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## Hamilton Chamber named to host the Canadian Chamber of Commerce's Annual General Meeting in 2012

HAMILTON, ON (May 12, 2011) – The Hamilton Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that they will be the host organization for the Canadian Chamber of Commerce's Annual General Meeting in 2012. Last year's conference, which was hosted in Gatineau, Quebec, brought together over 300 delegates from local, provincial and territorial chambers and boards of trade to set the Canadian Chamber's advocacy priorities on national and international issues for the year ahead.

"This is a great opportunity for both the Hamilton Chamber and the City of Hamilton as a whole," said Demetrius Tsafaridis, Chair of Hamilton Chamber. "The benefits of hosting the CCC's AGM in our city will not only allow us to showcase Hamilton on a national level but will also give us the opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to bettering the opportunities for businesses through our diligent public policy efforts."

As Canada's largest and most influential business association, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce is the primary and vital connection between business and the federal government. It continually demonstrates impact on public policy and decision-making to the benefit of businesses, communities and families across Canada. The CCC has a network of over 420 chambers of commerce and boards of trade, representing 192,000 businesses of all sizes in all sectors of the economy and in all regions.

"On behalf of our executive committee and my colleagues at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to you and your partners for your interest in hosting this important event," said, Michel Barsalou, Executive Vice President, The Canadian Chamber of Commerce. "In retaining the Hamilton Chamber's proposal, our committee recognized its quality and expressed confidence in your commitment to host our AGM. Hamilton was the host of our 1995 AGM, and we look forward to returning to Hamilton."

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