

## Executive Officers 2005-2006

### Chairman of the Board

Garth Bell  
*Dynamic Building Operators*

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*Cole Engineering Group Ltd.*

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*Cook (Canada) Inc.*

## Office Administration

**President and CEO:**  
Helene Johnson

Suzanne Allison

Cynthia Campbell

Tesha Olsen

Jon Stallan

## Business Award Nominations

It is now time to consider Business Award nominations for 2006. We will mail a package within the next 2 weeks for your nominations.

You may nominate your company or someone else. You do not have to belong to the Chamber, but must have a business within Whitchurch-Stouffville.

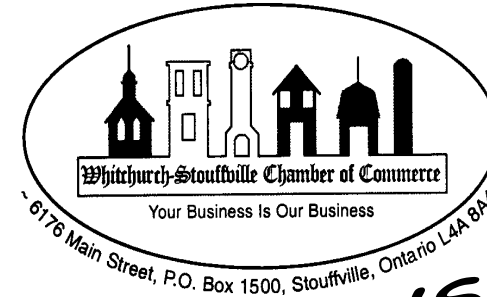
**Lets make this the best Awards ever!!!**

***Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year***



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## Member to Member Discount

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 your Chamber will be embarking on a new initiative for our members. We ask that members join our plan in offering a discount to Chamber members. We will be issuing "Member to Member Discount Cards" that will identify you as our Member. We ask that members who wish to extend a discount to members, notify us of your intent, so that we can publish this on our website, and in our Newsletter. Just one more way of adding value to your membership.

*A goal without a deadline is a dream.*  
Alec MacKenzie.

## Chair Change

The Board of Directors has reluctantly accepted the resignation of Jay A. Meiliunas as Chairman. Jay requires more time for family and business. We thank him for his dedication to our Chamber and the time and effort he put forth. Thank you Jay and we hope you will continue to support your local Chamber.

Past Chair, Garth Bell (Dynamic Building Operators) will take over as Chairman of the Board until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Elaine McNeil (Cook Canada Inc.) will step back onto the Board for the duration of this fiscal year. Thank you both for filling these positions.



A thought from *Character Business Solutions* for the month of December:

**Responsibility** – I will be accountable for my actions, be reliable and keep my commitments.

## **New Deal to Help Ontario's New Immigrants**

A \$920 million joint federal-provincial initiative to help new immigrants adapt to life in Ontario, was signed by Federal Immigration Minister Joe Volpe and Ontario's Immigration Minister Mike Colle on November 21.

Funding for this program, including the \$28 million already allocated this year, will extend over a five year period. Hoping to reach more than 100,000 newcomers annually, this program intends to help new immigrants receive assistance to improve their language and job search skills.

## **The Toronto Board of Trade**

The Toronto Board of Trade invites you to *Meet the Champions*. This program brings together the GTA business community to celebrate the achievements of outstanding leaders. Your Chamber's 2005 award winners will be asked to join in this celebration on March 1, 2006. Stay tuned for further information.

*Much of the stress that people feel doesn't come from having too much to do. It comes from not finishing what they started.*

David Allen

## **OCC Survey: Measuring the Impact of Regulatory Burden on Ontario's Small Business**

The Ontario Chamber's latest survey is designed to measure the impact of the regulatory burden (red tape) on Ontario's small businesses. Our deadline is Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

Stuart Johnston, the OCC's V/P, Policy & Government Relations, has been appointed by the Provincial government to serve on the Small Business Agency of Ontario....an advisory agency to the Minister of Economic Development and Trade which was formed to help small businesses grow and succeed. The Small Business Agency of Ontario's mandate includes: promoting regulatory best practices; streamlining paperwork; ensuring small business interests are part of government decision-making processes; and, holding regular meetings and outreach discussions between business owners and government.

Please note that, for the purposes of this survey, "small business" is generally defined as having fewer than 100 employees.

Link to survey...[http://www.occ.on.ca/cgi-bin/Survey\\_Nov2005/](http://www.occ.on.ca/cgi-bin/Survey_Nov2005/).

## **Coming Events**

**December 8<sup>th</sup>**

### **Bring Your Staff to Lunch Sleepy Hollow Golf & Country Club**

13242 Tenth Line

Meet and greet at 11:30 am, lunch at 12:00 noon

Entertainer - **ADAM TIMOON**

Pianist - **JEAN THOMAS**

Cost - Members \$35

- Non-members \$45

**January 19<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 am**

### **Networking Breakfast**

#### **Silver Lining Party Planning Services**

6335 Main Street, Suite 200

Cost - Members \$10

- Non-Members \$15

**March 7<sup>th</sup>**

### **Trade Show**

#### **East Ridge Church**

12485 Tenth Line

More details to follow!

**March 30<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 am**

### **Networking Pancake Breakfast**

#### **Bruce's Mill Conservation Area**

Located between Warden & Kennedy on Stouffville Rd.

Cost - Members \$10

- Non-Members \$15

**Registration & Advance Payment Required**

## **Welcome New Members**

### **Compass Insurance Brokers**

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