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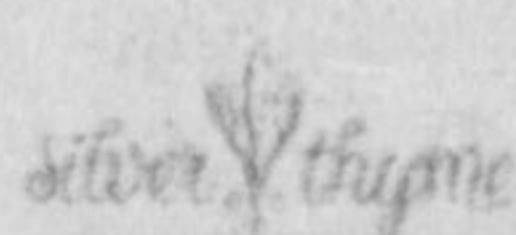


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# MILTON CHAMBER OF

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's been two years since I became the President of your Chamber of Commerce and I have to say, time has passed by faster than I ever imagined. This is my final year as president and as I write this, echoes of the Beatles song "Hello, Goodbye" are wandering around in my head.

Over the past two years, we've had one municipal, one provincial and one federal election. To say that ballot boxes and signs were a familiar sight around town is an understatement. Milton welcomed the world to our Velodrome as part of the Pan Am Games, helping to introduce our town as an incredible venue to cycle and to visit. We experienced the highs and lows of Target coming to Canada in a whirlwind, then departing just as quickly. The next phase of residential growth has commenced in the Boyne neighbourhood (Louis St. Laurent/Britannia, Tremaine to 16 Mile Creek) and the Derry Green Business Park (east of James Snow Parkway) is almost ready to be developed. Significant amounts of new growth and expansions have been happening throughout our Town and it has been exciting to see the fantastic changes which are encouraging businesses to set up shop or increase their existing footprint.

On the subject of hellos and goodbyes, I'd like to thank our two retiring directors Howard Mott (Hutchinson Thompson Henderson & Mott) and Rob Rubino (RBC - Dominion Securities) for their contributions to the Chamber board and to Katy Letourneau (Metroland) who left the board in June for a new opportunity within Metroland at the Burlington Post. We were pleased to welcome a new director Steve Dykstra (Steven Dykstra Law Professional Corporation) onto the board in October who will be completing Katy's term.

Without a doubt, it has been a great opportunity



LESLEY MANSFIELD  
CHAMBER PRESIDENT

to lead the board for the past two years. I was able to watch some lively conversations at two Chamber annual meetings and it made me realize how passionate Chamber managers and their board members are about advocating on behalf of their members. I witnessed many discussions around our own Chamber of commerce board table as issues which affect our businesses specifically are debated in a fair, equitable (and sometimes slightly raucous) manner. Heading into 2016, your Chamber is in an excellent financial position, and it's in large part due to the leadership of Sandy Martin, our Executive Director. Sandy will be stepping down next year after leading the Chamber for over 20 years and we are incredibly grateful to her vision and commitment to this organization.

I extend a very warm welcome to your new Chamber President, Teresa Fajarczuk - Teresa is a familiar face to many of us in Milton, whether it's at Chamber meetings or at Granite Ridge Golf Club. Teresa has been a tremendous asset to the Chamber board and she will do a splendid job in this new role. Powodzenia! (Good luck) Teresa - you will be fabulous!

"Hello, Goodbye". It has been the most amazing time in my professional life serving all of our members at the Chamber of Commerce. Thank you for your support, your laughter and your friendship over the past two years. It has been an honour working with each of you.

Lesley Mansfield, President  
Milton Chamber of Commerce

## UPCOMING EVENTS

You may register for all events online at [www.miltonchamber.ca](http://www.miltonchamber.ca)

### WEBINAR WEDNESDAYS

The importance of a well rounded marketing mix.  
Wednesday, November 18, 2015  
12:00pm to 1:00pm  
Member only Online Seminar  
Presenter: David O'Connell  
BANG! creative communications

### MILTON YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Wednesday, November 18, 2015  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Speaker & Sponsor:  
Austen & Noble Insurance  
Granite Ridge Golf Course  
9503 Dublin Line, Milton, ON

### BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Tuesday, November 24, 2015  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Hosted by:  
Crawfords Country Gardens  
8689, 5 Sideroad, Milton, ON

### SPRINGBOARD SEMINAR

Wednesday, November 25, 2015  
8:30am to 9:30am  
Chamber Boardroom  
251 Main Street E., Milton, ON  
Presenter: Wayne Fowler, Leadership  
Management International  
Topic: Maximize your productivity

### COFFEE WITH SANDY

Friday, November 27, 2015  
8:30am to 9:30am  
Chamber Boardroom  
251 Main Street E., Milton, ON

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, December 9, 2015  
8:30am to 9:30am  
Milton Sports Centre, Meeting Room  
605 Santa Maria Blvd., Milton, ON

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