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Diane Wolfenden (RBC Dominion Securities) New Chair of the Greater Kitchener Waterloo Chamber of Commerce

Kitchener, ON – The Greater Kitchener Waterloo Chamber of Commerce announced its 2008-2009 Board of Directors & Executive Committee at its Annual General Meeting held yesterday at the Coldwell Banker Theatre, Kitchener.

Diane Wolfenden, Investment Advisor at RBC Dominion Securities, takes on the role of Chamber Chair for 2008-2009. In her inaugural remarks, Diane called on the Chamber to raise the bar on delivering value to its members, while strengthening its partnerships and alliances to tackle key priorities such as health care and immigrant employment. “If we’re going to make a positive difference,” she said, “we have to think big, we have to act big, but not necessarily be big, and we can’t be shy about our priorities.”

Our elected Directors for 2008-2009 include:

- Dave Arjune (Arjune Engineering and Manufacturing Inc.)
- Linda Korgemets (PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP)
- Heather Melrose (Straight Street Event Services)
- Karen Mason (The Equitable Life Insurance Company)
- Murray Costello (Union Gas - A Spectra Energy Company)
- Jeff MacIntyre (Cowan Benefits Consulting)
- Zubair Siddiqi (Delta Kitchener Waterloo)

These individuals join fourteen other Directors currently serving terms on the Chamber Board including:

- Rick Baker (Spirited Investors Corp.)
- Mary D’Alton (Waterloo Inn Conference Hotel)
- Dave Jaworsky (Research In Motion)
- Scott Murphy (Data Perceptions Inc.)
- Paul Smith (Manulife Financial)
- Brian Bennett (Brian Bennett Consulting)
- Ginny Dybenko (Wilfrid Laurier University)
- Chuck Martin (Marboro Capital Ltd.)
- Terry Reidel (Terry Reidel Consulting)
- Rosemary Smith (Kitchener and Waterloo Community Foundation)
- Tim Sothern (BDO Dunwoody LLP)
- Tim Strome (Reid’s Heritage Homes)
- Ross Wells (Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP)
- Diane Wolfenden (RBC Dominion Securities)

Retiring from the Board of Directors are:

- Roger Farwell (The Walter Fedy Partnership)
- Jean Taillon (Upper Carlisle Financial and Management Group)
- Cathy Snyder (OTIP)

Joining Diane Wolfenden on the Executive Committee for 2008-2009 are:

- Mary D’Alton, Chair Elect
- Jeff MacIntyre, Vice Chair
- Tim Sothern, Treasurer
- Ross Wells, Past Chair
- Terry Reidel, Vice Chair
- Murray Costello, Secretary

With over 1900 members, the Greater Kitchener Waterloo Chamber of Commerce is the largest accredited chamber of commerce in Ontario. The Chamber is dedicated to enterprise productivity and regional prosperity. Since 1886, it has been the voice of business in greater Kitchener Waterloo.

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