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The members of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors at Treasurer Doug Rapien, Stone Edge Estate Bed and Breakfast, Chair Elect Elizabeth Koc, Tandia; Mayor Rick Bonnette;; Chair Leith Bengtson, Toronto Premium Outlets, Vice Chair; Neville Vanderboor, Grant Thornton LLP.

Second row left to right are: Director Stephen Stoute, Stoneridge Insurance Georgetown, Past Chair Melanie Frazer, The Club at North Halton, Directors Ola Jiskra Generation Physiotherapy Centre, Tim O'Connor, Onatamy Foods Limited - McDonald's -Georgetown, Acton, Nathalie Brooks, Brooks Heating & Air Inc., and Secretary and Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce General Manager Kathleen Dills.

Absent from the photo is Director Dino Deligiannis, Intlvac Inc. and Christian Febel, Georgetown Toyota.

HALTON HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES NEW DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Halton Hills, June 12, 2020 – The Board of Directors of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce are pleased to announce the formation of a new Diversity Committee to be chaired by Leith Bengtson.

The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce stands in solidarity with the black community and condemns all forms of anti-black prejudice, oppression, violence and injustice. We are committed to listening, learning and unlearning, and will use our platform to advocate for and enact positive change.

As the voice of business in Halton Hills, we have a responsibility to our community and must do more to amplify and highlight its diversity. A responsible ally in the fight against racial injustice must be willing to confront the ways that racism perpetuates in our communities. Effective immediately, we will form a diversity committee to keep the board of directors accountable through continued, constructive discussion as well as spearhead fundraising efforts in support of black advocacy organizations.

In addition, we will provide online resources to facilitate informed conversations about race and implicit social cognition as well as provide public education, fundraising and advocacy resources. The time for systemic change is now. Through our actions, The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce aims to not only be an ally in the fight against racial injustice and institutionalized violence, but a catalyst.

If you are interested in being a part of this committee please contact Kathleen Dills, General Manager by phone (905) 877-7119 or email kathleen@haltonhillschamber.on.ca

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