



Mayor

Marianne Meed Ward



Mayor's Chief of Staff

Marie Nash

Burlington Mayor's Office Welcomes Marie Nash as New Chief of Staff

Burlington, Ont. — Sept. 11, 2023 — I am delighted to announce Marie Nash as my new Chief of Staff in the Burlington Mayor's Office.

Marie has been a leader of more than 12 years in communications, public policy, and community engagement. She brings with her a strong business background, extensive knowledge of the functions of municipal governments and experience working with government stakeholders. These skills will serve our goal of promoting Burlington as open for business and are especially needed at a time when collaboration between all government levels is crucially important.

Marie was most recently the Chief Operating Officer at the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, where she worked to further elevate the institution's operations, communications, advocacy efforts, value proposition and engagement with all members of the business community, large and small. Working directly with the CEO and Board of Directors in developing and executing the organization's overall short- and long-term strategies, she ensured the relevancy and longevity of the 178-year-old institution.

During the pandemic, Marie successfully created and executed programs and policies that addressed critical issues, such as the creation of Hamilton's COVID-19 Concierge program, Ontario's Vaccine Support Council, and the Rapid Testing for Business program. She also led the creation of multiple research projects and reports that resulted in significant recommendations on issues -- such as women in the workforce, labour shortages and childcare -- leading to measurable improvements in the community's quality of life.

Marie also chairs and sits on multiple boards and committees, including Tourism Hamilton's Music Advisory Committee, the City of Hamilton's Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee,

Mohawk College's Marketing Program Advisory Committee, Canada's Innovation Corridor Business Council, and the Hamilton Innovation Ecosystem.

Her success in creating and sustaining positive and collaborative relationships with federal, provincial, and municipal governments, maintaining open dialogue, and advocating for the needs of the community will only prove to be an asset for Burlington and a great addition to the Mayor's Office.

Please join me in welcoming Marie who will start in her new role on Oct. 2, 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marianne Meed Ward', with a stylized, circular flourish at the end.

Marianne Meed Ward
Mayor, City of Burlington

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