



CHAMBER BENEFITS

Your membership in the Oakville Chamber of Commerce is a powerful tool; it connects you with a network of business, community and political leaders. The Chamber exists to foster a healthy economic environment for Oakville and acts as the voice of business in the community. The Chamber currently enjoys record membership. We encourage you to join our growing Chamber and experience the power of the network.

Government Relations & Advocacy

- Advocates for the needs of the business community at the municipal, regional, provincial and federal levels of government about issues such as: business licensing, noise bylaws, sign bylaws and local economic development);
- We will continue to advocate for a reduced business tax rate and government regulation;
- Chamber initiatives have resulted in reductions in payroll taxes and eliminating the need for businesses to make a separate filing for provincial corporate taxes.

Discount Programs

- Member-exclusive Group Benefit Plan;
- Esso fuel discounts with three cents/litre gas savings;
- Visa, Mastercard and Debit merchant discounts.

Networking & Referrals

- As a member, automatically referred to other members , the community and incoming tourists;
- Access to our database of member businesses who may assist your business with a specific need;
- Catering opportunities for large, formal events or informal gatherings;
- Chamber hosts over 70 events per year with a preferred rate for members;
- Business After Hours (included in cost of membership) gives you monthly access to between 60-120 other business owners;
- Promote your business further by hosting a Business After Hours;
- As a new member, opportunity to pitch your company for free from the podium at Good Morning Oakville (GMO) and for a nominal fee at subsequent GMOs;
- Display promotional material as a GMO speaker;

- Obtain free advice from experts in the areas of Sales, Marketing and Finance at the monthly Business Advisory Panel;
- Educational and training opportunities available at our Lunch & Learn series for a reduced member fee.

Advertising & Partnerships

- New members may include for free a business card ad in our bi-monthly magazine which is distributed to 1500 local businesses;
- Competitive advertising rates for our online newsletter, our website and in subsequent editions of our magazine with either a print ad or flyer insert;
- Partnerships are available at our Annual Golf Tournament, our Annual Chair's Dinner or at one of our high-profile speaker events to provide you with additional promotional opportunities.

High-Profile Speakers

- Provide you with access to important business and political leaders;
- Recent speakers include: Tim Hudak, Leader of the Official Opposition for Ontario; John Wilkinson, Minister of Revenue for Ontario; Oakville Mayor Rob Burton.

Background

A not-for-profit organization, the Oakville Chamber of Commerce was established in 1949. The Chambers Membership has grown to over 1,100 businesses representing over 37,000 employees. The Chamber is one of the largest associations of any kind in the Town of Oakville. The Oakville Chamber of Commerce was the 2007 Chair's Award recipient. This award is presented annually by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce to Chambers that develop outstanding new programs. The Oakville Chamber is an active member of both the Canadian and Ontario Chambers of Commerce.