

WELCOME TO THE PAISLEY & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE!

The Paisley and District Chamber of Commerce consists of local business owners and community volunteers. All chamber activity is done on a volunteer basis (excepting the hiring of a book keeper when necessary). Our mandate includes:

1. Promoting and supporting businesses located in the village of Paisley and surrounding district
2. Increasing public awareness of Paisley's assets and events.

We meet monthly, usually on the third Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 pm. at the Paisley Legion or the Paisley Community Centre.

Members' active participation at meetings and all chamber events is heartily encouraged.

By becoming a member of the chamber you will benefit in the following ways:

You will become part of a welcoming, progressive business community.

Your business will be featured on our Chamber of Commerce website complete with a detailed description and photos of the exterior and interior of your business. There will also be a direct link to your business website. The Chamber face book page will sometimes feature Paisley business posts.

Some of our meetings will be hosted by various business owners in their place of business. Come out and learn about the offerings of our village businesses in a relaxed social setting with refreshments and snacks. A short business meeting will be part of the evening. Members will be reminded by e-mail a week in advance as to the location and time of the next meeting.

Members of the PDCC will receive a 10% discount when advertising in the Paisley Advocate

Members of the PDCC receive notice of upcoming business related seminars and workshops held in the area. The Chamber may partially subsidize your registration fee, the amount to be determined on an individual basis.

Your membership fee will include a \$50 contribution toward the annual Santa Claus parade.

Members will receive a Chamber of Commerce membership sticker to display in the window of their business.

Members of the PDCC will also become eligible for the benefits of membership in the Ontario Chamber of Commerce. These include:

First Data – members receive preferred rates on electronic payment processing services including: credit, debit, e-commerce, mobile commerce, cheque guarantee and gift cards. First Data also offers a revenue share incentive that adds an additional source of revenue for the chamber. (\$100 one- time payment to the chamber for each member who enters into a service agreement)

Purolator- Purolator Affinity Program- members receive discounts starting at 25% on Purolator Express and Purolator Ground. The chamber itself may be eligible for 45% off its own shipping costs.

Johnson group- members gain access to the Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan (Canada's first ranked plan for small business) serving over 30 000 businesses from 1 to 100 employees. Choose the coverage to suit your business or budget.

Depending on the amount of interest shown by members, we will arrange a meeting with representatives of the three businesses mentioned above to further inform you about their programs.

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce also provides access for its members to seminars and training in the areas of digital marketing, accessibility, human resources and exporting. Please visit the Paisley Village website for more detailed information and contact information.

It is the policy of the PDCC that items required for chamber events will be priced at members' businesses and purchased there if reasonably competitive.

To officially become a member of the Paisley & District Chamber of Commerce, please complete the accompanying 2017/18 Membership Form and mail it, accompanied by a cheque, if applicable, to the address provided on the form, or deliver it to either Saugie Suds Laundromat or Elora Soap Co.

Thank you for your interest and support. Working together we can ensure a vibrant, progressive business sector in our community.

Sincerely,

Mary-Gail Johnston, President PDCC