

Dear Member,

2013 was a very exciting year for our business community. We are so delighted that you were part of it! Here is a brief overview of some of the highlights:

**January 2013** – The renaming of our annual awards evening to the Business Excellence Awards (BEAS), formerly known as the People’s Choice Business Awards and the shift towards a formal, large scale gala with a full 3 course meal.



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**May 2013:** Chamber’s 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Golf Tournament, joined by Olympian Silver medalist Elizabeth Manley and NHL’s Florida Panther’s defenseman, Erik Gudbranson.



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**June 2013 AGM** - Record attendance and joined by guest speaker Maxime Bernier, MP Beauce (Minister of State, Small Business and Tourism)



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**September 2013 Business for Breakfast:** Orléans Ward Councillor Bob Monette accompanied by Mayor Jim Watson announced at the Chamber’s breakfast a historic development being proposed by BRIGIL: Petrie’s Landing III, a proposed mixed-use development on North Service Road which will be comprised of close to 370,000 sq. ft. of office space area. In addition, BRIGIL’s commitment to construct a 64,000 sq. ft. conference hall which will have the ability to host three hundred people. The remainder of the project will be comprised of 22,000 sq. ft. of retail space along with a residential component.



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**October 2013:** Annual Business Showcase of 70 + businesses and joined by TED Talks Speaker and award winning author Carl Honoré, presenting on the Slow Movement

and our society's addiction to speed. Hundreds of visitors passing through the Showcase throughout the entire day.



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**October 2013:** Chamber Office moves to the Peter D. Clarke Building at 255 Centrum Blvd, forming the “Hub of Economic Development” by neighboring with Royal Galipeau, MP Ottawa-Orléans and the three east end city councillors: Bob Monette, Stephen Blais and Rainer Bloess. Also, the Chamber is now located near Employment Ontario, Orléans-Cumberland Community Resource Centre and the local YMCA.



Photo by: Bob Monette's Office

**November 2013:** Announcement of Cybersecurity by MP Royal Galipeau, Mayor Jim Watson and city councillor Bob

Monette, to be housed in the Peter D. Clarke Building at 255 Centrum Blvd.



Photo by: City of Ottawa

That is just a brief overview of some of the major highlights that significantly benefit the local business community.

Orléans and its surrounding eastern communities play an important role in Ottawa's east end economy. The Orléans Chamber of Commerce is THE voice of Ottawa's east end businesses. We are a community of business owners and professionals, here to facilitate opportunities which promote our local businesses and to champion initiatives that further Orléans' economic development and prosperity. The Orléans Chamber of Commerce also plays a vital role in being a valuable resource in the community. We are also a not-for-profit organization and could not do the work we do without the generous support of our local business leaders and volunteers.

Our members, truly, are the backbone of the Chamber, and we could not continue to support and promote our business community without you all.

The participation of each and every one of you ensures the Orléans Chamber remains a strong, influential business group, representing the voice of businesses in Orléans and its surrounding area.





*Join us to promote your business and be part of, and stay up-to-date on, all these exciting developments in our community!*

*Spring Membership Renewal Time*

We look forward to having you continue your membership with the Chamber and greatly value your participation.

In order to maintain and improve the level of benefits to our membership, there will be modest increases to the membership fees, which will take effect on March 1, 2014 and will affect those up for renewal/new members.

**Pricing Changes:**

**Primary Membership** (less than 10 employees): \$260 + hst (from \$250)

**Associate and Non-Profit memberships:** \$125 + HST (from \$100)

**Executive Membership (11+ employees):** \$450 + HST - includes 3 memberships (no change).

We strive to give our membership the best value for its investment. Please feel free to contact us at the Chamber office should you have any questions or feedback.

Sincerely,

Jamie Kwong - Executive Director  
Orléans Chamber of Commerce