

**CHATHAM-KENT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Mandate: The Government Affairs Committee shall follow legislative proposals at all levels of government and to offer input thereon in order to ensure that lawmakers recognize the needs and views of our constituency. It will also convey relevant legislative amendments to our constituency. The Committee will also monitor issues of local interest and regularly report to the Board.

Objectives: Once policy issues have been identified, background information and potential impacts upon business or the community as a whole are prepared for the review of the Advocacy Committee.

2016 COMMITTEE MEMBERS	
Chris Appleton, C.M. Appleton Holdings Inc.	Scott Praill, Dillon Consulting
Christopher June, Royal Bank	

EVENT / ACTIVITY - REPRESENTATION & INVOLVEMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop and maintain a healthy, mutually respectful working relationship with all levels of government• Engage the membership to provide feedback which will influence policy development at all levels of government• Identify possible positions and recommend action on government policy and process to the Board of Directors• Develop policy recommendations/resolutions for consideration by the Chatham-Kent and, as necessary, the Ontario and Canadian Chambers of Commerce• Advocating on issues that affect local members of our business community• Develop and revise annually plans for each level of government• Monitor ongoing dialogue with members to position and prepare the Board for issues developing with respect to needed or changing legislation• Shall hold not less than eight (8) meetings per year to support the business of the Chamber

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EVENT / ACTIVITY	BUDGET
	Undetermined at present, to minimal

VALUE LINKAGE	BENEFIT TO MEMBERSHIP, BUSINESS COMMUNITY & CHAMBER
Integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and maintain a healthy, mutually respectful working relationships • Present nonpartisan perspectives on relevant issues
Diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage committee membership and participation by all chamber members and seek out representation from all demographic jurisdictions including but limited to geographies, industry sectors, gender, ethnicity and age
Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize that change is inevitable and embrace the need for ongoing legislative maintenance • Welcome and encourage broad perspectives and new innovative points of view
Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take ownership and ensure legislative change and implementation is communicated to the board and members as it moves through the process of government