

# General Issues Committee (Budget)

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# WHO IS THE CHAMBER & WHAT DO WE DO?

# Hamilton Chamber of Commerce

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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# RECENT PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

# Recent Projects & Initiatives

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We maintain **strong working relationships** with elected officials, civil servants, anchor institutions, and key stakeholders across the City of Hamilton. Chamber staff actively participate in municipal committees and engage regularly with Queen's Park and Parliament Hill officials

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We develop **evidence-based policy recommendations**, in the form of resolutions, government submissions, and formal reports, in order to inform government priorities and substantiate the concerns and recommendations of members

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We work **collaboratively with our provincial and federal counterparts** within the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce (CCC)

# Recent Projects & Initiatives

## COVID-19 Business Supports



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CONCIERGE  
FOR BUSINESS**

## Women Out of Work





# Recent Projects & Initiatives

## Hamilton LRT



## Energy Harvesting Initiative



# Recent Projects & Initiatives

## Now Hiring Hamilton



## Provincial & Federal Elections

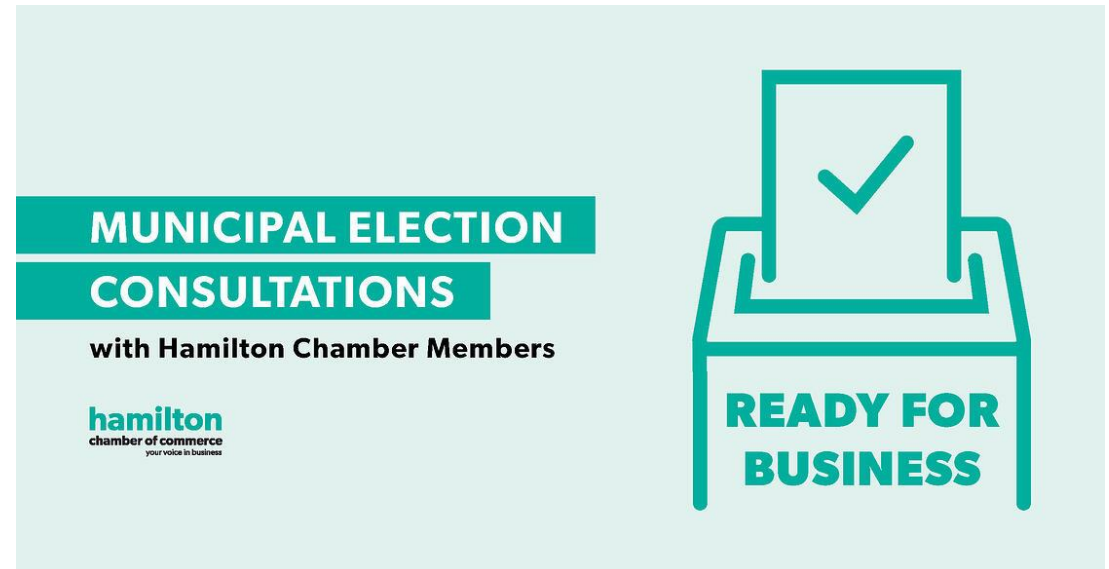


# Recent Projects & Initiatives

## 2022 Canada's Innovation Corridor Summit



## Municipal Election Consultations



# MUNICIPAL POLICY WINS

## **Municipal Policy Wins**

- **Climate Adaptation Strategy**
- **Community Energy & Emissions Plan**
- **Bayfront Industrial Area Strategy**
- **Growth of Business Parks**
- **Truck Route Master Plan Review**
- **Hamilton B-Line LRT**
  
- **Home Energy Retrofit Program Application**
- **Economic Development 5 Year Strategy**
- **Redevelopment of Downtown Entertainment Assets**
- **Digital Main Street Program**
- **Reviewing Encampment Enforcement Protocol**

# MUNICIPAL POLICY OPPORTUNITIES

## **Municipal Policy Opportunities**

- **Supporting Commercial Energy Retrofits**
- **Investing in Decarbonization Hub in Hamilton**
- **Advancing Hamilton as Major Tourism Destination**
- **Redevelopment of Downtown Entertainment Assets**
  
- **Supporting Local Economy through Hamilton Day**
- **Working with Chamber & Metrolinx on LRT Construction Mitigation**
- **Expediting the Development of New Housing Starts of All Types**

## **Municipal Policy Opportunities**

- **Reviewing Area Rating for Transit**
- **Advancing Hamilton's Interests as a Logistics Hub**
- **Advocating for Improvements to Local HWY Linkages (RHVP, 403, QEW)**
- **Supporting Construction of Morriston Bypass**
- **Pursuing Federal & Provincial Funding for HWY 5 & 6 Overpass**
- **Expanding Service Offerings at Hamilton Business Centre (EDI Training, Women's Network, Connection & Mentorship Building Opportunities)**
- **Advancing Recommendations from the Hamilton Just Recovery Community Coalition**



# CLOSING REMARKS

# Closing Remarks

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**Chamber Currently Developing  
New Strategic Plan**

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**Where Are We Today?**

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**Where Do We Want to be  
Tomorrow?**

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**How Do We Get There?**



**THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY**

**ANY QUESTIONS?**