

Dufferin County Canadian Black Association

November 16, 2020

To all of our businesses, community partners, residents and schools, I am excited to share with you the formal launch of the much anticipated **Dufferin County Canadian Black Association (DCCBA)**.

This is a historic launch as it is the first of its kind in Dufferin County! As we all know, Dufferin County is growing and is increasingly becoming more diverse and our organization is determined to be a strong voice for the Black and Caribbean community. Despite our mandate, I am proud to say that DCCBA is inclusive and welcoming to all groups who can take advantage of job opportunities, volunteer positions and our programs and services.

DCCBA will also be offering through its Community Outreach Team and associated partners Diversity and Inclusion and Anti-racism strategies designed to dismantle systemic discrimination and provide transformative change for any environment. Our Team is also available for Black History Month presentations customized to the needs of your school, business or organization.

It is important that I acknowledge the many businesses and community partners such as Fieldgate Homes, Flato Developments, Dufferin County of Dufferin, Town of Shelburne, Community Living Dufferin, Museum of Dufferin, Georgian College, Dufferin Child and Family Services, Family Transition Place, Shelburne Driving School, Upper Grand District School Board, individual donors and many more who support our vision for the community and have already come onboard pre-launch.

I extend special thanks to MP Kyle Seeback, MPP Sylvia Jones, Grand Valley Deputy Mayor P. Rentsch and Shelburne Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson for their strong support of **DCCBA**.

Please visit our website at <u>www.dufferincountycba.org</u> to take advantage of our programs and services. No organization can survive without the generous support of the community, so I ask that you consider becoming a member, registering your business or simply make a donation to support our ongoing work.

On the behalf of the **DCCBA** team, we thank you for your support and we look forward to serving Dufferin County for years to come!

Sincerely,

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Alethia O'Hara Stephenson, CIP, MBA Founder & President, **Dufferin County Canadian Black Association (DCCBA).**