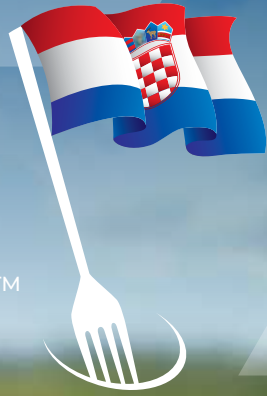


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We are excited to welcome you to the 22nd Annual Taste of Croatia Golf Tournament at Glen Eagle Golf Club!

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It's truly gratifying to see so many familiar, smiling faces who return year after year, along with new attendees joining us for the first time - welcome! Watching this event grow in popularity each year fills us with pride. Whether you're a seasoned golfing pro or someone swinging a club for the first time, today is all about enjoying a relaxed and fun environment where you can network, socialize, and foster lifelong relationships.

This event wouldn't be possible without the generosity and dedication of our local businesses, golfers, sponsors, volunteers, supporters, and Chamber members. It is your dedicated support that helps us weave Croatian culture into today's golf tournament. Thank you for being such a vital part of this wonderful community.

Since our incorporation in 1995, the Chamber has passionately pursued its shared mission: to amplify the voice of the Croatian-Canadian community. Through tournaments like this, we continue to build bridges between Canada and Croatia, nurture connections among Croatian-Canadians, and inspire the next generation through enriching events, programs, and initiatives. Our motto, "Together, we make success," is a testament to the collective spirit that shines so brightly today.

Cheers to a memorable day!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Marion". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

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ABOUT THE CHAMBER

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

The Chamber brings together a vibrant and dynamic group of individuals, professionals, businesses and organizations who have developed strategic relationships in both Canadian and Croatian economic, commercial, political, and cultural worlds and is able to draw on these relationships to the benefit of its members.

The Chamber's objectives include:

- Providing networking opportunities both in a social and business setting
- Sponsoring and promoting cultural events, educational lectures, seminars, exhibitions, and conferences on relevant and timely topics
- Acting as a source of information and counsel to government bodies and the public in matters affecting Canada-Croatia business and trade and the Croatian-Canadian community in Canada in general
- Promoting the development of bilateral business relations, trade, and investment opportunities between Canada and Croatia and working with the Canadian-Croatian Business Network, the Croatian Chamber of Economy and other organizations on opportunities that advance our common goals and interests

Beyond the wide variety of benefits that the Chamber offers to its members (including business connections, access to government, professional development), membership increases your business' visibility and exposure in the community.

Your investment represents a commitment to the future growth and development of our whole community.

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THE CHAMBER'S ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE

Business Opportunities

- Providing networking opportunities through business, community and social events
- Connecting members with members to facilitate significant trade and commerce
- Organizing various educational and business related seminars including co-organized (in affiliation with the Canadian-Croatian Business Network and the Croatian Chamber of Economy, both based in Croatia) Croatian trade missions to Canada hosted in Toronto

Youth Involvement

- Supporting our youth through a scholarship and bursary fund developed in conjunction with the Croatian-Canadian Library
- Establishing a mentorship program for Croatian-Canadian post-secondary students and recent graduates
- Placing co-op students with Chamber members

Community Involvement

- Co-organizing and sponsoring an annual Croatian Statehood Day celebration event
- Working with and supporting local Croatian organizations and endeavours, including, among others, the Croatian-Canadian Library, various folklore groups, the Croatian Embassy (Ottawa) and the Croatian Consulate (Mississauga), to preserve our common heritage
- Promoting community events and news through our community web portal at www.croat.ca
- Recognizing excellence and leadership in the Croatian-Canadian community through the annual Business Excellence Awards Evening
- Supporting and promoting Croatian-Canadian artists and authors
- Financially contributing to Croatia's demining program and to capital projects in the Croatian community in Canada
- Co-organizing a fundraising campaign and dinner in support of the Vukovar Tower Restoration Project
- Forming the Alberta and British Columbia Chapter of the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce
- Supporting the Peel Regional Police Foundation through co-organization of the Peel Police Chief Invitational Golf Tournament. The Foundation is a nonprofit organization that raises charitable funds to support community partners in their efforts to address the critical needs of Peel Region

Advocacy and Lobbying

- Educating Canadians on our history in Canada through support of historical research and representation at relevant Canadian organizations
- Building ties with Croatia by receiving and hosting Croatian representatives visiting Canada, attending meetings with contacts in Croatia, and presenting at business seminars in Croatia

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Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce **Youth Mentoring Program**

At the Chamber, we take pride in our ability and commitment to help students of Croatian descent pave their path in life by offering our Youth Mentoring Program to assist in planning for their future.

The Youth Mentoring Program was established to offer post-secondary students with an opportunity to communicate with professionals and entrepreneurs in order to discuss career aspirations, work initiatives, and other career related matters. The program has been extremely well received and has benefited both the students and the Mentor volunteers. Matches are established based on the students' career aspirations, interests, location, and other factors.

Mentors participating in the Youth Mentoring Program are carefully selected individuals who have proven themselves successful in their careers and/or businesses, and who support the endeavours of the program to provide a service of high standards and quality, and are prepared to make time available to assist our youth in making career related decisions.

Should you feel you fit the profile of a Mentor and you would like to get involved in the program, please e-mail the following details to contactus@croat.ca. (name and surname, telephone number, email address, business address, and area of expertise) and we will contact you in due course.



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Croatian-Canadian Scholarship Fund:

Scholarship Award Recipients (2024/2025)

We are pleased to announce that the Croatian-Canadian Scholarship Fund has awarded five (5) scholarships for the 2024/2025 school year. The funds have been awarded in order to help further the education of full-time post-secondary students in Canada.

Congratulations to each of the recipients!



Roman Cubelic

\$2,000 Scholarship Award Recipient

Roman is an Honours Kinesiology student at McMaster University with ambitions of furthering his education towards the rehabilitation field, as a possible physiotherapist. He has been fortunate to experience many opportunities through his Croatian parish and community such as an assistant teacher for Croatian School, a veteran soccer player with the Mississauga Croatia Soccer Club, and an active general member within the McMaster Croatian Club in Hamilton. Additionally, Roman has been able to travel to LA, New York, and all over Croatia as a dancer, singer, and tamburaš for the Hravatsko Prelo folklore group, where he received his 10-year commemorative arts award while being able to express his culture through song and dance. Currently Roman volunteers at the Physical Activity Centre of Excellence (PACE) at McMaster, where he works hands-on with people with various chronic and acute medical conditions, aiding them through specialized rehabilitation programs.



Josip Petruša

\$2,000 Scholarship Award Recipient

Josip is pursuing his Master of Science in Biomedical Communications degree (MScBMC) at the University of Toronto, after graduating with his Honours Bachelor of Science in Biology Research from McMaster University. He hopes to use his scientific and artistic skills to help make science visible and understandable to wider communities. Josip has conducted developmental biology and scientific visualization research and spent time volunteering with the Canadian Cancer Society. In his spare time, he enjoys reading and running.



Adam Starčević

\$2,000 Scholarship Award Recipient

Adam is a fourth-year Biochemistry student at McMaster University. Throughout his studies, he has been committed to academic excellence while actively engaging in his community. As President of the McMaster Croatian Club, Adam has worked to strengthen cultural connections through mentorship programs and events. He also serves as Co-President of the McMaster Pre-Optometry Club, helping students navigate the path to optometry school. Adam's passion for eye care extends beyond academics, as he has volunteered in vision screenings for children and shadowed optometrists to gain hands-on experience. Outside of school, he stays active by playing soccer and performs as a musician in a Croatian wedding band, Mladovina, celebrating Croatian heritage through music. This fall, Adam is excited to begin optometry school and continue his journey toward a career in eye care.



Marija Blažević

\$2,000 Zlatko (Gordon) Bobesich Law Scholarship Award Recipient

Marija is a first year JD student at Osgoode Hall Law School. In 2024, she graduated from the University of Waterloo (Deans Honours) with an Honours Arts degree, with a Legal Studies and Sociology double-major and a Political Science minor. Marija is a Co-Publications Director on the Osgoode Hall Family Law Association where she writes family law-related articles for *Obiter Dicta*, Osgoode's student newspaper. She is also a first-year representative with the Osgoode Peer Support Centre. This coming fall, Marija will be partaking in the Feminist Advocacy: Ending Violence Against Women Clinical Program in partnership between Osgoode and the Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic. Upon graduation from Osgoode, she hopes to become a lawyer that advocates for victims of gender-based violence. In her spare time, Marija enjoys playing the guitar, long-distance running, reading, and spending time with family and friends.



Natalie Kanceljak

\$2,000 Ilija and Dragica Smičiklas Scholarship Award Recipient

Natalie is a Mechanical Engineering student at McGill University, planning to pursue a Commerce minor in the fall of 2025. She aspires to combine her passion for engineering and business to drive meaningful and positive change in the world and aspires to take on a leadership role in her field. Academically, Natalie ranked in the top 10% of the Faculty of Engineering after her first year, earning a place on the Dean's Honour List. Outside of her studies, she has been actively involved in the Croatian community as a musician with Vatroslav Lisinski Tambura and as a dancer with Sljeme Folklore Group. For fun, she enjoys playing intramural soccer at McGill and continues to compete with the Mississauga Croatia women's team during the summer.



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Croatian-Canadian Scholarship Fund



The Croatian-Canadian Scholarship Fund is a joint program developed and administered by the Croatian-Canadian Library and the Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce.

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For details about the Croatian-Canadian Scholarship Fund,
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The application submission deadline for the 2025/2026 school year
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Croatian-Canadian Scholarship Fund

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KING TOMISLAV (\$100,000+) - King Tomislav was a ruler of Croatia in the Middle Ages. He reigned from 910 until 928, first as Duke of Dalmatian Croatia from 910 until 925, and then he became the first King of the Croatian Kingdom in 925 and reigned until 928. He is celebrated as the founder of the first Croatian state, uniting the Croats of Dalmatia and the Slavs of Pannonia into a single Kingdom. He ruled over the territory of today's Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, rounding off his state from the Adriatic Sea to the Drava River, and from the Raša River in Istria to the Drina River.



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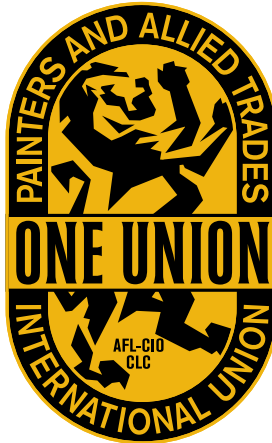
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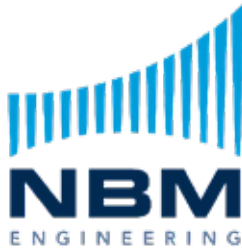
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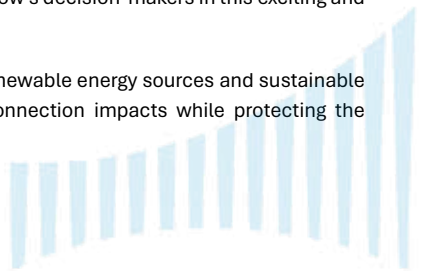
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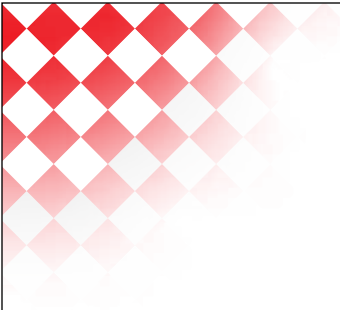
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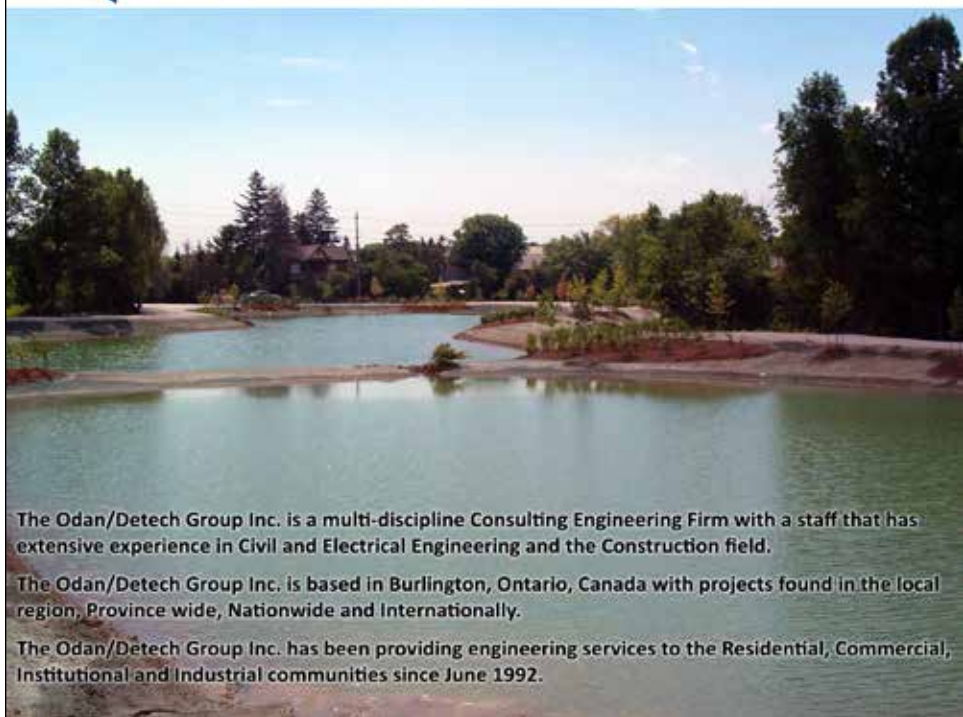
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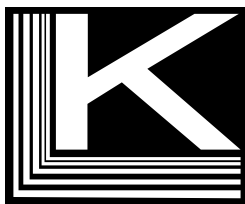
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