

**Hamilton Roundtable on Poverty Reduction**  
**APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**May 24, 2006**

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Mark Chamberlain, Chair of the Advisory Committee, is pleased to announce the **appointment of Liz Weaver as Director for the Hamilton Roundtable on Poverty Reduction, effective June 19, 2006**. A special thank you to Paul Johnson and the Board of Wesley Urban Ministries, who have supported the first phase of the Hamilton Roundtable on Poverty Reduction through a secondment of Paul as Director to the initiative. This appointment comes at an important transition point for the Roundtable, which will be launching its action development phase over the next several months.

Liz brings a wealth of community-based experience, knowledge and leadership to this position. Liz was most recently the Chief Executive Officer of YWCA Hamilton, an innovative service organization supporting individuals through health and wellness programs for women, families, seniors, and people with special needs. Locally, the organization serves 60,000 members and clients annually.

Prior to that, Liz provided leadership to Volunteer Hamilton, Bay Area Leadership and Volunteer Canada and was instrumental in writing and designing a number of resources including the *Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement* and the *Volunteer Management Audit*, which have been circulated widely to organizations across Canada.

Liz volunteers on a variety of community-based boards and committees, including the City of Hamilton Status of Women Committee and Bay Area Leadership, where she was the community catalyst bringing together leaders from business, government and the community sectors in the formative years of this initiative. She continues this involvement as a Senior Program Facilitator and has presented at international conferences about the unique Bay Area Leadership approach to curriculum design and evaluation.

In 2002, Liz completed a Masters of Management for National Voluntary Sector Leaders through McGill University and her thesis 'Storytelling and the Voluntary Sector' was accepted for publication. Liz was awarded a Queen's Jubilee Medal in 2002 for her leadership in the voluntary sector, was an Athena Award finalist and in 2004 was awarded the Women in the Workplace award from the City of Hamilton.

Liz brings to the position of Program Director for the Hamilton Roundtable on Poverty Reduction a passion for the community and a commitment to working collaboratively with community partners, leaders and stakeholders.

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