



## **ONTARIO WORKERS POISED FOR A STRIKE**

Municipal and school employees across Ontario say they will illegally go on strike if the province will not halt efforts to change their pension plans.

The proposed changes come under Bill 206, an act to amend the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS). Presently, pension plans are provincially controlled, but this Bill switches responsibility to municipalities and employees. Ryan argues the plan has no checks and balances. He also notes that it gives police officers, firefighters and paramedics special options which allow them to retire earlier with full benefits; Ryan contends this is discriminatory against women and low paid workers.

Municipalities are also said to be against the Bill as it would cost them an estimated \$380 million a year. The province is currently holding hearings on the Bill to give different groups the opportunity to comment.

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) and its affiliates have also expressed serious concerns and are looking into the issues behind Bill 206.

## **BUSINESS AWARDS BUSINESS AWARDS BUSINESS AWARDS**

- Business of the Year
- Entrepreneur of the Year
- Young Entrepreneur (under 30 years)
- Corporate Citizen of the Year

We are looking for nominations for all the above, they need not be members of the Chamber.

**Deadline is February 17, 2006.**

Come on Whitchurch-Stouffville, let's strut our finest!



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

**Initiative** – I will recognize what needs to be done and do it, without prompting from others.

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**Go Sales and Tourist Information**  
Mon-Fri 7:30-5:00  
Sat 7:30-4:00

## Welcome New Members

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## COMING EVENTS

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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**February 16<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 am Networking Breakfast**  
**YMCA Employment Resource Centre**, 28 Sandiford Drive, Unit 7  
Members \$10, Non-Members \$15

**February 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Deadline for Business Award Nominations!

**March 7<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 - 8:00 pm Chamber Trade Show**  
EastRidge Church, 12485 Tenth Line  
Rent a table - Members \$100 + GST  
- Non-Members \$150 + GST

Admission \$5  
Proceeds from admission to:  
Parkview Home Building Fund  
Stouffville Igoma Partnership (SIP)

**March 8<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 - 9:00 pm "Meet the Champions"**  
Presented by the Toronto Board of Trade, 1 First Canadian Place,  
corner of Bay St. & King St., Free of charge to winners - \$30  
additional, see map attached

**Registration & Advance Payment Required**