

October 28, 2021

To our contacts and colleagues:

RE: Our office is changing!

We are very excited to announce some changes to our firm and wanted to share them with you. Jean Hamilton and I left Ernst & Young and started our own accounting firm, Fries Hamilton Chartered Accountants, over 14 years ago now and have worked with many of you over the years. We have always been committed to providing clear, candid, and straightforward advice to our clients and are making some changes that will allow us to continue to service our clients with the quality and personal touch that we require.

Firm – Name Change

Beginning November 1, 2021, Fries Hamilton will have a new name – Fries & Baynes Chartered Professional Accountants. Our new name reflects some changes in our partners.

Partner Announcement

We are thrilled to announce a recent promotion within our firm, with Trish Baynes, CPA, being promoted to Associate Partner. Trish has been with us for almost five years and has been working in public practice as an accounting and tax preparer since 2006. Most of you have already worked with Trish in some capacity and know that her commitment to our firm and our clients is second to none. Her easy going, approachable style matched with her comprehensive accounting background have made her invaluable to our firm. Her relentless desire to learn drove her to obtain her CPA designation and continues to show through each new challenge she takes on. Congratulations, Trish.

Partner Retirement

As many of you are aware, Jean Hamilton has been “mostly” retired for a few years now which allowed her more time to focus on her grandkids and all her hobbies, while still remaining involved in the firm. Well, it’s now official. Jean has decided to fully retire this year and move on to the next phase of her life. After working with Jean for over 25 years, I personally have benefited from her experience and dedication. Jean has been an outstanding partner and a dear friend for many years and her presence will be missed but we wish her all the best in her retirement.

Please update our contact info:

Beginning in November, 2021, our website and our email addresses will be changing. Please update your address books.

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We look forward to continuing our working relationships with all of you as we move into this next phase of growth and evolution in our partnership.

Yours truly,

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