

# BOTTOM LINE

*Outstanding Business Achievement Awards*

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The Flamborough Chamber of Commerce (FCC) was honoured to host Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne (above, centre) at its annual *Outstanding Business Achievement* (OBA) awards gala at the Flamborough Hills Golf & Country Club recently. The annual gala 'honours and celebrates the very best in corporate excellence and community service' in Flamborough. After a meet-and-greet reception with the sold-out crowd, the new premier shared some thoughts about Ontario's future. She then participated in the first presentation of the evening – the *Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award* to Sarah Powell (third from left) of Sarah Grace Photography. Joining Premier Wynne and Sarah for a photo after the presentation were (from left) Dragica Lebo (Youth Project Manager, Small Business Enterprise Centre – City of Hamilton), Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale MPP – and Minister of Community and Social Services – Ted McMeekin, past recipients Nicole Martin (Talent Search Summer Camp) and Haley Luckanuck (Spoiled Rotten Pet Services). Representing the FCC Board of Directors was (right) Teresa Luckanuck. BELOW: The FCC awarded its prestigious *Lifetime Achievement Award* to Tim Langford and posthumously to Wilf and Tom Langford (all of the former Langford Pharmacy) and James (Jim) Aitkin of Rankin Environmental. Pictured (below, left) with Tim Langford (second from left) are (from left) FCC Treasurer Graham Flint (FORCE - Friends of Rural Communities and the Environment), Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale MP David Sweet and FCC President Jason Small (Community Church). Joyce Aitkin (below, right) along with her sons Chris (left) and Paul accepted the award on behalf of their late husband and father.



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## OBA GALA 'HONOURS AND CELEBRATES' THE VERY BEST

ABOVE, LEFT: For years, Roger Wilson – a true unsung hero – could be seen in Waterdown volunteering his time picking up garbage. The FCC wanted to 'recognize, honour and celebrate' his contributions and awarded him the *Community Service by an Individual Award* at this year's *Outstanding Business Achievement (OBA)* awards gala. Pictured with Roger and his wife Jean are (from left) Norm Read of Beckett Lowden Read (a recipient last year), Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale MP David Sweet and Patty and Max DiFelice of Waterdown Collision (representing their son Dante who also won the award last year – but was representing Flamborough on a rep hockey team). ABOVE, RIGHT: Representing 'Flamborough's best kept secret,' President and CEO David Kruse (left) of Opta Minerals in Waterdown was awarded the *Business Growth and Achievement Award* by Mayor Bob Bratina and Greg Tremble (a member of the FCC Board of Directors and representing the OLG Slots at Flamboro Downs – a sponsor of the OBA gala). With facilities and offices around the globe, Opta Minerals is the only publicly-traded company with its head office in Flamborough.



ABOVE, LEFT: Calling her 'the best thing that ever happened to the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce,' Secretary Ron Graham (right - Lafarge Canada) presented the FCC *Service Award* to former Treasurer Janet Barnard (second from left). Pictured with Janet and Ron are (from left) Publisher/Editor Mark Cripps of *yourhamiltonbiz.com* – a sponsor of the OBA gala – along with Janet and Tony Simeone of the Dutch Mill Country Market – last year's recipient. ABOVE, RIGHT: Scott Jarrett (second from left) of Boston Pizza accepted the *Community Service by a Company Award* presented by Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge (left), Wendy Wasyłowich of Flamboro Downs (a member of the FCC Board of Directors) and Peter Sanguinetti representing last year's recipient: Lafarge Canada.



ABOVE, LEFT: Executive Director Wilf Arndt (centre) of the Waterdown BIA (and the official volunteer photographer of the FCC) was honoured for his beautification efforts in the former Village of Watedown with the *Town of Flamborough Award*. Joining in the presentation were Flamborough Councillors Judi Partridge (second from left) and Robert Pasuta (right) along with FCC Past President Hal Bushey (representing last year's recipient - the O Canada Rotary Ribfest) and Vice President Penny Gardiner (Economic Developers Association of Canada). ABOVE, RIGHT: After investing some \$80 million in its Greenville plant, Rothsay was presented with the *Flamborough Chamber of Commerce Green Award*. The presentation was made by FCC Vice President Penny Gardiner (second from left) and Ward 14 Councillor Robert Pasuta (right). Accepting the award on behalf of Rothsay were (from left) Jared Fein, David Willison and Anne Tennier.

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**THANK YOU HAL**

In recognition of two years as president of the FCC Board of Directors, Hal Bushey (third from left) was presented with the President's Gavel Award by current President Jason Small (second from left). Joining Jason in the presentation were FCC Past Presidents (from left) Karen Hunt, Penny Gardiner, Tom Butterworth and Harold Ross.

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Optometric Clinic*  
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2011 - *Greensville Gourmet*  
2011 - *McCann Professional  
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2012 - *Opta Minerals*

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2010 - *Waterdown Dairy Queen*  
2011 - *Lafarge Canada*  
2012 - *Boston Pizza*

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# JAMES (JIM) AITKIN

## Lifetime Achievement Award

BY JOYCE AITKIN

### Rankin Environmental

Jim was born and raised in Waterdown by his parents Marjorie and George Aitkin. He attended Mary Hopkins Public School and Waterdown District High School. His family belonged - as we still do - to St. James United Church. Waterdown was a wonderful place to grow up, everyone knew you, who you belonged to and took care of you.

Any spare time in Jim's early years was spent at his grandparent's farm on Snake Road. Their home was like heaven for Jim. He'd bicycle there after school and spend the weekend with his grandparents Charlie and Winnifred Rankin, getting ready and going to the market in Guelph.

As at any farm, children grew up early and did jobs and activities never allowed today. His uncles Stewart and Bruce were his best friends and mentors in life. Jim used to recall how Bruce came and took him out of school to go and see western movies. What more could a kid ask!

To Jim and his relatives, those grandparents were special. So Jim led a campaign for his family to buy a memorial window for St. James United Church dedicated in their honour on Nov. 22, 1998.

Another important part of Jim's life was scouting. Here he learned his love of nature, interest in conservation and the outdoor life. It also introduced him to his second home - Nine Mile Lake - since his scout leader Doug Lillycrop cottaged there. Jim earned all his badges over the years including his Queen Scout badge which was presented to him by Queen Elizabeth in 1959 in Toronto.

I met Jim in 1966 through his sister Jill and we were married in 1967 in St. James United Church, Waterdown. Our son Christopher was born in 1971 followed by our son Paul in 1974.

Our life changed as time went on and Jim decided to leave Stelco after 17 years and go into business for himself, purchasing Rankin's Septic Tank Pumping from his Uncle Stewart Rankin after his death in 1977. So began his life as a local businessman, entrepreneur and his dream to make everything he was involved in be at the highest level he could attain. Thus he became a charter member of the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce.

His business led him to be involved with O.A.S.I.S. which is the provincial organization for our industry. He served on its Board of Directors, including stints as vice-president and president. He received the



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Joyce Aitkin along with her sons Chris (second from left) and Paul accepted the prestigious *Lifetime Achievement Award* for husband and father James (Jim) Aitkin from the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce (FCC) at the 2013 *Outstanding Business Achievement* (OBA) awards gala at the Flamborough Hills Golf & Country Club. The award was presented by FCC President Jason Small (left) and Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale MP David Sweet (right).

Robert Noble Award in 2001 for his service to his industry.

During his years on the O.A.S.I.S. Board, he acted as its representative working - along with his dear colleague and friend Jim Wilkinson - on the Ontario Building Code as it applied to his industry. Jim also served the Canadian Standards Association on Bill 65 and Bill 66 as chair of the committee and later a member - setting the standards for septic systems for all of Canada. In that time we travelled to St. Andrews NB, Winnipeg MB, Whitehorse YT, and Vancouver BC for this committee. In later years Jim still teleconferenced these meetings when we could not attend.

Locally, he could always be seen. If it wasn't presenting ideas to city council, or speaking to councillors at FCC meetings, perhaps it was just talking to citizens at the Legion, or church, or

bride who couldn't swim and who had never been in a boat before? However - as in most decisions - he was right and to this day it is a haven for my family and a source of close friends and great support.

Then there was his love affair with Arizona. We vacationed there for 30 years, most recently in Fountain Hills. To Jim this was his dream town, a planned community developed in the desert in the 70's. And he wanted to bring their ideas back to Waterdown. One of these was The Greening of Downtown, a wonderful program where donations in any size allow beautification of the areas we walked daily. Trees, benches, flower beds, picnic areas, all available to everyone.

In his years in Flamborough Jim wanted to see the community's people have access to its beauty. He encouraged the Town

Courtcliffe Park. Till his passing he worked on the Steering Committee for Courtcliffe Park under the leadership of Stan Haworth. Jim said without Stan's leadership the park would not exist! Today it is used by thousands of kids and adults. How wonderful!

Today my sons and I are working toward keeping Jim's love of life alive and his professional and entrepreneurial values intact. Chris took over Jim's work with O.A.S.I.S. before his passing and is now its vice president. He was the recipient of the first Jim Aitkin Award for exemplary service to the organization.

Paul - like his Dad - has many irons in the fire, from snow plowing to his business Sled R Us on Highway 6. It grew from his hobby of snowmobiling, the love of which he got from his Dad. Paul and Chris now run and work for Rankin's Septic Tank Pumping Limited.

Their Dad would be very proud, as I am, of their commitment to our community business.

Jim did well because he loved life and was confident of his ability to create change. He would want all of us to realize our potential. Although the last four years of his life were a struggle, you would never know it from him. He was the confident, cheerful, involved man that he had always been.

Even realizing it was a gamble, we made that last trip to Fountain Hills AZ. We walked the mile around the lake, we enjoyed the sunshine, flowers and people - even if it was only for two days. We came home ready to try another operation by doctors here who had learned to love and admire him as we did. But it wasn't to be.

Jim would want his legacy to be encouraging you to live your life fully everyday. And with no regrets. We miss him dearly every day.



True to form, Jim Aitkin bends the ear of Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge at a Flamborough Chamber of Commerce event shortly before his passing in 2012.

the grocery store. He loved to talk! If it was a local issue you could count on his interest, and support.

Yes, we did have a life as well, and as I said it was mainly surrounding - until later years - Nine Mile Lake. Did I mention that he bought our cottage on our honeymoon, with a new

of Flamborough to purchase discontinued rail lines for hiking trails. He worked on the Joe Sams Leisure Park Committee. I've known him to co-ordinate from Arizona gravel available at Lafarge with town workers. Now we call that networking.

To Jim, the jewel in the Towns crown of parks was



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**2013 FLAMBOROUGH OPEN - WEDNESDAY, MAY 29**

ABOVE: Flamborough Chamber of Commerce Past President Hal Bushey (centre) with Stephen (left) and Tony Simeone of the Dutch Mill Country Market at the 2012 Flamborough Open at the Carlisle Golf & Country Club. BELOW: Team OLG consisted of (from left) Dave DaSilva, Mark McSporan, Ryan Pryke and Cory Gunter. Contact the FCC office (905-689-7650) to reserve your spot at this year's Flamborough Open on Wednesday, May 29.



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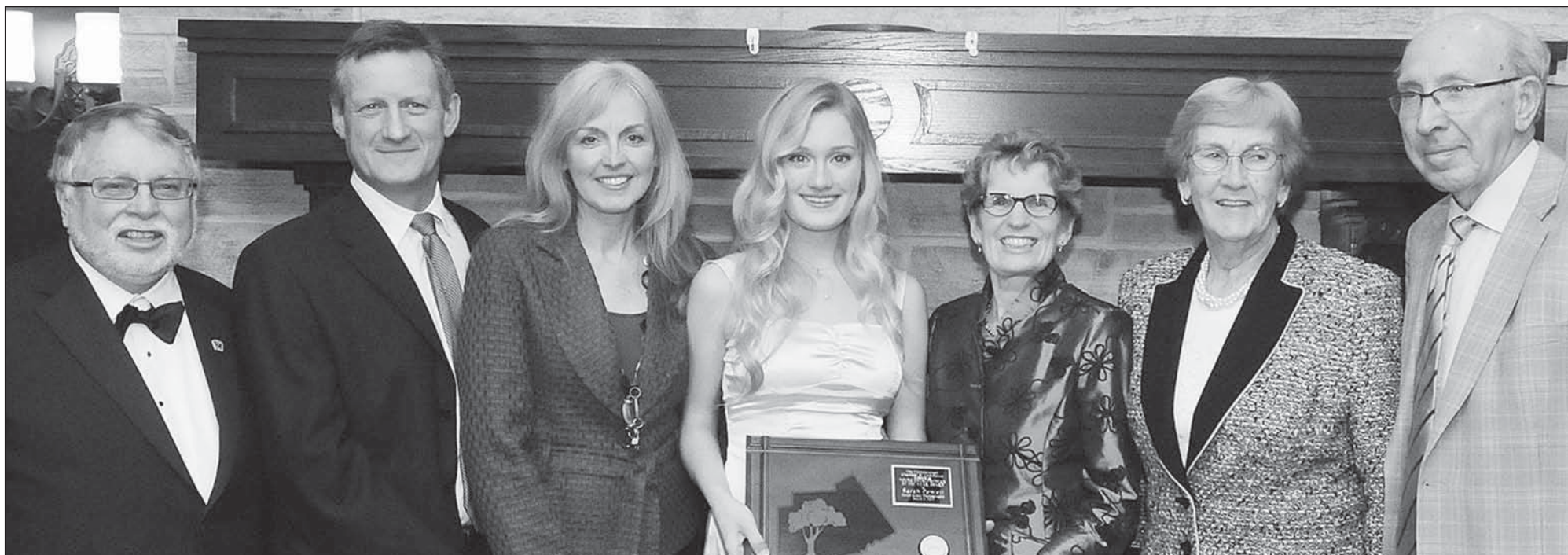
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