



Letter From The *President*

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Looking back on the past few years, it is incredible to think that we have made it through some of the most difficult times our profession has ever faced. The COVID-19 pandemic has most certainly taught us to value the things that we may have once taken for granted. Despite the challenges faced during the pandemic, our Halton-Peel Dental Association (HPDA) has stayed strong and remained a beacon of connectiveness and collegiality within our community where we all felt safe weathering the storm together; a place where we could share ideas on how to manage our fears in uncertain times. The HPDA has always remained true to our goals of providing quality continuing dental education, being a voice for our members, improving our profession and the oral health of our community, engaging with each other and our community, and supporting one another.

We are all in this profession together, and I invite you to **continue your journey in dentistry along with us by renewing your HPDA membership** or joining as a new member. You can complete this online at www.hpda.ca. We are excited to be offering a continuing education program this year filled with engaging, knowledgeable, and relatable speakers who will be providing high-level information which you can use in your everyday practice. Topics will include: endodontics, ethics, prosthetic complication management, the history and science of clear aligner therapy, business-related knowledge (HR, operations/efficiency, and investing) and peri-implant disease diagnosis, just to name a few. In addition, our social events are not to be missed! This year we are excited to have three social events: our annual Gala, Hockley Valley ski and spa day, and our end-of-year summer social. Combine all of this with some outstanding dinners and amazing people at spectacular venues and you have a recipe for a memorable 2023-2024!

Looking forward to seeing you all at our first event on Thursday, Sept. 14th, 2023! (Hyatt Place Toronto/Mississauga Centre, 5787 Hurontario Street, Mississauga)

Stronger together, **better together.**

Sincerely,

James Tonogai

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HPDA President 2023/2024

