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2026 SIGNATURE EVENTS

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Wednesday, April 1 | Carmens Event Centre | Presented by RBC

The Chamber's largest event of the year brings over 500 business leaders together to celebrate the accomplishments and success stories of Hamilton's business community. The awards gala, now in its 42nd year, honours finalists and winners in 10 different categories, including Hamilton's Citizen of the Year.

MAYOR'S BREAKFAST

Tuesday, April 28 | LIUNA Station

Partake in Hamilton's flagship civic engagement event, bringing together over 500 community leaders, officials, and executives. The breakfast features a keynote address from Mayor Andrea Horwath and a fireside chat. Gain visibility, network with top decision-makers, and showcase your commitment to the city's future.

HAMILTON NEXT: LEADING CARE, DRIVEN BY DISCOVERY

Wednesday, May 13 | David Braley Research Institute | Presented by Hamilton Health Sciences

Join us for an inside look at how Hamilton Health Sciences transforms world-class research into better care for our community, Canada, and the world. Explore how leading-edge work improves lives, fuels our local economy, and strengthens Hamilton as a healthier, more innovative city.

CLIMATE INNOVATORS AWARD GALA

Wednesday, May 27 | Carmen's Event Centre

Join Hamilton's inaugural Climate Innovators Award Gala, part of the Pivot Tech + Climate Conference in partnership with Mohawk College, to celebrate local and regional leaders driving climate action, sustainable innovation, and bold community change while connecting with changemakers across the region.

BAY AREA ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Thursday, June 4 | Pearle Hotel & Spa, Burlington | Presented by RBC

In partnership with the Burlington Chamber, Burlington Ec Dev and Hamilton Ec Dev, the Bay Area Economic Summit unites Hamilton and Burlington leaders to tackle economic challenges and opportunities. Featuring expert discussions, strategies, and networking, this year's theme focuses on driving regional progress with a focus on AI advancements and opportunities.

HAMILTON TOURISM SUMMIT

Wednesday, September 16 | Theatre Aquarius | In Partnership with Tourism Hamilton

Unlock Hamilton's tourism potential by connecting with leaders, officials, and community partners. Explore new opportunities, major events, and innovative strategies, with engaging panels on nightlife, nature, music, culture, and live experiences.

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

Thursday, Sept. 24 | Sheraton Hamilton | In Partnership with YWCA

Building on last year's inspiring discussion with Candace Laing, President & CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, and a panel of senior leaders, this year's luncheon invites you to connect with women leaders and discover actionable strategies to strengthen representation and drive meaningful change in business.

STATE OF THE CITY: DOWNTOWN

Fall 2026 | LIUNA Station

A must-attend civic leadership event, providing direct access to senior municipal leaders, business decision-makers, and key influencers. This year highlights downtown Hamilton's revitalization, investment, and community partnerships driving growth and shaping the city's next exciting chapter.

SMALL BUSINESS SUMMIT

Thursday, October 22 | McMaster University | In Partnership with Hamilton Economic Development & DeGroote School of Business

This Small Business Week, our inaugural summit offers practical workshops, local expertise, and meaningful connections, designed to support our small business leaders with the tools, insights, and guidance needed to overcome challenges and grow.

HAMILTON DAY

October 30 - November 1 | hamiltonday.ca

Hamilton Day is an annual celebration of Hamilton's small business community, recognized as a Top 100 Festival & Event in Ontario. With 1,000+ businesses participating, and over 80 events and programs, the weekend draws 13,000 tourists and 70,000 local visitors, driving over $8 million in economic impact.

CANADA'S INNOVATION CORRIDOR SUMMIT

Tuesday, November 10 | Art Gallery of Hamilton

Canada's Innovation Corridor—representing 18% of Canada's GDP—is shaping our future. The Summit is an annual 3-part series in Toronto, Kitchener-Waterloo, and Hamilton, creating sustained regional engagement. Access high-level discussions and expert insights shaping innovation, trade, and growth.

HAMILTON GIVES

Tuesday, December 1 | Hamilton Convention Centre | In Partnership with United Way Hamilton & Halton and McKeil Family Foundation

Hamilton's premier Giving Tuesday event is a networking-focused gala celebrating businesses that give back while raising funds for local charities. Since 2024, Hamilton Gives has raised nearly $60,000 and honours leaders making lasting community impact.

Boost your brand, connect with key decision-makers, and make an impact!

For more information on partnership opportunities, please contact:

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