



From the Canadian Chamber of Commerce:

**Together, we are the voice of Canadian business.**

The issues and concerns of our members from coast to coast determine the agenda for the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. Chamber personnel, expert committees and local chambers dedicate themselves to addressing a wide range of business issues that are identified by our members as priorities at the Chamber's annual meeting. Through our timely and effective response to national issues, we strive to ensure that federal government policies reflect the needs of all Canadian businesses- no matter size, type or region.

Advancing issues that affect our members' bottom lines, the Chamber has built a rock-solid reputation as *the voice of Canadian business*. Within the Chamber movement and with governments, media, and the public, we make your *voice* heard.

The Chamber's strength is, in large part, credited to our unique network of chambers of commerce and boards of trade throughout Canada. No other business organization can speak as credibly.

From the Ontario Chamber of Commerce:

**Ontario Business Survey Program.**

This past year the OCC has developed the *Ontario Business Survey Program* to capture members' views on important business and policy issues in Ontario. The program allows members to have direct input into OCC policy positions and submissions. Surveys are web-based and conducted ten times a year on a range of relevant business issues. This year's survey topics included health care, provincial pre-budget, education, SARS, the rise of the Canadian Dollar, pre-election priorities, an interim economic outlook, energy/August power outage, provincial election priorities and skilled trades and apprenticeship reform. A value-added feature of the program is its "co-branding" element which allows the OCC and its member Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade to partner and share information.

**'Walk the Talk'**

If you preach teamwork, do you work well with others?

If you ask your people to take risks, does your behaviour match your words?

If you recommend lifelong learning, do you attend seminars and keep up in your field?

Managers who fail to practice what they preach lack credibility. Others won't follow their advice.

Put this reminder on your office wall: "Walk the Talk."

2003-2004

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**Go Sales and Tourist Information**

Mon-Fri 7:30-5:00  
Sat 7:30-4:00

**Welcome New Members**

**Regional Municipality of York**

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**Economic Development**

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**COMING EVENTS  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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Networking Breakfasts -7:30 a.m.

Cost - members \$10

Non-members \$15

January 15<sup>th</sup>. **Wine Wine Wine** 6209 Main St. Stouffville.  
Opposite the GO station.

February 12<sup>th</sup>. **Stouffville Fine Furniture** 6327 Main St.  
Stouffville. Just west of the Clock Tower.

March 25<sup>th</sup>. **Bruce's Mill Conservation Area** - Pancake and  
Maple Syrup Breakfast during the running of the sap.  
Stouffville Rd. Between Kennedy and Warden.

April 15<sup>th</sup>. **Business Awards Dinner** -details to follow.