

Welcoming Two New BIA Board Members

Dear BIA members,

We would like to thank everyone who applied for the vacant seat on the BIA Board of Directors - we appreciate your interest in supporting the BIA and Downtown Oakville!

We are pleased to welcome two new members to the BIA Board! Please join us in welcoming Gordon Petch and Kevin Graff to the Board.

Gordon Petch (Municipal Law Chambers)

Gordon Petch, founder of Municipal Law Chambers, has specialised in municipal law for over 45 years, supporting a broad spectrum of clients including other Business Improvement Area's (BIAs), Business Associations, Canada's largest retailers, and major developers. Gordon has developed specialties in all aspects of Municipal Law, Environmental Law, Expropriation Law, Real Property Assessment and Real Estate Development approval. We are fortunate to have Gordon on the BIA board, given his expertise and also his passion not only for Downtown Oakville but also the downtown business model in general.

Kevin Graff (Graff Retail)

Kevin Graff is president of Graff Retail, which has been 'Driving Retail Performance' for over 25 years, with its focus on improving staff performance to directly improve store performance and sales. Kevin has worked with the world's best known retailers, traveling extensively across the globe, helping his clients to help them get better performance out of their staff and ultimately, to sell more. With Kevin's extensive retail expertise in combination with his passion for Downtown Oakville and desire to support his community we are fortunate to have him join the BIA Board.

A heartfelt thank you to Gordon and Kevin for volunteering their time to support Downtown Oakville and the BIA!

As we continually look to ensure we have a well-rounded board that draws together not only the expertise required to support BIA operations but also that which encompasses as many facets of downtown business as possible, the BIA board moved to expand the board such that we could welcome both Kevin and Gordon, given the extensive relevant, and yet diverse, expertise they each bring to the board.

Gordon and Kevin join fellow board members Nick Bourikas, Chair (Canadian Sound), May Natour, Treasurer (CIBC), Anna Cammarata (Avante Boutique Inc.), Julia Hanna (Ristorante Julia), Kevin Yates (Aardvark Inc.), and Mayor Rob Burton (Council representative). We would like to thank all the board members for their ongoing support of Downtown Oakville and the BIA.

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