

# Hamilton Chamber Outstanding Business Achievement Awards

PRESENTED BY THE HAMILTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



# WHO IS THE CHAMBER & WHAT DO WE DO?

Founded in 1845, the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce is the third oldest chamber of commerce in Canada. We are an ambitious organization that strives to meet the various needs of our small business members while also providing city-building leadership to renew Hamilton.

## We serve our membership in a few ways including:

- **Facilitate commerce** by building ties within the membership and hosting regular networking events;
- **Take political action** by identifying priorities and developing policy with input from our members;
- **Promote Hamilton and local businesses** through a variety of local, regional and national media outlets, and our website, publications and social media;
- **Provide solutions to your everyday challenges.** Whether it's needing a key introduction, helping you deal with government red tape or providing you with local market intelligence, we act as a lifeline and partner in business so that you can focus on what you do best.

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NETWORK:



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# RECENT PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

# Supporting Businesses through COVID-19

## COVID-19 Business Support



## Women Out of Work & Now Hiring Hamilton Reports

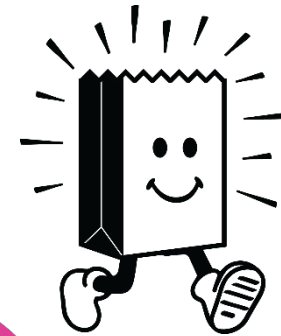


# Projects & Initiatives by the Chamber that Support Hamilton Businesses

## Hamilton LRT



## Hamilton Day



# Annual Outstanding Business Achievement Awards (OBAA)

- Our OBAA is an annual celebration of business excellence in Hamilton
- This year we are entering into our 39<sup>th</sup> year
- We celebrate businesses in 9 different categories:
  - Small Business, Mid-sized Business, Large Business, Not-for-Profit, Young Professional, Century, Inclusion Diversity Equity & Accessibility, CEO of the Year, and Citizen of the Year
- Held annually at Carmen's Banquet Centre (March 29, 2023)



# OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS









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# BIA Awards

The Awards of Excellence Program has been developed to honour individual BIA members for the contributions they make to our community.

Their commitment to excellence encourages further investment within the BIAs and the community at large. The standard they have set improves the environment in which we all live, work and play.

# BIA Awards

**The BIA Awards of Excellence recognizes BIAs in three categories:**

1. Facade Improvement
2. Sparkle Award
3. Business/Community Partnership













## Questions?

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