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County of Brant Mayor David Bailey Awarded the Economic Developers Council of Ontario Community Influencer Award

County of Brant, ON – On February 17, 2021, County of Brant’s Mayor David Bailey was presented the “Community Influencer of the Year” award from the Economic Developers Council of Ontario (EDCO).

This award recognizes an elected official that has ‘made a significant impact on their peers, the industry of Economic Development, their community and overall influence of economic development’.

“I am so pleased to be recognized. We share a strong, resilient and charming community where people and businesses thrive. It is my honour to lead and represent the County of Brant,” said Mayor David Bailey. “EDCO does a wonderful job to advance economic development in municipalities and foster economic prosperity in Ontario. Thank you for your hard work year over year.”

EDCO is the provincial organization that represents Economic Development in Ontario. Hosted virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the award announcements were made during the 64th Annual Conference. EDCO’s membership encompasses over 1,100 members and is Canada’s largest professional economic development association.

“The Economic Developers Council of Ontario recognizes excellence in economic development initiatives and leaders from Ontario communities,” said Lidy Romanuk, 2021 President of EDCO. “The announcement celebrates winning communities of all sizes for a variety of economic development projects. The County of Brant’s Mayor David Bailey has been a champion for local businesses throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and is an ambassador for businesses in Brant. He serves on several Board of Directors for both local and regional groups that contribute to the economic success of Brant. It is our pleasure to acknowledge Mayor Bailey as this year’s Community Influencer.”

Despite the ongoing pandemic, the County of Brant continues to be an attractive destination for new businesses and has an excellent business retention rate.

A complete list of 2020 award recipients can be found on the EDCO website at www.edco.on.ca after February 24, 2021.

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