



QUINTE WEST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS CONNECT

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When we think of leadership there are always historical and political figures that come to mind first but there are leaders all around us,....

*Suzanne Andrews, CEO
Quinte West Chamber of Commerce*



Upcoming Events

MARCH 13

Get Connected

*The Cardinal, 56b Quinte St,
Trenton 5-7pm*

MARCH 21

President's Dinner & AGM

Occasions By The Bay

APRIL 6

Shen Yun Bus Trip

Bus Trip - leaves QWCC at 9am

APRIL 18

Get Connected

*Elevation Audiovisual / Hitched Games, 25 Frankford Crescent,
Trenton, 5-7pm*

APRIL 26-28

Bay of Quinte Home Show

*Duncan McDonald Memorial
Community Gardens*

MAY 8

Leadercast Quinte

Batawa Ski Hill, 8:30-4:00pm

MAY 24

Chamber Golf Classic

Timber Ridge Golf Course

President's Message

With a new year brings a new board of directors here at the Quinte West Chamber of Commerce, and I am honoured to make my first address as president. With steadfast commitment, I am dedicated to championing your needs, advocating for progress, and ensuring the resilience of our local business economy.

As we look ahead to the spring, I'd like to acknowledge two featured events this quarter that celebrate leadership. We have the President's Dinner and AGM approaching on March 21 where we have the honour of recognizing the accomplishments of the Chamber and celebrating this year's Honorary Lifetime Member, Chandy Davis. On May 8 we are thrilled to be hosting Leadercast for the first time in Quinte West, a one-day leadership event that brings together globally respected experts on one stage to share knowledge and insights from their leadership journeys.

In April we will be partnering once again with the Kiwanis Club of Trenton to bring the Bay of Quinte Home Show to our community.

This event connects local businesses with over 2000 potential clients in one weekend. We will encourage attendees from Kingston to Coburg to stop by the show and meet the experts as we showcase a variety of products and services.

This spring we will also offer a variety of networking opportunities for you including two Get Connected events and our popular Chamber Golf Classic, where you can enjoy an afternoon outdoors connecting with other organizations or with members of your own team.

I am looking forward to serving as your President for 2024, let us embrace the power of collective leadership as we continue to strengthen the local business community and transform challenges into opportunities.

Brent Parsons, Chamber President

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

We will be holding our **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** on March 21st at Occasions by the Bay.

The AGM portion of the evening will begin at approx. 8:15pm after the President's Dinner.

It will include a presentation of the Annual Report, 2023 Review Engagement, Appointment of next years accountant and swearing in of the new board.

If interested in joining JUST the AGM portion of the evening, please contact us.

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Member News – Leadership

When we think of leadership there are always historical and political figures that come to mind first but there are leaders all around us, making a difference in their businesses and organizations, achieving success on their priorities. They may not be making any headlines but the work they do is critical to their operations.

Did you know that leadership skills can be developed and practiced like all other skills? Sure, there will always be those that are natural leaders but for others, it can be achieved through training and the right types of opportunities to develop their own brand of leadership.

"In turbulent economic times, building leadership capacity in your company is more critical than ever", says former BDC President and CEO Jean-René Halde. "Leadership is the key driver of best practices, innovation and productivity. It's not surprising that there is strong correlation between leadership development and how companies perform."

In 2024 good leadership skills are crucial for businesses and organizations to navigate through what continues to be a challenge filled environment. Top skills needed for this year include:

Relationship building * Agility and adaptability * Innovation and creativity
Employee motivation * Decision-making * Conflict management * Negotiation
Critical Thinking

Whether it is to improve your own skills or that of your employees, there are opportunities to build these skills whether through formal training, webinars or learning from mentors and other leaders.

This May, the Quinte West Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present Leadercast Quinte in the lodge at Batawa Ski Hill. This one-day leadership event brings together globally respected experts on one stage to share knowledge and insights from their leadership journeys. It will provide leaders of all levels with the tools and wisdom to grow in their leadership and transform their organizations for the better. This is a great opportunity to send yourself or members from your team that are looking for inspiration and explore skills needed to be a better leader.

"A leader with vision makes sure that people have a clear understanding of where the company is going and what is expected of them," says Halde. "Your role is to be a positive and motivating influencer. You want to get people excited and behind your goals."

At this year's President's Dinner and AGM, we are going to celebrate one of our local leaders, Chandy Davis, with the awarding of the 2024 Honorary Lifetime Membership. Chandy is the CFO/COO at Electro Cables Inc and has shown tremendous leadership skills within her own company and through the work she does for other organizations such as the Quinte Manufacturing Association, Trenval Business Development Corporations, Loyalist College, and Quinte Health just to name a few. I hope you can join us as we celebrate the Quinte West business community and Chandy Davis in particular.

Suzanne Andrews, CEO

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The Cardinal
56B Quinte St., Trenton



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