



# News From **YOUR CHAMBER**

*February 2017*

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***Welcome New Chamber Members:***

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## ***Changes at the Chamber***

With a renewed vigour and vitality, the Napanee & District Chamber of Commerce is pleased and proud to present the new team of business and community leaders who will be taking the organization into new, exciting and productive directions.

At its Annual General Meeting (AGM), held on Wednesday, January 18, in the classroom at ProTech Transportation Training in Napanee, a new board of directors was elected, a new executive determined and a new business manager announced. The new board features representation from a number of different sectors, and also represents a true sea change in the leadership of the business community in Greater Napanee as 10 of the new directors are new to the chamber board.

The two returning members of the board are Jennifer Maloney of The Investors Group, who was elevated to the position of President, while Julie Sullivan of Career Edge will be the Vice-president. New board member Jim Barber, a communications and marketing consultant/writer is the chamber's new Secretary. The position of Treasurer will be determined at the first meeting of the new board, on Wednesday, February 15.

The other board members-at-large are as follows:

Christina Bergeron – House of Vernucci  
Leanne Boomhour - RBC Royal Bank  
Claire Courneya – BMO Bank of Montreal  
Geoff Courneya – Distinguished Life  
Tom Derreck – Napanee District Community Foundation



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Board members continued:

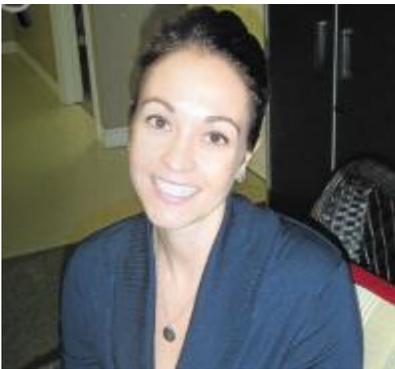
Laurie Deslauriers – Kingston Literacy & Skills/Napanee

Geordan Saunders – Napanee Beer Company

Lindsay Wilbraham – Exit Realty Acceleration

Rebecca Wilkinson – MyFM 88.7

Arthur Dolan of Succession Transition will remain in an ex-officio capacity as Past President.



Another big announcement was the hiring of Megan Smith as the Napanee & District Chamber of Commerce's new business manager. Smith, a Napanee native, has a wealth of experience working in both municipal government and the non-profit sector. Well known to many in her hometown, she worked in the recreation department for the Town of Greater Napanee for a number of years, as well as fulfilling similar responsibilities with Loyalist Township. More recently, she worked for the United Way of KFL&A.

Smith began her duties on Wednesday, January 25.

## ***Mark Your Calendars***

- **Throughout February** - *The Love List at the Lennox Community Theatre*  
For ticket information and show times, please visit [www.LennoxTheatre.ca](http://www.LennoxTheatre.ca).
- **February 22nd, 2017 from 5:30-7:00pm** - *Business After Hours Social*  
Hosted by Drain All in Napanee at 444 Advanced Ave. This is an open event. Please notify [napaneechamber@bellnet.ca](mailto:napaneechamber@bellnet.ca) that you will be attending.
- **February 23rd, 2017 at 6:00pm- 8:00pm** - *Fast Forward - Visioning Greater Napanee's Future*. Hosted by the Town of Greater Napanee with the assistance of the St. Clements Group Inc. at 124 John St. Town Hall, Napanee. For more information call 613-354-3351.

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- February in Toronto and Ottawa - Employee Training Programs**  
Presented by the Public Services Health and Safety Association. Free! Onsite sessions are available also. Contact [MKennedy@pshsa.ca](mailto:MKennedy@pshsa.ca) for more information.
- February 27th, 2017 from 6:00-7:00pm - Contract Law**  
Presented by the Queens Faculty of Law Pro Bono students society at 47 Dundas St. E. Napanee. Please notify [napaneechamber@bellnet.ca](mailto:napaneechamber@bellnet.ca) that you will be attending.

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## Thank you!

Members of the chamber, including the new board and executive, want to extend our warmest thanks and best wishes to outgoing board members Jack Green from Sutton Real Estate and Jeanne Collins from Pro Tech Transportation Training for their years of dedicated service.

## Business Buzz

**Ontario Economic Report** launched February 7th from The Ontario Chamber of Commerce. This document contains data that outlines the state of the Ontario economy, reveals the grassroots experience of business, and presents an economic outlook for 2017. Read more at <http://www.occ.ca/oer/>



**Tips and tactics** for the innovative entrepreneur and businesses alike: Check out <http://www.profitguide.com/>

**Ontario Arts Council** launches new online grant application system and new website. Check it out <http://www.arts.on.ca/>

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Providing employment services locally and beyond, **Career Edge** has what you are looking for to attract and recruit employees for all of your business needs. Contact them for more information including events and a blog at 613.354.0425 or stop in at 2 Dairy Avenue Unit 9, Napanee.

Looking for the ideal candidate? Secure hiring and more? **Join the Magnet Network:**  
<https://magnet.today/dam/partner-toolkit/general/email/find-a-job>

**NDCC and OCC Defeat the taxing of Health Benefits:** A few weeks ago the Chamber was asked to oppose the government's proposal to tax employer-sponsored health and dental benefit plans. In addition to hundreds or thousands of dollars that would be added to Canadians' tax bills, it also could have meant that many employers could no longer provide coverage to employees. **The Canadian Chamber of Commerce** shared an update on February 2, 2017, indicating that The Prime Minister announced Employer-paid Health Benefits Will Not Be Taxed! Another great reason to be a Chamber member: We are your voice!

Share with us your recent successes, events, new job openings and more! We would love to help you spread the word and highlight your business in **our newsletter**. Send the information to [napaneechamber@bellnet.ca](mailto:napaneechamber@bellnet.ca)



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