

It's Time for a Change!

New Location & New Dates Established for 2016 OABA Annual Meeting & Convention Mark Your Calendar!

After several months of careful consideration, the Association has formally bid a fond farewell to the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in downtown Toronto as the host location for OABA's Annual Meeting & Convention.

The OABA Board of Directors is very pleased to announce that the 2016 OABA Annual Meeting & Convention is being re-located to the **Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale Hotel** (Mississauga Road just south of the 401). With this re-location also comes a shift in dates – the 2016 OABA Convention will start on the afternoon of **Wednesday, December 7th** and will wrap up on the morning of **Thursday, December 8th**. Please note the change in days/dates.

In making the decision to re-locate this OABA event, careful consideration was given to the cost structure, accessibility and overall member value associated with maintaining this event in a downtown Toronto location. From an overall “value for money” perspective, OABA's analysis of various hotel properties identified significant opportunities to relocate the annual meeting and convention away from the downtown Toronto core – overnight guestroom costs are less with internet included; hotel vehicle parking is less, and; hotel food and beverage is less. The fact that the conference facilities at the Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale will nicely fit the size and structure of our event helped to finalize the OABA decision.

Since the mid 1970's, the Royal York Hotel has been the host hotel for this association meeting. Many things have changed over the past 40+ years, and OABA has had many great conventions at the Royal York. As the size and format of our event has evolved, the Royal York Hotel has become less of a “good fit” for our convention. In making the decision to re-locate, the OABA Board of Directors is very excited with the opportunity to start OABA's next convention tradition at the Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale.

It should be noted that, while the Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale Hotel is not readily accessible by train, it is readily accessible by car from all directions via major highways... and vehicle parking for OABA delegates has been negotiated at a rate of \$8 per day! Delegate travel will no longer be restricted by train schedules, rush hour traffic congestion or construction on the Gardiner Expressway – it is hoped that this new location will allow delegates more freedom to travel under their own schedules.

OABA's block of guestroom rooms for the 2016 Annual Meeting & Convention have already been set aside at the Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale Hotel – we encourage all members to reserve your guestrooms early – please [click here](#) to make your overnight reservations and take advantage of the OABA convention rate of \$162 per night!

**2016 OABA Annual Meeting & Convention
December 7 & 8, 2016
Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale**

We Hope to See You There!