

## **Millier Dickinson Blais Welcomes New Consultant**

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Millier Dickinson Blais, Canada's largest economic development specialist consultancy, is pleased to announce that Darren Shock has recently joined us as the newest member of our team. Darren will be working as a consultant out of our Hamilton office.

Darren has completed a Bachelor of Environmental Studies in Planning at the University of Waterloo, where he also received a Diploma of Excellence in Geographic Information Systems.

After completing his B.E.S., Darren gained hands-on municipal experience as an Economic Development Researcher with the City of Barrie's Economic Development Office. Prior to joining Millier Dickinson Blais, Darren worked as a junior planner at Armstrong Hunter & Associates in Hamilton.

"Darren's education and practical experience in municipal economic development and planning are an asset to our team. We are sure he will make a valuable contribution to the work we do for our clients" said Brock Dickinson, Partner at Millier Dickinson Blais.

Darren is originally from Hamilton and is currently living in the city.

### About Millier Dickinson Blais

As the largest economic development specialist consultancy in Canada, Millier Dickinson Blais offers team-based solutions that maximize economic development opportunity. The firm's partners and staff combine practical, hands-on knowledge gained in the field with a solid understanding of theory and best practice to create customized and targeted community economic development strategies that meet the realities of a changing economy.

Millier Dickinson Blais is active in the economic development community and is committed to supporting the growth of this field through its involvement in professional bodies and training programs, and by promoting dialogue about emerging ideas and issues in the broader Canadian economy.