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### ***Ross Wells named new Chair of the GREATER KITCHENER WATERLOO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE***

**Kitchener** – The Greater Kitchener Waterloo Chamber of Commerce announced its new Board of Directors & Executive Committee for 2007-2008 at its Annual General Meeting held today at the King Street Theatre Centre.

Ross Wells, Partner at Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP, will take on the role of Chamber Chair for the 2007-2008 year. Ross announced that he will be looking forward to a successful Chamber year ahead, promoting the Kitchener Waterloo Region as the best place to work and live and that he will work to further the great work that Past Chair, Rosemary Smith, and the Board has done.

Four new Directors were also elected to the Board: Rick Baker (*Spirited Investors Corp*), Ginny Dybenko (*Wilfrid Laurier*), Dave Jaworsky (*Research In Motion*), and Scott Murphy (*Data Perceptions Inc*).

These individuals join eighteen other Directors currently serving terms on the Chamber Board including: Dave Arjune (*Arjune Engineering & Manufacturing Inc.*), Brian Bennett (*TD Commercial Banking*), Murray Costello (*Union Gas Ltd.*), Mary D'Alton (*Waterloo Inn & Conference Centre*), Roger Farwell (*The Walter Fedy Partnership*), Linda Korgemets (*PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP*), Jeff MacIntyre (*Cowan Benefits Consulting*), Chuck Martin (*Marbro Capital Limited*), Heather Melrose (*Straight Street Event Services*), Terry Reidel (*Kuntz Electroplating*), Paul Smith (*Manulife Financial*), Rosemary Smith (*Kitchener & Waterloo Community Foundation*), Tim Strome (*Reid's Heritage Homes*), Cathy Snyder (*Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan*) Zubair Siddiqui (*Delta Kitchener Waterloo*), Jean Taillon (*Bell Canada*), Ross Wells (*Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP*), and Diane Wolfenden (*RBC Dominion Securities*).

Retiring from the Board are Robert Crow (*Research In Motion*), Helen Jowett (*McDonald Green*), Steve Farlow (*Schlegel Centre for Entrepreneurship*), and Robert Temple.

Joining Wells on the Executive Committee for 2007-2008 are Chair Elect Diane Wolfenden, Past Chair Rosemary Smith, Vice Chair Jeff MacIntyre, Vice Chair Terry Reidel, Treasurer Cathy Snyder, Secretary Murray Costello, and Greater Kitchener Waterloo Chamber President & Chief Executive Officer, Todd Letts.

*The Greater Kitchener Waterloo Chamber of Commerce is Ontario's second largest accredited Chamber of Commerce representing over 1,900 members that employ over 70,000 people in the Greater Kitchener Waterloo area. Its mission is to act as the voice of business to help businesses, and our community succeed.*