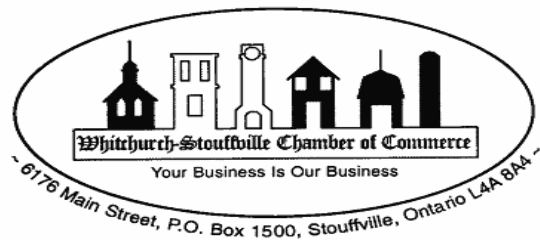


# NEWS & VIEWS

## February 2008



### Ontario's New Statutory Holiday - *Family Day*

One of the first acts the government of Ontario announced after the election was the creation of a new statutory holiday - *Family Day*. *Family Day* falls on the third Monday of every February and has become the ninth paid public holiday under the *Employment Standards Act, 2000*.

*Family Day* is governed by the *Employment Standards Act* and is treated the same as any other public holiday. The following days are considered public holidays in Ontario: *New Years Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and Boxing Day*.

With the addition of *Family Day*, most employers are now required to give their employees nine public holidays. However, the following exceptions apply: if an employee works in a job that is exempt from public holidays as part of the *Employment Standards Act* *or* works in an industry with special rules - an employer may not be required to provide *Family Day* or any other public holiday to the employee.

For more information on Ontario's Public Holidays and the *Employment Standards Act* please visit: [http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/es/factsheets/fs\\_public.html](http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/es/factsheets/fs_public.html)

For more details about jobs and industries that are **not covered** by the public holiday portion of the *Employment Standard Act*, or to which special rules apply please visit: [http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/es/factsheets/fs\\_covered.html](http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/es/factsheets/fs_covered.html)

### 2008 Business Award Nominations Deadline

Do you have your nominations in? The deadline is Friday, February the 22<sup>nd</sup>. This year's event will be held at Meadowbrook Golf and Country Club. Cost: Members \$80.00, Non-Members, \$90.00 Pricing includes GST.

### 2008 Sponsorship Opportunities

We invite you to become a 2008 Sponsor. Since we are such a small Chamber, we would not be able to cover the basics of our operations without your generosity. In short, we could not do this without the support of you, our members. We have different packages to fit any business budget. All sponsorships get your company logo on any event advertising we do in newspapers, newsletters, event email broadcasts and the event itself. This is a great advertising opportunity for local members.

#### O.P.A Breakfast (Future Electricity Reliability) York Region's Electricity Needs

Responding to the Challenge Dr. Jan Carr, CEO, Ontario Power Authority will review the process and content that led to the 2005 recommendations. He will also give an update on the industry's progress in achieving those recommendations, and discuss the upcoming procurement process - the stakeholders, their roles and the critical path/steps. This is a joint event with the Aurora, East Gwillimbury, King, Newmarket and Whitchurch-Stouffville Chambers of Commerce.

*When:* Feb 26, 2008  
07:00 am - 09:00 am

*Where:* Glenway Country Club  
470 Crossland Gate  
Newmarket

*Cost:* Chamber Members, \$20.00  
Non-Members, \$30.00

Call 905-898-5900 to register

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Eurpides, Orestes*

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**Go Sales and Tourist Information**  
Mon - Fri 7:30am-5:00pm  
Saturday 7:30am-4:00pm

## Welcome New Members

**Boston Pizza - Stouffville**  
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## Coming Events Mark Your Calendar

### February 14, 2008

Networking Breakfast, 8:00am-9:00am  
Hosted by **Buckingham Manor**, 6257 Main St.  
*Free to Members, Non-Members \$15*

### February 26, 2008

**O.P.A. Breakfast**, 7:00am-9:00am  
Guest Speaker Dr. Jan Carr, CEO, Ontario Power Authority  
Members \$20 , Non-Members \$30  
Glenway Golf Club, 470 Crossland Gate, Newmarket  
Call 905-898-5900 to register

### March 27, 2008

Annual Pancake Breakfast, 8:00am-9:00am  
Hosted by **Bruce's Mill**, 3291 Stouffville Rd.  
*Free to Members, Non-Members \$15*

### April 15, 2008

Networking Breakfast, 8:00am-9:00am  
Hosted by **Independent Planning Group**, 6165 Main St.  
*Free to Members, Non-Members \$15*

### April 24, 2008

**Annual Business Awards**  
**Meadowbrook Golf & Country Club**  
11939 Warden Ave.  
\$80 Members, \$90 Non-Members (Includes GST)

**\*Advanced Registration and payment is required for all Events.**