



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2016 Board Nomination

The Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce is seeking members* interested in serving on the Board of Directors.

This is an exciting opportunity for members who are vitally interested in our organization, who have foresight, and are good at conceptualizing. Serving on the Board of Directors with fellow business leaders in the community will utilize your group and teamwork skills.

The Board of Directors plays a significant role in the development of Chamber policies and focuses on governance of the organization through policy governance.

Directors must be willing to make the appropriate time commitment (please see application form). Representing the Chamber Membership, Directors carry forward the "Voice of Business" to all levels of government.

For more information on the work of the Chamber, please visit www.peterboroughchamber.ca.

If you are interested, please complete the enclosed Board Application Form. ***The form must be completed in its entirety and submitted to the Chamber by September 1st, 2015 at either:***

Fax: 705-743-2331

email: lindsay@peterboroughchamber.ca

Regular mail: Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce, 175 George Street North, Peterborough, ON K9J 3G6

****Only members in good standing may apply.***

Sincerely,
2015 Nominating Committee



BOARD OF DIRECTORS | APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

In order to help our Nominating Committee know you better, please answer the following questions and submit to the Chamber office by September 1st. Please note that the Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce has limited space available on their Board of Directors and participants are selected according to the expertise needed to fulfill the strategic plan. Experience serving on Chamber Committees is strongly recommended. ***The form must be completed in its entirety, including the names and signatures of not less than four (4) other Chamber members in good standing (4 separate member businesses). Only members in good standing may apply.***

Name: _____

Business: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

A. Candidate Information

1. What interests you most about the Chamber?

2. How many hours per month can you commit to the Chamber?

3. How can your business experience/knowledge/skills help the Chamber to execute our Strategic Plan? (See “What We Do” at www.peterboroughchamber.ca for the Chamber’s Strategic Plan).

4. Provide an example of how you have helped another organization develop and/or implement their strategic plan.

5. List other volunteer positions within the Chamber or other organizations with which you have been involved.

6. Which committee work interests you?

- ☐ Program – initiates, promotes and executes business programs and networking events for the benefit of our members.
- ☐ Policy – serves as the clearinghouse for all issues which are referred by the Executive and Board of Directors, members and others concerning priorities which are or should be receiving the active attention of the Chamber.
- ☐ Excellence – organizes and executes the annual Peterborough Business Excellence Awards, held to recognize and honour local businesses.
- ☐ Young Professionals Group – promotes business success among our young business professionals by organizing and executing monthly YPG networking, professional development and social events.
- ☐ Ambassador Team - serve as goodwill representatives for the Chamber by welcoming new members at various Chamber events, member functions, ribbon cuttings and grand openings.

7. Explain why you are interested in participating on each committee you have selected.

8. If the Chamber is unable to use your skills on our Board of Directors within a year of applying, are you willing to explore volunteer work with other committees?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

B. Expectations of Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce (GPCC) Committee Volunteers:

The Board of Directors is the policy making body of the Chamber of Commerce and as such, the major force for the Chamber.

Our Board Members represent a broad cross-section of the business and professional leadership of the community. Each Director is very important to the Board, so an understanding is in order about each Board Member's responsibilities upon election.

As a member of the Board, a Director acts in a position of trust for the business community and is responsible for the effective governance of the organization. A Director is required to sign a Confidentiality Agreement prior to attending their first Board meeting.

It is imperative that potential Board of Directors members understand expectations of a Board member and that their employer supports the time and costs associated with fulfilling those expectations.

Please read and fully consider the following List of Expectations:

Obligations and Responsibilities:

The obligations and responsibilities of a Director include:

1. A commitment to the work of the Chamber.
2. Knowledge and skills in one or more area of Board governance: policy, programs, finance and development.
3. Attendance and participation in at least one of the Working Committees, which meet monthly.
4. Being informed of the services provided by the Chamber of Commerce and publicly supporting them.
5. Attendance and participation at the Annual General Meeting.
6. Attendance and participation at each regular or special Board meeting; typically the Board meets the third Tuesday of the month for approximately 1.5 hours.
7. Being aware of, and abstaining from, any conflict of interest.
8. Being accountable to the members for the service provided and funds expended.
9. Establishing, with the Board of Directors, overall long and short term goals, objectives and priorities for the Chamber in meeting the needs of the business community.
10. Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the Chamber of Commerce through a regular review of programs and services and bringing forward the concerns of the business community.
11. Performing such duties as may be requested from time to time by the Chair and /or Board of Directors.
12. Fostering a positive working relationship with other Board members and the Chamber of Commerce staff.

C. Sign off

The answers and information I have provided in this Application are true. I have read the List of Expectations of a GPCC Director and can commit to honour those expectations. I understand that my name will stand for election, should an election be required.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Signature

D. Signatures of Support

Not less than four (4) other Chamber members in good standing must support each Board nomination
Please note: Signatories must be from 4 *separate* member businesses.

Name (Please print)

Company Name (Please print)

Signature

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Signature

Please submit Board of Directors Application Form to GPCC Nominating Committee c/o Lindsay Walker-Chiarelli, Executive Assistant, by email lindsay@peterboroughchamber.ca or fax to 705-743-2331 by September 1st, 2015.

Thank you for your application.