



MAKE A GROWTH INVESTMENT

Become a Member of the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce

Founded in 1995, the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit network of Canadian-Croatian businesses and professionals that has emerged as *the voice of Canadian-Croatian business in Canada.*

Our mandate is to foster and promote networking, business, and growth opportunities in our community by bringing together Canadian-Croatian businesses and professionals in Canada.

Grow Your
Business

Grow Your
Networks

Grow Your
Community

Grow Your
Career

Grow Your
Experience

Grow Your
Self

Together, We Make Success!

Increase Your Visibility and Exposure—Become Part of Our Success Team

Canada has one of the largest and most successful Croatian communities outside of Croatia. The Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce brings together businesses and professionals with strategic relationships (economic, commercial, political, and cultural) in both Canada and Croatia. The Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce is committed to...

- ✓ drawing on our strategic relationships to support our members;
- ✓ providing networking opportunities in both social and business settings;
- ✓ sponsoring cultural events, educational lectures, seminars, exhibitions, and conferences on relevant and timely topics;
- ✓ promoting the development of bilateral business relations, trade, and investment opportunities between Canada and Croatia;
- ✓ acting as a source of information and counsel to government bodies and the public in matters affecting Canada-Croatia business and trade;
- ✓ promoting Canadian-Croatian businesses by providing easier access to the goods and services offered by members;
- ✓ providing added value to the membership by way of new alliances and various partnership programs;
- ✓ establishing a nurturing environment for young entrepreneurs; and
- ✓ working with the Croatian Chamber of Economy and other government organizations on opportunities that advance our common goals and interests.

BOARD MEMBERS

John Marion, Baka Wireless
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Third Annual Business Excellence Awards Evening Presentation, 2005

Membership Has Multiple Benefits

Business Connections — take advantage of one of the key ways to grow and sustain your business: relationship marketing. Membership gets you access to these cost-effective opportunities to meet potential clients and customers and gain exposure for your business:

Recognition Program — include your business profile on the Chamber's Website and/or in the Komora Newsletter.

Directory Listing — advertise your business in the Chamber's directory.

Social Events — attend the Annual Business Excellence Awards Evening and the Annual Golf Tournament.

Business After Hours — meet outstanding people and make connections at Chamber events.

Speed Networking — participate in a structured program at which Members meet a set number of other Members.

Access to Government — remain "in-the-know" and ensure that your voice is heard as part of the Chamber's lobbying efforts.

Professional Development — attend a variety of seminars and educational forums to enable you to develop both personally and professionally. The Chamber's educational programming provides opportunities to build new relationships, discover and discuss the important topics of the day, and meet with leading business, political, and public figures.

Timely Communications — receive the Komora Newsletter and visit the Community and Business Events Calendar on our Website to stay current on issues and Chamber events and happenings.



Canada's ambassador to Croatia, Stephanie Beck, visited the Chamber with a message from Zagreb: the Canadian government is ready and able to help Canadians investing in Croatia



Board members Steve Krasic and Joe Draganjac with then Prime Minister Paul Martin as guest of honour at a Chamber hosted dinner



Joe Pavicic drives at the Second Annual Golf Tournament held September 13, 2005 at the Carlisle Golf Club



An Advance Look at Future Benefits We're Working On

Student Services - student exchange programs (between Canada and Croatia), employment services, cooperative education programs (both locally and internationally), scholarship funds, and mentorship programs.

Employment Facilitation — "find-an-employee" and job-hunting services.

Membership Affiliations — the Croatian Chamber of Economy (Republic of Croatia), the American Chamber of Commerce in Croatia as well as various other chambers located regionally throughout Canada and internationally throughout the world.

Discounts and Services — gas discounts, group insurance, affiliate cards, phone service discounts, auto club memberships, advertising discounts, and courier/shipping services.

Business Support — custom on-demand research, business consulting, credit facilitation, documentation processing, and translation.

Business Development Events — job fairs, conventions, trade fairs in Canada, and trade fairs in Croatia.

Business-to-Business — discussion forums, business brokerage services, member discounts, and trade missions.

Get More Out of Your Membership

By participating in one or more of the current committees of the Chamber, you are not only participating in the growth of the Chamber but contributing to bringing forth those issues that are important to you and your business while simultaneously learning from, and building relationships with, your peers:

Government Relations Committee — this committee monitors and analyzes activity at all levels of government, keeps members informed of plans and policies that could have an impact on the Croatian community at large and provides input from the Croatian business community to government officials in the formulation of plans and policies. Members of the committee have standing relations with the Canadian Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, the Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia to Canada, the Consulate General of the Republic of Croatia to Canada as well as with a number of Canadian politicians.

Committee on Education, Culture and Heritage — this committee was established to promote the importance of education among the youth in the Croatian community as well as to work towards the preservation and promotion of Croatian culture and heritage in Canada.

Construction Liaison Committee — this committee represents the interests of members that form part of the construction industry in Canada to various levels of government and other relevant institutions.

Business Excellence Awards Committee — this committee organizes the Annual Business Excellence Awards Evening.

Membership Committee — this committee is involved in welcoming new members and in developing and coordinating overall recruitment and retention of the membership.

Website and Technology Committee — this committee is responsible for developing and maintaining the website of the Chamber that provides a portal and access to information on events and activities of interest to members.

QUESTIONS?

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John Marion addresses the Town Hall meeting



Croatian consular official Refik Sabanovic with guest speaker Michael Wilson



Visit with Vesela Mrden-Korac, Croatian Ambassador to Canada



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