

MEV  
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# Food & Beverage Symposium

Thursday, April 20, 2017 - 8:30 AM

MEV Innovation Centre  
555 Industrial Drive, Milton, ON

Join local industry leaders in food, beverage and agriculture for a morning in support of economic growth in one of Halton Region's leading sectors.

Learn about the emergence of Food Incubators and how they support growth and innovation in food. You will be joined by industry experts for networking opportunities and also participate in a dynamic information session on how to scale-up your business and what it takes to bring your business to foreign markets.

**Have your questions, comments and ideas, heard by local experts, including:**

- OMAFRA
- Ontario Centres of Excellence
- Halton Region Business Advisors
- BDC
- Wilfrid Laurier University
- Conestoga College

## Agenda: Our Menu for Success

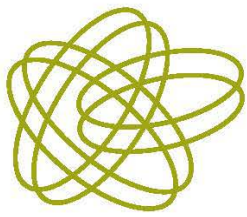
1. Reception & Networking Breakfast
2. Opening Remarks Amanda. St. John, Kevin Samra, John Filice
3. Round Table Introductions Attendees
4. First Course: *Food Incubators* John Filice
5. Main Course: *Scale-up To Export* Kevin Jacobi
6. Dessert: *Ask the Experts* Group Discussion & Networking

Limited seating; please rsvp to [economicdevelopment@milton.ca](mailto:economicdevelopment@milton.ca) by April 7

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## Event Speakers



### **John Filice**

**Senior Vice President, Broker  
Cushman & Wakefield**

John Filice has been actively involved in the Commercial Real Estate Industry since 1985 specializing in the sale and leasing of industrial and investment properties in The Metropolitan Toronto and suburban markets. A consistent top producer with another major commercial firm for more than 13 years, he has earned National Top 10 honours and is the recipient of the Mayor's Award as the Top Industrial Broker in the City of North York.

John Filice is a founding member of Cushman & Wakefield's Ltd. Food and Beverage Specialty Practice Group. John has assisted numerous global and medium sized food companies to develop an optimal real estate strategy. At present, John is developing a food incubator and accelerator initiative to assist small businesses in order to become more competitive.



### **Kevin Jacobi**

**Founder, Co-Owner  
WP Warehousing Inc.**

Kevin Jacobi is the co-owner and founder of WP Warehousing. Established in 2009, he grew his company beyond the traditional 3PL model by adding specialized services in business development and opening markets to expand his clients reach to other territories. For the past 2 years, Kevin has been part of the PROCOMER program in Costa Rica which helps SMEs in that country find partnerships with business in other countries. He has also travelled to Columbia and China to "build bridges" so that SME at both ends can benefit an expand their businesses through partnership.

Born and raised in Niagara, Kevin is actively involved in many community initiatives. He is an active member of various chambers in the region an is the treasurer of the Welland/Pelham Chamber of Commerce as well as he sits on the Government Affairs Council for the GNCC. He is a member of the Business Development Committee for the NIA with a focus on FTZ and agri-food initiatives. He also sits on the FTZ advisory board and the Walker's Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Centre.