

NEWSLETTER: 30 Years of EAKW

Bringing together Ethiopians and
Ethiopian Canadians in Waterloo Region
since 1995

Celebrate cultural heritage, foster a sense of belonging, equip and strengthen the community

**This year, the Ethiopian Association of
Kitchener and Waterloo & surrounding
areas is celebrating three decades of
community!**

This year, the Ethiopian Association of Kitchener and Waterloo (EAKW) is celebrating its 30th-year-anniversary.

What began in the mid-1990s as a small, volunteer-run initiative has grown to be a home-away-from-home for thousands of Ethiopians in the region.

For 30 years now, EAKW has been a place to gather, celebrate, and support one another while navigating life in Canada.

Beth Daniel, EAKW's sitting board chair said that despite the many "ups and downs" that the community association has faced over the years, it was able to persevere and celebrate an important milestone.

Daniel has been a board member since 2021 and stepped in to the chair role in December 2023. She credits the community's resilience and its commitment as the reason the community association has reached its 30-year-milestone.

SINCE 1995

In this newsletter

30 years of
EAKW

Message from
the mayor

Youth and adult
soccer

History of the
Association

Volunteer
Highlights &
Awards

Adwa Feature &
more!



For most of its history, EAKW was entirely volunteer led, with board members juggling events, newcomer support, and programs along their personal and professional responsibilities.



"These events may look like just parties or celebrations," Beth Daniel said, "But in our culture, they're where knowledge is exchanged. We're an oral culture. People come, connect, share information. It's more than fun, it's healing." That sense of belonging, she added, is an important lifeline for newcomers navigating Canadian life.



"Imagine meeting someone who understands you without you even having to explain. That's what these spaces create a feeling of being seen and understood."

Sisay Shega

Celebrating 30 Years of Community: EAKW Marks a Milestone

In July 2025, the association entered a new era of management by hiring its first-ever executive director, Sisay Shega.

For Shega, the role feels like "a journey back home."

He describes long carrying a sense of responsibility to give back after building his academic career.

"When you are in a foreign land, you always feel that pull back to your community," he said. "This opportunity fulfills that longing I've carried."

His first months have focused on listening, building trust, and setting a vision. His goals are to preserve the volunteer spirit that has sustained the community for three decades.

"It's a fine balance," Shega said. "We're not becoming a corporate institution. Structure protects the community and helps us access resources, but volunteerism and community involvement will always be at the center."

Why establishing structure matters

Daniel agrees that Shega's hiring marks a turning point. She recalls years when the association struggled due to a shortage of volunteers and little succession plan. Since 2020, when new funding opportunities opened for Black-led organizations, the board has worked to build capacity, Daniel said.

"We realized this can't be done by volunteers alone," Daniel said. "People have families, jobs, and responsibilities. Having someone dedicated to leading makes a difference."

Still, volunteering remains at the heart of EAKW. Annual gatherings such as the Adwa commemoration in March, Ethiopian New Year in September, soccer drop-ins, coffee ceremonies, and group hikes are mostly volunteer-driven.

Looking ahead: office space & the next generation

Moreover, noting the lack of a physical office, Shega said this has been a major barrier for the community.

“There are more than 10,000 Ethiopian community members in Kitchener-Waterloo, but only a fraction are engaged with the association,” Shega said.

“Without space, engagement is limited. An office would allow us to provide consistent opportunities for connection and growth.”

Shega says acquiring an office space for the community is one of his goals.

He also hopes to expand programs that address practical challenges such as employment and mental health support. “Engagement alone isn’t enough,” he said.

“We need to help people find jobs, build networks, and access resources so they can thrive.”



As the EAKW looks ahead to its next 30 years, both sitting board chair Beth Daniel and executive director Sisay Shega agree that the community’s future depends on strong leadership, accountability, and the active involvement of its younger generation.

“We need leaders,” Daniel said. “Leaders who are accountable, who have integrity, who see opportunities and aren’t afraid to advocate for their community.”

For her, this also means moving beyond “survival mode.” The constant demands of migration and the ongoing crisis in Ethiopia often keeps the community focused on immediate needs.

“The worst thing that can happen is your identity being taken away,” she said.

“That’s why telling our stories, living our culture, and passing it on matters so much. With structure, leadership, and accountability, we can move from survival to thriving.”

“That’s the legacy we want to build.”

“Ethiopian Canadians can fully celebrate their culture and identity, including our hospitality, humour, shared meals (gursha)... without fear of losing it.”

Beth Daniel

30 years! A Congradulatory message from the Mayor of Kitchener!



Mayor Berry Vrbanovic of the City of Kitchener shared a heartfelt message of congratulations, highlighting the association's role in fostering unity, culture, and resilience. Photo Credit Global News.

“

Congratulations to the Ethiopian Association of Kitchener-Waterloo on reaching an incredible milestone—30 years of dedicated service to the Ethiopian community! This anniversary marks three decades of fostering unity, celebrating culture, and empowering generations through education and meaningful events. From hosting vibrant cultural festivals to providing a welcoming gathering place for newcomers and long-time residents alike, your unwavering commitment has enriched the social fabric of the region. Your legacy is one of resilience, pride, and community spirit, and this celebration is a testament to the impact you've made and the bright future ahead. Here's to many more years of connection, celebration, and service!



There's a soccer team for everyone

What began as one parent's effort to get Ethiopian kids in Kitchener-Waterloo playing soccer has grown into a vibrant community team that now brings together children, youth, and families from across the region.

"Back in 2007, I started volunteering as a parent coach with the Kitchener Soccer Club while supporting my son's team," recalls Denny, the founder of KW Abyssinia Soccer (KWAS).

"After a few years, I realized that very few Ethiopian kids were playing in organized soccer. That's when I decided to gather our kids in the region and start weekly practices. Parents showed a lot of interest, and soon even the older youth began joining us on weekends."

By the time COVID hit, the team had formally come together under the name KW Abyssinia. Even then, the group stayed strong.

With the support of the Ethiopian Association, they were able to rent indoor fields to ensure that children and youth had a safe space not just to play, but to stay connected during difficult times.

"I remember the day we had over 50 children come out at once to play; it showed just how much interest and excitement there is in our community," he says.

"Over the years, many of the children who began with us went on to join soccer academies, and a few are now playing for colleges as well. These youngsters continue to amaze us and make the community proud."

The program has also built bridges with other communities, hosting successful friendly matches with African teams locally and in Toronto. Beyond competition, these games have sparked friendships that go well beyond the soccer pitch.



More than a game

For Denny, soccer isn't just about sports alone, it's about culture, health, and belonging. "Soccer is part of our culture. Bringing kids together around this game helps them physically, mentally, and socially," explains the coach.

"It builds confidence, keeps them motivated, and gives them healthier routines. Playing soccer also means less screen time and more exercise—something every parent wants for their children."

He adds that parents and the broader community play an essential role in keeping programs like this alive. "This kind of work cannot be done by just one or two people. We need everyone, whether through financial support, volunteering, or simply being a voice for our local sports team."

While many boys have joined, he hopes to see more girls taking part. "When they come together, they don't just play soccer—they build strong, lasting friendships that carry beyond the field."

"To celebrate, we're hosting a soccer tournament," he said. One highlight will be the upcoming tournament on September 13 from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM at the Kitchener Portuguese Club.

The day will feature games for children of all ages, a recreation TENA team match, and a final showdown between KW Abyssinia Soccer and Toronto Walia.

"We invite everyone to come out, cheer, and enjoy a fun day of community spirit."

More than a game

Abel Adgo, captain and cofounder of the KW Tena soccer team, said the group first formed in June 2022 to bridge an age gap in local soccer.

"We started the official team for everybody," he explained, adding that the team began through the local Kidanemihiret church.

After a few months operating under the church, the soccer team expanded to include the wider Kitchener-Waterloo community through a partnership with the Ethiopian Association of Kitchener and Waterloo.

"We started as a small group from church with maybe 12 to 15 members," Adgo said. "Now, we grew the team to 65 team members and then we have active players of 35 to 40 players. And that's a really big change over the years and I'm happy to be a part of it."

Everyone who enjoys soccer is welcome, Adgo noted, but priority is given to players aged 25 to 30 and older, since demand from that age group is growing. He explained that the age restriction complements the already established KW Abyssinia soccer team, which focuses on youth around 18 years old.

The KW Tena team meets at least once a week, with plans to increase to twice weekly on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Adgo said he admires the dedication of the players:

"Every week, you're showing up and you're dedicated. No matter if the weather is good or bad, we make it out."

The team plays year-round, dividing activities into two seasons. In the winter, they use the indoor Cambridge Dome soccer field, while in the summer they play on natural grass fields across the KW area.

For me, it's crucial to do this kind of activity," Adgo said. "You can engage with a lot of different people. You can have a lot of friends. It's nice to give back what you got from the community."

His motivation to start the team came from both his love for soccer—something he has enjoyed since childhood—and his desire to serve his community.

Team member Abel added that most players had once stepped away from the game but rediscovered their passion. "Everyone on the team 'retired' from soccer at one point in their lives," he said. "But most of them want to keep playing because they love soccer."

The team's name, Tena, means "health" in Amharic. Abel said the name reflects the team's mission: helping older adults stay active and healthy while enjoying the game they love, despite societal assumptions about age and fitness.



Abel Adogo

Looking Back: From Survival to Strength: The Story of EAKW's 30-Year Journey

When Abebe Abate first arrived in Kitchener in 1992 to settle in Canada, the Ethiopian community in the region was small—no more than 40 people. A few like-minded individuals, including Negash Mekuria, Asrat Meskel, Meared Reta, and Denekew Aschenaki, recognized the need for a formal support system for newcomers. In 1995, with a monetary support from Debbie King, the Ethiopian Association of Kitchener-Waterloo and surrounding areas (EAKW) was officially incorporated.

At the time, communication was far from easy. There were no cell phones, and the community relied on a bulky 286-model computer owned by Negash to type ads. These were delivered by hand to 33 households. Only three families initially replied, but when invited to a meeting, 16 people showed up—enough to establish what has now become a cornerstone of the Ethiopian community in the region.

Debbie King not only contributed financially but also supported the drafting of the Association's original bylaws. In its early years, EAKW focused on helping newcomers integrate into Canadian society.

From 1995 to 2009, the Association was led by many dedicated board members. But challenges emerged, and between 2011 and 2017 the Association was inactive.

In 2017, Abebe, together with other community members, revived the Association. By 2019, veterans like Denekew (Denny) Aschenaki were back on the board, bringing their passion and experience.

“One of the biggest challenges of the Association has been that people need services but are often hesitant to attend meetings,” reflects Abebe. “But if you ask me what our greatest strength is, it's survival. We went through so much without meaningful funding, and it was volunteers who kept us alive.”

For Abebe, volunteerism is about sacrifice: “When you are volunteering, you are sharing your family time with the community.” He also strongly believes in continuing the Amharic language program so Ethiopian children can stay connected to their culture and identity while building friendships.

Denekew, who has been active in the Association for nearly three decades, remains committed to coaching the Abyssinia soccer team and supporting fellow Ethiopians. “Community work is not easy,” he says, “but there's no other way to support one another in an organized way.”



Abebe Abate, first founded the Ethiopian Association of Kitchener and Waterloo 1995

Today, both Abebe and Deneke are hopeful. With EAKW now having its first-ever Executive Director and additional staff on the way, they believe the Association is ready to move from simply surviving to truly thriving. Their vision is for the Ethiopian community in Kitchener-Waterloo to continue enjoying its culture, connection, and shared resources for generations to come.

1992

Abebe Abate arrives in Kitchener to pursue a master's degree.

1995

EAKW is officially incorporated with \$

2011-2017

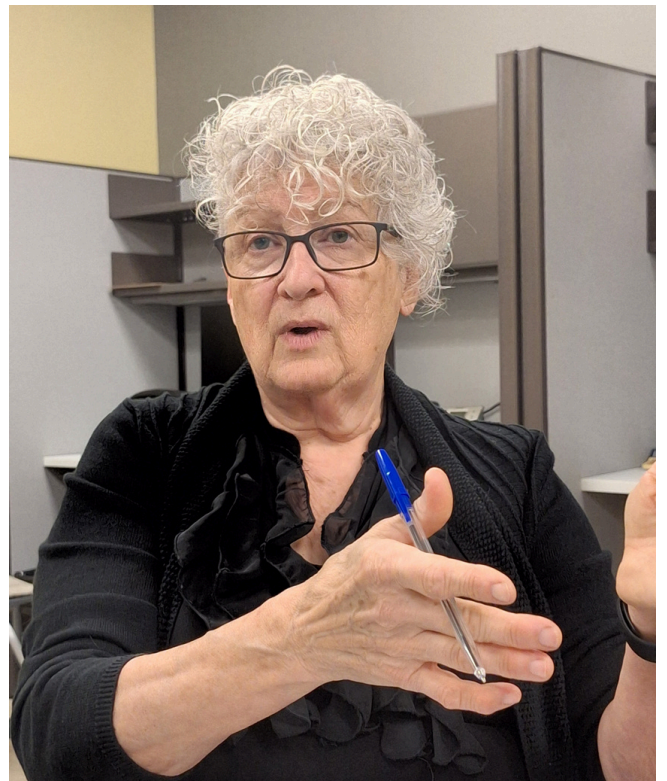
EAKW is inactive

2017

Abebe and other community members revive the Association

2023

EAKW has its first-ever Executive Director and additional staff on the way



Debbie King not only contributed financially to support the drafting of the Association's original bylaws. In its early years, EAKW focused on helping newcomers integrate into Canadian society.

Congratulations to Our Fall 2025 Scholarship Winner - Nebyou Wubet!

The Ethiopian Association of Kitchener-Waterloo and Surrounding Areas (EAKW) is proud to announce Nebyou Wubet as the recipient of the Fall 2025 EAKW Scholarship Award.

Nebyou distinguished himself through exceptional academic achievement, serving as Valedictorian at Resurrection Catholic Secondary School, his leadership within the Ethiopian community, and his commitment to preserving Ethiopian culture and identity.

Beyond his school accomplishments, Nebyou has made meaningful contributions to the broader Waterloo Region through volunteering at school and local events, demonstrating responsibility, dedication, and leadership.

In his inspiring scholarship essay, he shared his vision of pursuing Health Sciences at the University of Waterloo, continuing on to medical school, and serving underserved communities with compassion, cultural sensitivity, and excellence.

This award celebrates not only Nebyou's past achievements but also his bright potential to positively impact both the Ethiopian community and society at large.

Please join us in congratulating Nebyou on his outstanding accomplishments and promising future!



Congratulations



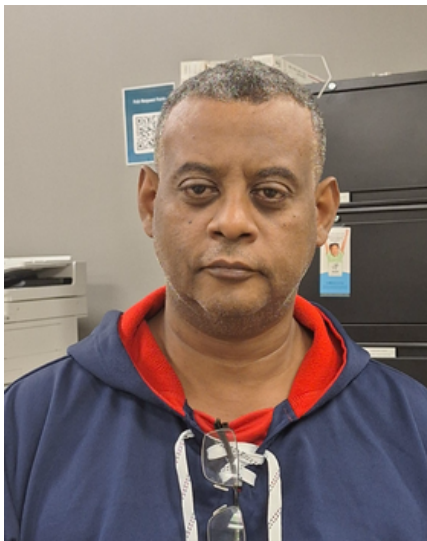
A Huge Thank You to our dedicated volunteers!

Volunteers are the backbone of our community. We would like to take a moment to acknowledge their time and dedication to the Ethiopian Association of Kitchener-Waterloo and surrounding areas.



Fitsum Tiruneh

A results-oriented and hardworking volunteer, Fitsum Tiruneh is recognized for her ability to manage and support people in both formal and informal ways. Her passion for volunteerism has followed her across several countries where she lived, always finding ways to help fellow Ethiopians build stronger connections and thrive in their communities.



Getachew Mekuria

Known as an all-rounded volunteer, Getachew Mekuria has a unique gift for making life, events, and activities less challenging for others. His steady presence and willingness to step in wherever needed make him a pillar of strength and reliability in our community.

Addisu Meshesha

As a veteran journalist and long-time volunteer, Addisu Mesheha embodies the spirit of service. His deep sense of community is reflected both in church life and in broader community activities, where his voice, skills, and leadership have left a lasting mark.



Admas Mekuria

An action-driven and detail-oriented volunteer, she is deeply concerned about the wellbeing of her community. Often working quietly in the background, she ensures that programs and activities run smoothly, showing that true leadership is sometimes best expressed through consistent, behind-the-scenes dedication.



Deneke Aschenaki (Denny)

Denny is a lifetime volunteer whose dedication has won the hearts and minds of everyone he serves. With a passion for working with all age groups, and especially young people, he has built bridges across generations and inspired others to give back with the same energy and love.



Bezaye Kebede

Strong-willed and outspoken, Bezaye Kebede is a volunteer who expresses her thoughts clearly while also being open to feedback. Her courage, honesty, and collaborative spirit have enriched our volunteer circle and strengthened the bonds within our community.



Yemariam Mulugeta

As a young and promising volunteer, Yemariam Mulugeta is setting an example for her peers on what it truly means to serve one's community. Her enthusiasm and commitment reflect the bright future of community leadership among the next generation.



Mebba Wubette

With a positive attitude toward life and a willingness to serve, Mebba Wubette contributes with humility and leadership capacity. As a young volunteer, he actively supports both the church and the community, demonstrating obedience, responsibility, and promise for greater leadership ahead.



Betelhem Woldetensay

Though relatively quiet by nature, Betelhem Woldetensay is always ready to take on tasks assigned by the community. Known for her punctuality and reliability, she demonstrates that meaningful volunteerism comes not from words but from consistent action and steady dedication.

Meaza Kebede

With a strong sense of community, Meaza Kebede exemplifies generosity and teamwork. Always open to contributing alongside her entire family, she is admired for her kindness, collaborative nature, and the joy she brings to community service.



Rahel Amare

A recent addition to our volunteer circle, Rahel Amare brings high caliber and fresh energy to the community. Dedicated to supporting in every possible way, she has quickly become an invaluable part of our volunteer team, reinforcing the tradition of service that defines our Association.

Ethiopia's triumph over colonial forces continues to inspire generations at home and abroad.



Why Adwa Matters

- **A Symbol of Victory**

The Battle of Adwa (1896) was a decisive victory where Ethiopian forces defeated Italian colonial invaders, making Ethiopia one of the few African nations to successfully resist colonization.

- **A Lesson for the Next Generation**

Adwa is not just a historical event — it is a reminder of resilience, unity, and self-determination, values that Ethiopian-Canadians like Zinash want to pass to their children.

- **More Than a Celebration**

Adwa celebrations in Kitchener-Waterloo are one drama, music, storytelling and build pride and cultural identity among Ethiopian youth in the diaspora.

- **A Modern Parallel**

Zinash planting trees near a Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam—often called a “second Adwa”—is a way of connecting the past with

What is Adwa?

The Battle of Adwa, fought on March 1, 1896, was a defining moment in Ethiopian and African history. Ethiopian forces, led by Emperor Menelik II and Empress Taytu, defeated the Italian army, stopping colonial expansion and securing Ethiopia's independence at a time when most of Africa was under European rule. Adwa is celebrated not only as a military victory, but as a symbol of unity, resilience, and self-determination. For Ethiopians, it is a powerful reminder that our history is of strength and triumph.

Keeping Adwa Alive: Zinash Admasu Inspires Ethiopian Pride in Kitchener-Waterloo



For Zinash Admasu, Ethiopianism is not an abstract idea — it is a spirit that has simmered in her blood since birth. Born in Wolaita Sodo, Zinash grew up moving across different regions of Ethiopia — Illubabor: Metu, Gore and Finally Addis Ababa — following her father, a dedicated civil servant whose work was nothing short of service to Ethiopia.

“I grew up in a family who valued the love of Ethiopia above everything else,” Zinash recalls.

Sports and the arts were central to her childhood, shaping her worldview and deepening her connection to her country. She still remembers her father’s words, a piece of advice that has stayed with her to this day:

“Take nothing from your country, rather provide what your country needs.”

This guiding principle traveled with Zinash across continents and found its home in Kitchener, where her passion for Ethiopia found new expression. She was determined to give back to the sons and daughters of Ethiopia in the diaspora, especially young people who were born and raised in Canada. Through theatrical drama, Zinash has been staging the story of Adwa — Ethiopia’s legendary victory over colonial invaders in 1896 and 1936 — since 2020, with uninterrupted annual performances.

“

Her mission is not simply to entertain but to educate and inspire.

“Canadian-born Ethiopians need to understand the spiritual feeling of what it means to be Ethiopian,” she says, her voice breaking and tears forming as she speaks of her beloved country. “These young people have a history and a country they can be proud of. Nothing and nobody can take that away from them.”

While training youth for stage productions demands time and financial resources, Zinash remains unwavering in her commitment. Her passion has attracted others who share her vision, including Addisu Mesheha, a veteran journalist and former Ethiopian Television professional. “You cannot negotiate Ethiopianism,” Addisu affirms. “It is the foundation we must embrace and pass to the next generation.”

Addisu and his family have joined Zinash in staging the Adwa drama, and their efforts have transformed the event into one of the community’s most anticipated annual celebrations. What started with hesitation and modest attendance has now grown into a sold-out production every year.

But Zinash’s patriotism does not stop at the stage. She has also personally contributed to Ethiopia’s future by planting over 45,000 trees near the recently inaugurated Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) - a project widely celebrated as a “second Adwa” in its symbolism of resilience and national pride.

For Zinash and Addisu, celebrating Adwa is not merely a cultural event - it is a responsibility. Together, they remind the Ethiopian community in Kitchener-Waterloo and beyond that Ethiopianism is a heritage worth preserving, a history worth teaching, and a spirit worth living every single day.



“Guiding the Next Chapter: Liben Gebremichael’s Role in EAKW’s Leadership Transition”



Pictured: Liben Gebremichael, CEO of Taibu Community Health Centre, has been instrumental in guiding the Ethiopian Association of Kitchener-Waterloo through its leadership transition.”

As the Ethiopian Association of Kitchener-Waterloo (EAKW) marks its 30th anniversary this year, the milestone is supported by community members that have helped the organization grow.

Among its recent allies is Liben Gebremichael, CEO of the Taibu Community Health Centre in Toronto, whose guidance has been pivotal during EAKW’s leadership transition.

In his day-to-day work at Taibu, Gebremichael oversees a health centre dedicated to addressing systemic barriers faced by Black communities in the Greater Toronto Area.

“We provide primary care, health prevention, health promotion, and other community engagement processes, including capacity building for individuals, but also for organizations,” he explained.

Gebremichael was introduced to the Ethiopian Association of KW about a year and a half ago through connections with board members.

“We met at an event, and we had a chat and then they shared where the board was and what the plan was for the board in terms of their journey and capacity building,” he recalled.

Recognizing a need, he began sharing resources on board governance and organizational growth work that aligns with both Taibu’s mission and his personal commitment “to build the capacity of Ethiopian and Eritrean communities.”

The partnership quickly developed into hands-on support.

“We did a board capacity training for the board, identifying and clarifying the roles and responsibilities of boards and board of directors, the need for policies and systems and structures to be put in place to lead an effective board,” he said.

Celebrating the Roots of EAKW: 30 Years of Community, Growth, and Legacy 🌟

Form 2
Corporations
Act
Formule 2
Lettres patentes
moraux

1128555

LETTRES PATENTES
This application certifies the charter of the corporation, which is issued by the Registrar of Companies on the date of the filing of the charter.

JUNE 20 JUN, 1995

Ministre de la Consommation et du Commerce
La Ministre de la Consommation et du Commerce

APPLICATION FOR INCORPORATION OF A CORPORATION WITHOUT SHARE CAPITAL
REQUÊTE EN CONSTITUTION D'UNE PERSONNE MORALE SANS CAPITAL ACTIONS

1. The name of the corporation is/Dénomination sociale de la personne morale :
THE ETHIOPIAN ASSOCIATION OF KITCHENER-WATERLOO & SURROUNDING AREA

2. The address of the head office of the corporation is/Adresse du siège social:
25 Frederick Street, Market Square, Lower Level, Kitchener
(Street & No., or R.R. No., or Lot & Concession No., or Lot & Plan No., Post Office Box No., not acceptable, if Multi-Office Building give Room No.)
(Rue et numéro, ou R.R. et numéro, ou numéro de lot et de concession, ou numéro de lot et de plan, numéro de boîte postale, inacceptable, s'il s'agit d'un édifice à bureaux, numéro du bureau)
Regional Municipality of Waterloo N2H 6M8
(Name of Municipality) (Nom de la municipalité) (Postal Code/Code postal)

3. The applicants who are to be the first directors of the corporation are:
Requérants appelés à devenir les premiers administrateurs de la personne morale :

Name in full, including all first, middle names Nom et prénoms au complet	Residence address, giving Street & No., or R.R. No., or Lot & Concession No., or Lot & Plan No., and Postal Code (Post Office Box No. not acceptable) Adresse personnelle y compris la rue et le numéro ou la R.R. et le numéro, ou le numéro de lot et de concession, ou le numéro de lot et de plan, ainsi que le code postal (Numéro de boîte postale inacceptable)	
Antewbitcha Awlatchew Dejene	35-B David Street Kitchener, Ontario	N2G 4X7
Raied Abdulla Abdurabo	111 Madison Avenue #9 Kitchener, Ontario	N2G 3M4
Ginet Belete Belayneh	29 Brick Street Kitchener, Ontario	N2H 3L2
Abebe Chokole Abate	250 Chandler Drive #78 Kitchener, Ontario	N2E 3J9
Addis Alene Hailu	250 Chandler Drive #6 Kitchener, Ontario	N2E 1H3
Megash Maryo Mekuria	137 University Avenue West Waterloo, Ontario	N2L 3E6
Wassie Ayalew Mulugeta	355 Frederick Street Kitchener, Ontario	N2P 2P1

07109 (04/94)

Thirty years marks the age of adulthood—a time of maturity, responsibility, and vision for the future. In the same way, our association has reached this milestone by standing on the foundation laid three decades ago.

Every great journey begins with a single step. For the Ethiopian Association of Kitchener-Waterloo, that step was taken in the early 1990s, when a small group of dedicated volunteers, guided by compassion and a shared commitment to community, came together. Their vision was simple yet powerful: to create a place where Ethiopian culture, identity, and mutual support could thrive in our new home.

From those first humble gatherings, captured in handwritten notes and signed meeting documents, the idea of EAKW began to take shape.

Today, as we celebrate 30 years, we honor the sacrifices and dedication of those pioneers who sowed the first seeds of EAKW. Their courage and foresight gave us the community we have today.

But the question we ask now is: What will the next 30 years bring? The answer lies in the hands of our young generation. It is their energy, creativity, and leadership that will shape the future of our Association.

Let us celebrate the past, cherish the present, and look forward to a bright future---together.

The first meeting of Ethiopian Community 4/10/94

1990

Name	Address	Phone
Antewbitcha Awlatchew Dejene	35-B David Street Kitchener, Ontario	578-5393
Raied Abdulla Abdurabo	111 Madison Avenue #9 Kitchener, Ontario	725-4870
Ginet Belete Belayneh	29 Brick Street Kitchener, Ontario	897-5418
Abebe Chokole Abate	250 Chandler Drive #78 Kitchener, Ontario	745-3025
Addis Alene Hailu	250 Chandler Drive #6 Kitchener, Ontario	893-4958
Megash Maryo Mekuria	137 University Avenue West Waterloo, Ontario	576-6052
Wassie Ayalew Mulugeta	355 Frederick Street Kitchener, Ontario	742-3933
		742-3933
		895-1873
		893-6496
		745-4984
		893-6496
		893-6591
		579-7389
		714 5394

ELLIS & Bariagaber

Signature

Ethiopian Association of K-W and Surrounding Area Board Members

1995 Mr. Negash Mekuria

Mr. Abebe Abate

Mr. Antewbitcha Dejene

Mr. Wassie Ayalew

Mr. Addis Hailu

Ms. Genet Belayneh

Mr. Tamru Belay

President :
Vice-President
Secretary .
Public Relations
Treasurer
Member
Member

1996

Mr. Amdie Abebe

Mr. Abebe Abate

Ms. Yemisrach Mekuria

Mr. Wasihun Ayalew

Mr. Kebede Megresa

Ms. Seble Haile Selassie

Mr. Worku Yilma

Mr. Melaku Yalemsew

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Public Relations
Member
Member
Member

1997

Mr. Amdie Abebe

Mr. Berhanu Wame

Ms. Yemisrach Mekuria

Mr. Endale Yegletu

Mr. Awoke Alemu

Mr. Alemu Alo

Ms. Seble Haile Selassie

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Public Relation
Member
Member

1998-1999

Mr. Tamru Belay

Mr. Asrat Meskel

Ms. Yemisrach Mekuria

Mr. Abebe Abate

Mr. Alemu Alo

Mr. Endale Yegletu

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Member
Member

2000

Mr. Getachew Negussie

Mr. Tesfaye Bekele

Mr. Asrat Meskel

Mr. Alemu Alo

Mr. Endale Yegletu

Mr. Abebe Abate

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Advisor
Advisor

2001-2002

Mr. Amdie Abebe

Mr. Tesfaye Bekele

Mr. Asrat Meskel

Mr. Alemu Alo

Mr. Wasihun Ayalew

Ms. Konjit Wubete

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Member
Member

2003 -2005

Mr. Gebrehiwot Berihun

Ms. Muluberhan

Ms. Yemisrach Mekuria

Mr. Mequanent Legesse

Mr. Alemu Alo

Mr. Asfaw Negusse

Mr. Berhan Abate

Mr. Teklewoyne Aksumawit

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Public Relations
Treasurer
Member
Member
Member

Former Staff Members

Sara Wolle: Event coordinator

Zelalem Benti: Community Outreach worker

Mr. Gebrehiwot Berihun

Mr. Dawit Amare

Mr. Mequanent Legesse

Mr. Alemu Alo

Mr. Asfaw Negusse

President
Vice-President
Public Relations
Treasurer
Member

2008- 2009.

Mr. Getachew Befekadu

Mr. Meared Reta

Mr. Abebe Abate

Ms. Zewditu W/Semayat

Mr. Semu Zenabu

Mr. Sentayehu Kebede

Ms. Genet

President
Vice president
Secestery
Treasurer
Public relations
Audit

2010-2011

Mr. Meared Reta

Mr. Berhan Abate

Ms. Hiwot Kebede

Mr. Amanuel Molaligh

Mr. Wondimu Gashaw

Mr. Negede Belachew

Mr. Mamaye Begashaw

President
Secretary
Treasurer
Member
Member
Member
Member

2011-2017 Inactive

2017-2018

Pastor Abate Bekele

Ms. Bezaye Kebede

Mr. Samuel Wolle -

Mr. Aklilu Fikade

Mr. Thomas Alemayehu

Mr. Michael Benti

Mr. Mersha Jembere

Mr. Desalegn Belay

President
Vice president
Finance
Secretary
Member
Public Relation
Audit
PR

2019 - 2021

Mr. Deneke Aschenaki

Mr. Samuel Wolle

Mr. Abebe Abate

Ms. Bezaye Kebede

Mr. Daraje lieyu

Ms. Meseret Gezahigni

Ms. Roman Gadisa

President
Vice president
Secretary
Public relation
Treasurer
Member
Member

2021-2023

Mr. Deneke Aschenaki

Mr. Zerihun Kinate

Ms. Admas Mekuria

Ms. Zinash Admasu

Ms. Bethelhem Daniel

Mr. Dawit Debssou

Ms. Elam Hailu

Mr. Hiyab Tafere

Chair
Vice Chair
Treasurer
Secretary
Member
Member
Member
Member

2023-2025

Ms. Bethelhem (Beth) Daniel

Ms. Admas Mekuria

Mr. Nathanael Meshesha

Chair
Vice Chair
Secretary
Treasurer
Member
Member
Member

Mr. Michael Wolde

Ms. Hiyab Tafere

Mr. Esayas Wondemu

Ms. Edengenet Demis