

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

FEATURE INDUSTRY – B.D.M. Millwrights Inc.

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent recognize the contribution that corporate citizens have made and are making to enhance the economic health of this community;

BDM Millwrights Inc., are an engineering and construction company providing turnkey construction products & services to the agri-business and manufacturing sector around the globe.

B.D.M. Millwrights recently expanded to their current location at 545 Grand Avenue East Chatham, Ontario. The company originated as B.D.M. Mechanical in 1991 and was later incorporated in 2004. Owner Jim Waters and Manager Kelly Murphy operated the business from a 13,000 square foot facility in Blenheim Ontario since 2005 however due to steady growth they were forced to move to a larger 30,000 square foot facility in 2015.

In October 2008, B.D.M. Millwrights were chosen as Feature Industry and three guiding corporate principles remain the same today: Perform work safely, on-budget & on-time. The success of this business philosophy is clear; in 2008 they employed 20 people and today employ 55. The addition of a second shift in the fabrication department was also necessary to meet growing demand for their product & services.

The company has a positive outlook on the future, constantly looking for areas of improvement and development of best practise while continually seeking areas for diversification. Coupled with their guiding principles, the company recently purchased a laser cutting table to improve efficiencies, offer additional services and develop a new line of products.

BDM Millwrights contribute to the local community by providing employment opportunity and by sponsoring local sports teams in minor hockey & baseball. They're also supporters of the Maple City Squash Club.

B.D.M. Millwrights Inc. continues to grow in Chatham-Kent, its close proximity to international border crossings with the U.S. allow for convenient and economical access to export their products. The region has an ideal work force well suited to the Ag & Manufacturing sectors largely due to the rural nature and strong culture of agriculture in the region.

NOW THEREFORE I, Randy Hope, Mayor and CEO of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, proclaim that B.D.M. Millwright Inc. is hereby designated as the "Feature Industry" for the month of September 2015.

PROCLAIMED at Chatham-Kent, Ontario this 17th day of September 2015.

Randy R. Hope Mayor/CEO, Municipality of Chatham-Kent

On Behalf of Chatham-Kent Council: Mark Authier, Michael Bondy, Darrin Canniff, Joe Faas, Bryon Fluker, Karen Herman, Leon Leclair, Brock McGregor, Carmen McGregor, Bob Myers, Steve Pinsonneault, Derek Robertson, Doug Sulman, Trevor Thompson, David VanDamme, Frank Vercouteren, Jeff Wesley.