



Canadian Chambers to be Awarded Accreditation at Annual Chamber Meeting

Quebec City - On October 5th, 2008 At the Canadian Chamber of Commerce Annual general Meeting in Quebec City, 12 community chambers from across the country will receive their accreditation.

“We are proud to recognize these chambers as examples of effective, well-managed and stable organizations making a difference in communities across the country - keeping “the voice of business” loud and strong” said Perrin Beatty, Canadian Chamber President and CEO.

To achieve accreditation, a chamber must meet minimum standards in critical areas, including areas of governance, operations, membership programming, policy and advocacy and strategic planning.

Accreditation is aimed at continuous operational improvement and standards of local chambers of commerce and an elevation of their profile across the country as effective and well-managed organizations.

“Accreditation is the acknowledgment that member chambers have been successfully evaluated against rigorous national standards of policy, service and performance,” said Roslyn Castleden, President of the Chamber Accreditation Council of Canada.

Developed by a team of chamber executives, in conjunction with provincial and territorial chambers and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, the accreditation program is operated by an arms-length organization called the Chamber Accreditation Council of Canada (CACC). The CACC is composed of representatives from across the country. The Council meets twice per year to review applications for accreditation.

Accreditation is a means of reinforcing and clarifying to the community at large what activities are pivotal to a chamber’s functions and determines the chamber’s unique value proposition vis-à-vis other organizations in the marketplace.

Chambers of commerce and boards of trade that are successful in achieving the requirements for accreditation are recognized each year at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting.

The chambers of commerce and boards of trade that will receive accreditation at this year’s AGM in Quebec are:

Alberta Chambers of Commerce

The Brampton Board of Trade

Brockville and District Chamber of Commerce

Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce

Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce

Saint John Board of Trade

Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce

Whitby Chamber of Commerce

La Chambre de commerce de Lévis

La Chambre de commerce de St-Georges

La Chambre de commerce et d’industries de Trois-Rivières

La Chambre de commerce et d’industrie de Mirabel

La Chambre de commerce et d’industrie Les Maskoutains

For more information on accreditation, visit the Chamber Accreditation Council of Canada Web site.

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Dear Sueling:

As you know, the *Chamber Accreditation Council of Canada (CACC)* met in mid-June to review this year's accreditation applications for approval.

I am pleased to be able to tell you, that upon review, your chamber's application has passed the Council's examination and will receive accreditation with distinction for an initial period of two years – 2008-2010. In the coming days, I will be sending a certificate and electronic logo that you can start using to promote your new status.

You will officially be recognized and called up to the podium at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce AGM which takes place in Québec, from October 4-6. Over the summer, you can let me know who will accept the recognition on behalf of the chamber.

The Council would like to thank your time and effort congratulates you on putting together a great submission which was well organized and thorough.

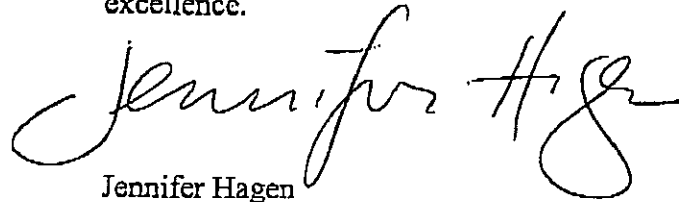
Scott McCammon, at the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, has your application and will be returning it over the next few weeks.

Once again congratulations on your achievement; you join a group of elite chambers of commerce in Canada who are demonstrating to the business

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community within which you operate that your chamber is run in a strategic and professional way and that your operations reflect standards of business excellence.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Hagen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Jennifer Hagen
Secretary
Chamber Accreditation Council of Canada

cc:

Scott McCammon, Ontario Chamber of Commerce
Shelley Morris, Administrator, Chamber Accreditation Council of Canada