

Dear Members,

I would like to take a few minutes of your precious time to wish you a colourful fall and to reiterate my support to the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce. Elected in June 2014 as president of this business association which allowed me to meet creative, dynamic and competitive entrepreneurs, I believe it is time to pass the torch to others in order to ensure that innovative ideas are created for this important association for Pontiac businesses that deserve the attention they are given.

The survival of any organization depends first and foremost on the participation of its members. On several occasions, I had the opportunity to express myself on the importance of supporting our Chamber of Commerce, not only by paying our annual contribution, but by becoming an important player in our community, by participating in activities and by helping to develop a strong and supportive business network.

The Pontiac Chamber of Commerce gives us access to a network of precious contacts and provides visibility for our businesses. Could it do more? Certainly, and there is no shortage of ideas within the board: marketing strategy, training, territorial cells, local purchasing policies, and so on. But without enough participants, we run out of steam. What is sorely needed to energize this association is new allies that want to give their time for the benefit of all members and for the benefit of the Pontiac region.

I therefore ask you to get involved within your Chamber of Commerce, because your membership also comes with some responsibilities. Let's value our local businesses; it is through them that the Pontiac economy will grow stronger, over time, one brick at a time. I also wish to express how much I appreciated this mandate that I was given to represent you, and how much I liked getting to know each and every one of you, who help promote the Pontiac region through your ideas, energy and dynamism.

I invite you to attend in large numbers your annual general meeting, which will be held on November 14, 2019 at 6 pm and during which we will celebrate, in our very own Pontiac way, the upcoming holiday season, featuring Simon Clarke "A Touch of Class" to allow you to network in a festive atmosphere.

**Thank you for confirming your attendance by November 11, 2019 with Joelle at 819 647-2312 or by email [info@pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca](mailto:info@pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca).**

Sincerely,

Mireille Alary, Notary  
PME Inter Notaires, Shawville  
Past President of the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce