



**Kawartha Credit Union celebrates the grand opening of their new branch in downtown Kingston's financial district**

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Today Kawartha Credit Union celebrated the grand opening of their new retail location at 155 Princess Street (the corner of Princess and Bagot Streets in the former Dover's location) in the heart of Kingston's financial district.

"We are very excited to further invest in the Kingston community with this new branch," said Robert Wellstood, Kawartha's Chief Executive Officer. "The new retail location offers Kawartha the opportunity to expand our operations and provide our competitive products and services to residents who live and work in Kingston's downtown core."

The member service team is led by Marrienne Hawkins, who has managed Kawartha's 850 Princess Street branch and the former HealthCare branch in Hotel Dieu Hospital. Under Marrienne's expert leadership, the 155 Princess Street location will provide service excellence, convenience and accessibility through:

- A unique branch environment, including cash, wealth management and lending services in a private office setting
- Professional, knowledgeable staff to meet all of your financial needs
- Two 24 hour DING FREE ATMs
- Commercial services
- Convenient hours: (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday; 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday; and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday)

"We look forward to serving the Kingston community at this convenient new location in the downtown core, and we welcome residents and businesses who are looking for a locally-focused financial services provider," adds Wellstood.

#### **About Kawartha Credit Union**

Kawartha serves over 50,000 members from Cornwall to Parry Sound through a network of 25 branches, a Contact Centre, mobile representatives, online, telephone and mobile banking, and through access to The Exchange® Network of thousands of no-fee ATMs in Canada. With more than 60 years of banking history, Kawartha delivers a full range of needs-based financial services, solutions, and advice tailored to each member. Our dedicated and engaged employees are committed to providing exceptional service, to treating members fairly, and to exceeding expectations by delivering proactive, expert advice and quick local decision making.

Supporting the well-being of the communities we serve is one of Kawartha's guiding principles. Since 1998, we have donated over \$2 million and countless volunteer hours to health, education, youth and environmental causes through our Community Involvement Program.

One of the many benefits of membership at Kawartha is our exclusive Affinity Share Program. The more business members do with us, the more they are rewarded with Affinity Shares. This program



is Kawartha's way of saying "thank you" for choosing us for all of your banking needs. Cumulatively, Kawartha has distributed \$10.5 million in profits back to members in the form of Affinity Shares over the seven years this program has been running.

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