

Newsletter: May 2026



Registration **OPEN**

Upcoming Meetups & Events

- **May 12:** Royal City Brewing & Beer Hall (Guelph chapter)
- **May 13:** Terra Nova Nordic Spa & Cafe (Stratford Area chapter) Meetup
- **May 20:** The Bruce Craft House (Cambridge chapter) Meetup
- **May 25:** Stockyards Brewing (Eastbridge) Meetup

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- **May 12:** Royal City Brewing & Beer Hall (Guelph chapter)
 - [Blue22 Studios](#)
 - [Eazy Benefits](#)
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- **May 13:** Terra Nova Nordic Spa & Cafe (Stratford Area chapter)
 - [A2Z BIZTECH](#)
 - Peter Pickett, Life Insurance Specialist, [Experior Financial Group Inc.](#)
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- **May 20:** The Mule Cambridge (Cambridge chapter)
 - [First Sons Solutions](#)

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- **May 25:** Stockyards Brewing (Eastbridge chapter)
 - [Depth Training & Physiotherapy](#)
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Sponsor an upcoming meetup and help create an unforgettable experience! Your support not only enhances the event but also puts your business in the spotlight, connecting you with a diverse and engaged community. [Click here](#) for full sponsorship details.



Welcome Eazy Benefits to the Community Hub!



The Locally Connected Community Hub is thrilled to welcome John Ohorodnyk, Managing Director, Head of Benefits & Retirement at Eazy Benefits, as a new Associate Community Hub Partner.

Eazy Benefits is a leading Canadian group benefits consulting firm and a one-stop shop for employee group benefits and retirement programs. Their mission is simple: to make managing benefits and retirement plans effortless

for businesses through tailored solutions, strategic insights, and exceptional service that help organizations support employee well-being, attract top talent, and achieve their business goals.

You'll begin seeing John at a growing number of Community Hub meetups throughout 2026, and we encourage you to introduce yourself and learn more about how Eazy Benefits is helping businesses across Canada.

Please join us in giving John and the team at Eazy Benefits a warm welcome to the Locally Connected Community Hub!



Your Local Trusted Circle Starts Here

Establish Your Trusted Circle
Each month will spotlight professionals from different industries, giving attendees a relaxed and welcoming opportunity to connect, ask questions, and build their trusted circle.

<p>March</p>  <p>Electrician, Plumber, HVAC Technician, Property Services</p>	<p>April</p>  <p>Mortgage Specialist / Broker</p>	<p>May</p>  <p>Financial Advisor / Planner, Insurance Specialist</p>
<p>June</p>  <p>Mechanic, Automotive Service Professional</p>	<p>July</p>  <p>Lawyer (General, Family, Small Business)</p>	<p>August</p>  <p>Real Estate Professional</p>
<p>September</p>  <p>Accountant, Tax Professional</p>	<p>October</p>  <p>Health & Wellness Professional</p>	<p>November</p>  <p>Insurance Specialist</p>

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Everyone should have a Trusted Circle — a small group of go-to professionals you can rely on when it matters most.

These are the people who earn your trust over time through relationships, reliability, and genuine service. They're the professionals you want on speed dial — your banker, mortgage specialist or broker, lawyer, financial advisor, mechanic, and other trusted local experts who understand your needs and goals.

Building a Trusted Circle isn't about transactions — it's about connection. It's about knowing who to call, feeling supported, and keeping your time, energy, and resources local.

One of the best ways to grow your Trusted Circle is by participating in LCCHub meetups, where local professionals and community members connect face-to-face and build meaningful relationships.

Since it's April, this is a great opportunity to connect with and add a trusted Mortgage Specialist or Broker to your circle. Whether you're buying, refinancing, or simply planning ahead, these are relationships you'll be glad to have when the time comes. Be sure to RSVP to one of our April meetups and start building those connections.

Join the Movement: We're Building Something Special — With You

Locally Connected Community Hub

Volunteers Needed

- ✓ Community Outreach & Engagement Coordinator
- ✓ Sponsorship Coordinator
- ✓ Sports & Recreation Coordinator
- ✓ Volunteer Coordinator
- ✓ Youth Engagement Coordinator
- ✓ Elder Engagement Coordinator
- ✓ Marketing & Communications Assistant

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The Locally Connected Community Hub is growing... and we're on the lookout for passionate, community-minded individuals to help us take things to the next level.

Across all of our chapters, we're building a strong, energized volunteer team — people who care about connection, community, and making a real local impact. If that sounds like you (or someone you know), we'd love to hear from you.

We're currently recruiting for the following volunteer roles:

- Community Outreach & Engagement Coordinator
- Sponsorship Coordinator
- Sports & Recreation Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Youth Engagement Coordinator
- Elder Engagement Coordinator
- Marketing & Communications Assistant

Whether you're looking to give back, expand your network, build new skills, or be part of something meaningful — there's a place for you here.

This isn't just volunteering — it's about being part of a growing movement that's bringing people together across our communities.

Interested? [Click here](#) to complete our Volunteer Interest Form:

Let's continue building stronger, more connected communities — together.

Event Highlights



New Members

Cambridge Chapter

- Adrian Loates – SNG Electrical Services
- Ashley Gould – Cinis Marketing
- Bill Cody – Connie Cody, Member of Parliament
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- Harneet Kaur –
- Jordan Siroky – Siroky Studios
- Karen Ellah – SwagHive
- Kurt Hendricks –
- Luis Dizon – Differentiated Solutions
- Sheeba Alam – Aaxel Insurance
- Sheri Roberts – City of Cambridge
- Sonya Dhillon – Sonya Notary Public & Commissioner of Oaths/ Wedding Officant
- Andrea Mai –
- Evan Crossman –
- Lisa Olsen – M&T Printing Group Ltd
- Madeleine Ritchie – Hear Right Waterloo
- Prasad Narayanan

Eastbridge Chapter

- Andrea Mai
- Evan Crossman
- Lisa Olsen - M&T Printing Group Ltd
- Madeleine Ritchie - Hear Right Waterloo
- Prasad Narayanan

Kitchener-Waterloo Chapter

- Andrew Tse - McCarter Grespan Beynon Weir PC
- Azadeh Far
- Brian Olynyk - People Focused Coaching
- Charlène Le Duc - Le Duc
- Colin Lumb - Hardline Organizing Solutions
- David Edgeworth - Depth Training and Physiotherapy
- Douglas Brown - Manage2Retain
- Edwin Larin - Waterloo Regional Health Network Foundation
- George Ibrahim - Scotiabank
- Holger Fischer - Always Best Care senior services - Kitchener-Waterloo
- James Barr - Strata Research Ltd.
- Jen Alderdice - Ladylike Electric
- Jennifer Wincey - AdaptPath Consulting Services
- Jenny Hall
- John Ohorodnyk - Eazy Benefits
- Kayla Ginsler
- Kholoud Abdelhamid
- Nadine Hull
- Nathan Farrish - Depth Training and Physiotherapy
- Neeraja Shanker - The Narrative Pivot
- Nigel Brooke - Leadership in Life
- Paul Randhawa - McCarter Grespan Beynon Weir PC
- Philip Varghese
- Samuel Rustenburg - 323 Digital Productions
- Sandra Lindo
- Sean McDonald - Ventri Technologies
- Sean McDonald - Waterloo Garage Doors
- Syleder Hardy-Snyder - Experior Financial Group Inc.
- Trina Stewart

Guelph Chapter

- Megan Gauthier - Everworth Counselling Services
- Mike Barber - The hive
- Sarah Ahmad - Lady Labour Co.
- Stacey McDonald - Good Thanks Therapy
- Stacey McDonald - Stacey McDonald Virtual Assistant
- Stephanie Kulesha
- Terese Jakubowski - T&D Heating and Cooling

Niagara Region Chapter

- Benjamin Longval - Longval Landscaping
- Bruce Grigg - MicroAge Technology Services
- Chris Bradnam - Around The Corner Media Inc.
- Jeremy Popper - Poppers Plumbing & Mechanical
- Jillian Dowling - Ability Property Maintenance
- Rosa Larrondo - International Therapeutic Mass

Paris Area Chapter

- Reba Joy - Queer Joy Events

Stratford Area Chapter

- Ana Lyons - The Oxford School
- Barry Payne - What's OnLive Stratford
- Emily Branje - Facile Futures
- Nikketa Albrecht - Lumina Respite

Woolwich Chapter

- April March - April March Fitness

Member at Large

- Carrie Thomas - Nimbus HR Solutions Group Inc.
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- Dairy Queen Grill & Chill (King Street North)
- DT Shawarma (Bridge Street West)
- Eby Manor Golden Guernsey Dairy Market
- Enspire Dental Opportunities
- Freshco (University & Bridge)
- Gecko Websites
- Gemstone Entertainment
- Grand River Beauty Lounge
- Grand River Tanning Salon
- Greater Kitchener Waterloo Chamber of Commerce
- Hand & Stone - Guelph
- HiWay Flowers
- InArch Consultancy
- irisHR
- Jackie Lauer, Leadership Consulting & Coaching
- Lavish 387
- Les trois lys herbal clinic
- Meal in a Jar
- Morty's Pub
- OUR Community Dollar
- Pennzoil 10 Minute Oil Change
- Pharmasave - Carriage Crossing Pharmacy
- Red Swan Pizza (Northfield Drive)
- Renu Coaching
- ShineCo Cleaning
- St. Louis Bar & Grill
- Sugar Savvy Beauty Boutique
- The Poop Valet
- The Pickle Barrel (Conestoga Mall)
- ThunderStorm Snacks
- Ultimate Vision Web & IT Solutions
- Vasco Real Estate

- Hand & Stone - The Boardwalk
- HeitechSoft
- Vavoom Beauty
- Wally Parr Foods
- Waterloo Bike Shop

We look forward to seeing you at one of our many upcoming Meetups!
[Click here](#) to confirm your spot (if you haven't already)!

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