Glass
- Tandia Financial Credit Union
- Terra Cotta Foods Ltd.
- Unilock Ltd.
- Varanelli Daniel, CPA, CGA, CFP
- Westerveld Waste Management Inc.

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

30+ Years:

- Acton Home Hardware
- Allison's Farm Market
- Blue Springs Golf Club/A Property of ClubLink
- Bruce Mcleod
- Desjardins Insurance, Phil Karda
- Downtown Georgetown BIA
- Dr. Anoop Sayal
- Dreamscape Landscaping Limited
- Emerald Isle Bedroom Gallery
- Georgetown Golf Club/Property of ClubLink
- Georgetown Market Place
- Georgetown Toyota.
- Georgetown Volkswagen
- Granite Ridge Golf Club
- JG. Spiteri
- Kiyo's Japanese Car Service Ltd
- Krause Morris - Re/Max
- Move Activity & Motion Clinic
- Ronald K. Henry Law Firm
- Sheridan Nurseries
- Still Waters Dental Group, Dr. Corey Grossman & Associates
- STRIDE
- Superior Glove Works Ltd.
- The Georgetown Hearing Clinic
- Town of Halton Hills
- United Way Halton & Hamilton

25+ Years:

- Avila Investments Ltd.
- Breakaway Courier
- Brilliant Gold
- Cancer Assistance Halton Hills
- CATT Contracting
- CA14
- Community Living North Halton
- Crownseal Basement Waterproofing Inc
- Culligan
- Dufferin Aggregates
- Fix Auto Georgetown
- Georgetown McDonalds
- HIEC
- Links2Care
- Manon Dulude Coaching and Counselling
- Mountainview Residence & Terrace
- The Delfi Group
- Williams Mill Creative Arts Studios
- Wyatt Hilts Electric Inc
- Yorkshire Enterprises Inc.

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

20+ Years:

- ACCOUNTANTS on MAIN Chartered Professional Accountants
- A-Plus Self Storage
- Apex Tool & Die Ltd.
- Bennett Village
- Caledon Laboratories Ltd.
- Denise Dilbey, Broker Royal LePage Meadowtowne Realty, Brokerage
- Eramosa Physiotherapy Associates
- Fred's Towing
- GBA LLP Chartered Professional Accountants
- Georgetown Bread Basket
- Glencairn Golf Club
- Glen Valley Finishers
- Halton Hills Paving
- Halton Hills Public Library
- Halton Women's Place
- HealthSpan Wellness
- Impact Heating & Air Conditioning Inc.
- J.V. Clothing
- Kimaid Cleaning Service Inc.
- MacMillan's Gourmet Frozen Foods & Fundraising
- Matthews Design & Drafting Services Inc.
- Mike Francis Insurance and Financial Services Inc. - Desjardins
- Procolor Collision Georgetown
- Red Lemon Hair Salon
- Re/Max Real Estate Centre Inc.
- Reg Marsh and Associates
- Strictly Dance
- Tandia Financial Credit Union - 819
- The Halton Window & Door Company
- The Knolcrest Centre
- Uptown Collision
- Wyldewood Golf & Country Club
- VPI Working Solutions

15+ Years:

- Acton Optical Ltd.
- Atura Power
- Banbury Law Office
- Beaumont Mill Antiques & Collectibles
- Brooks Heating And Air
- CA14
- Cogeco Connexion Inc.
- Co-operators Insurance (Ray Johnson & Associates Inc.)
- Domino's Pizza
- Dr. Jones Chan Dentistry
- Erin Refrigeration & Air Conditioning
- Georgetown Honda
- Georgetown Thai Gourmet
- Green-Port Environmental Managers Ltd.
- Halton Hills Community Energy Corporation
- Halton Hills Gymnastics Centre
- Hey Ray - Your Home Today Realty Inc.
- Intlvac Inc.
- Kerr Machine Shop Group Inc.
- Lawlor & Company Marketing & Communications Limited
- Maple Lodge Farms Ltd.
- MPP Wellington - Halton Hills
- Niagara Escarpment Views
- Odyssey Systems & Solutions
- Party Cinemas / Plus AV
- Procolor Collision Georgetown
- Quik Auto Repair/Krown Rustproofing
- Royal Bank of Canada
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- Sign Central
- The Georgetown Hospital Foundation
- The Way We Were

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