



## Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest 2019 Annual General Meeting

### **K-W Oktoberfest Inc. Annual General Meeting**

**DATE & TIME:** Tuesday, March 5, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Schwaben Club  
1668 King Street E., Kitchener

The year 2018 was both challenging and exciting for Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest. It marked the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ***Canada's Greatest Bavarian Festival*** and included unique Family & Cultural Events; exciting entertainment; new events and activities; ongoing enthusiastic participation in Festhallen; along with special celebrations to mark this important milestone. All this came together for Margo Jones, President of K-W Oktoberfest Inc., to oversee another successful Festival.

During the Annual General Meeting, Margo Jones will be reviewing the highlights of the 2018 Festival and ushering in the Board of Directors for 2019. The incoming president, Tim Beckett, will present his vision and direction for the 2019-2020 Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest Festivals.

Each media representative will be provided with a press kit containing copies of the remarks by Margo Jones and Tim Beckett, and lists of the 2019 Board of Directors and the Community Advisory Council.

Both Margo & Tim will be available after the Annual General Meeting to have direct interviews with the media.

#### New President Tim Beckett Bio:

Tim Beckett first came to Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest in 2007 when he was appointed to the Community Advisory Council, which he served on until 2014. Tim was elected to the Board of Directors in 2015 and served as the Director at Large. He has served as the 2nd Vice and 1st Vice presidents and in 2019 has become the President of KWO. Tim also serves as an active member of the KWO Experience Committee.

Tim's professional career spans 33 years in the fire service industry. He has spent time in various roles in Markham, Vaughan and Whitchurch-Stouffville. In 2005 he moved to Kitchener as a deputy Fire Chief and in 2007 was promoted to Fire Chief, a position he

held until July 2014. Since then, Tim has served as the Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Management for the City of Mississauga, in which he manages the overall strategic, financial and day to day operations of the department. He is also a past President of the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (2010-2012) and represented the Chief Officers of almost 462 fire departments across Ontario.

He holds a Bachelor degree in Public Administration from Ryerson University and is a graduate of the Ontario Fire College, Fire Protection Technology Diploma program.

Tim and his wife of almost 29 years Kathy continue to raise their family in the Waterloo Region. They have three children- Kevin (26) David (20) and Jayne (16) and a chocolate lab Jager. Members of the Schwaben Club, they as a family have learned and experienced their European roots. They are avid RV'ers, enjoying travel across Canada and throughout the United States.

### **About Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest**

Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest is Canada's Greatest Bavarian Festival. The not-for-profit organization was founded in 1969 by a group of volunteers committed to contributing to the social and economic vitality of Kitchener and Waterloo, Canada. Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest annually provides \$21.8 million of economic benefit to the community, while not-for-profit organizations associated with the festival raise funds each year for their causes. Hosted in the twin cities because of the strong German heritage, Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest celebrates German food, music, fashion, and more! The nine-day festival runs every October and is operated by six year-round full-time staff, over 450 volunteers, and 1,300 community and service club volunteers. Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest is one of the top three most recognized event brands in Canada. For more information visit [www.oktoberfest.ca](http://www.oktoberfest.ca).

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