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 Great organizations don't stand still, they evolve.
- Suzanne Andrews
CEO

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we head into summer, I'm reminded how important connection and community really are in business. It's easy to get caught up in the day to day, so having opportunities to step back, meet other local business owners, and build relationships outside of work matters more than ever.

The Chamber has a great lineup of events coming up over the next few months, from Leading Edge Quinte to our Member Appreciation Social on the Trent, along with plenty of opportunities to network, learn, and spend time with others in the local business community.

I'd also encourage members to come out to our Get Connected event on June 25th at Trent Port Marina. Along with being a great networking event, it will also give us a chance to recognize Suzanne Andrews as she prepares for retirement after 20 years with the Quinte West Chamber.

Suzanne has played a huge role in supporting local businesses and helping grow the Chamber over the years, and I know many members will appreciate the chance to thank her and wish her well.

Hope everyone has a safe, successful, and enjoyable summer. Looking forward to seeing many of you at events over the next few months.

- Jeff McKerracher, President

UPCOMING EVENTS



Leading Edge Quinte
June 11
Batawa Ski Hill, 8am-1pm



Get Connected
June 25
Trent Port Marina, 5-7pm



Member Appreciation Social
August 11
QW Chamber, 5-7pm

MESSAGES TO THE CEO

After an incredible 20 years of dedication in leading the growth and success of the Quinte West Chamber of Commerce, we want to give everyone an opportunity to let our outgoing CEO, Suzanne Andrews, know just how much she has meant to the local business community.



A special book is available at the Chamber office for anyone who would like to stop by and write a message, memory, or well wishes for Suzanne's retirement. The book will be available to sign until the end of June. Visit us at 97 Front St. in Trenton.

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A Legacy of Leadership: Reflecting on 20 Years with the Quinte West Chamber

After twenty years as CEO of the Quinte West Chamber of Commerce (QWCC), it is time to reflect on my time here as I step into retirement. The opportunity to support local businesses turned into one of the most rewarding chapters of my life and it's been a privilege to be the proud steward of this organization and witness its incredible growth.

Over the years, the team here has seen a lot; periods of growth, challenges, and plenty of change. Through it all, one thing never wavered: the strength, resilience, and innovation of our local businesses. I'm so proud of how the QWCC has grown into a strong, respected voice for business, a place where connections happen, and ideas take shape. Whether it was expanding programs, building partnerships, or advocating on behalf of our business community, everything we've done has been rooted in helping Quinte West succeed.

This transition feels like both a personal milestone and an exciting new chapter for the Chamber. Great organizations don't stand still, they evolve and I truly believe the solid foundation we've all built together will continue to support new opportunities and growth well into the future.

I'm especially pleased to welcome Joe Southwell as the next CEO. Joe brings great energy, experience, and a clear passion for community. He understands businesses and what makes this community special and I'm confident he'll continue to build on everything we've accomplished together and lead with purpose and vision.

To our members, partners and Board of Directors, thank you. Your support and collaboration have meant so much to me. Together, we've built meaningful connections, celebrated many successes and developed new friendships along the way. Over the years, I've had the privilege of working alongside incredible people, including nearly two decades with Jennifer Snider before her retirement. The talented team here have always amazed me and my years with them are defined by dedication, teamwork, and plenty of laughter. While I may be stepping away from this role, I will always be cheering on the Quinte West Chamber and the remarkable businesses that continue to make Quinte West such a vibrant, thriving community.

With appreciation,
Suzanne Andrews, CEO
Quinte West Chamber of Commerce

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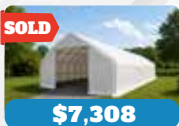
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