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CHATHAM-KENT CHAMBER PLEASED WITH ONTARIO CHAMBER AGM RESULTS

May 8, 2012 – Chatham-Kent - Representatives of the Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce attended the Ontario Chamber of Commerce's 100th Annual General Meeting and Convention in St. Catharines, Ontario this past weekend. The OCC's AGM & Convention allows members to learn from subject experts, debate policy resolutions and formulate the annual advocacy strategies of the Ontario Chamber.

A resolution brought forward by the Chatham-Kent Chamber, in co-operation with London Chamber of Commerce and the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce, received overwhelming support of the voting delegation. Presenting Chair, Robin Vinall, recommended a mandatory one call service to ease the process on utility providers, contractors and user customers in locates of underground utility lines. Ms. Vinall emphasized the end result of implementation will save time, save money and save lives. The approved resolution, in its entirety, is attached.

The Chatham-Kent Chamber was represented by Ms. Vinall, Chris Appleton, Chair Elect and President and CEO, Gail Antaya. The Ontario Chamber of Commerce, which represents 60,000 businesses across the province through its network, will now actively lobby the Provincial Government on this issue.

The Chatham-Kent Chamber hosted the closing social to represent and showcase Chatham-Kent. The evening was an initial highlight to hosting the OCC AGM and Conference in May 2013. Also attending were Past Chairs and staff representatives along with local businessman, Rick Walker, of Maverick Multi-Media who created presented video footage 'Chatham-Kent: Let Us Impress You' and interviewed Chamber representatives from across the province during the evening. Chatham-Kent: Let Us Impress You' video can be viewed at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQl1PrOkrcs>. To add camaraderie to the event, guests were entertained by local band 'Toast and Jam' who provided their Chatham-Kent talents to grand satisfaction.

Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce is the recognized voice of visionary leadership for business, meeting its members' diverse needs and enhancing the economic prosperity and quality of life for the Chatham-Kent community. Its long standing memberships in the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce provide a strong representation in federal and provincial matters affecting local business.

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