



NEWS & VIEWS June 2008

COMING EVENTS

June 19, 2008

Networking Breakfast

8:00am - 9:00am

Stouffville YMCA Employment Resource Centre

28 Sandiford Dr., Unit 7

Free to Members,

\$15.00 Non-Members

July 17, 2008

After Hours Networking

"WINGY~DINGY NIGHT"

6:00pm-8:30pm

Crossroads Restaurant

6211 Main St.

\$15 + Gst, Members

\$25 + Gst, Non-Members

September 25, 2008

Annual Business Awards

Meadowbrook Golf & Country Club 11939

Warden Ave.

\$63.00 Members, \$73.50 Non-Members

(Includes GST)

**ADVANCED REGISTRATION & PAYMENT
REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS**

Annual Business Awards

Get your applications in for this year's Annual Business Awards. The deadline has been extended to July 1, 2008. You may nominate yourself, your business or that of any other worthwhile candidate for any applicable award category. Nominees do not have to be a member of the Chamber but must have an operating business in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Award Categories:

- Business of the Year
- Business Entrepreneur of the Year
- Corporate Citizen of the Year
- Young Entrepreneur of the Year

Winners will be announced at the Business Awards dinner, September 25, 2008.

For nomination forms or more information please contact the Chamber office or visit the Chamber website.

Ontario Chamber of Commerce AGM 2008

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce held its Annual General Meeting on May 1 - 4, 2008 in Oshawa. For approved policy resolutions, speeches and media releases visit the OCC's website: <http://occ.on.ca>

Ontario Chamber Provides a Second Opinion on Ontario's Health Care

Published by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) with contributions from members from across the province, it points to the rising cost of health care, accounting for 46% of the provincial budget in 2008-09 and growing at a rate higher than inflation and greater than the growth of provincial revenues. Already double the spending on education, the report points out that health care costs will only continue to grow as the population ages.

"Every Ontarian deserves timely access to quality health care and yet, not only are they not assured of that today, but the escalating cost of our current health care model is compromising our ability to invest in other important areas like education and tax reform," explained Len Crispino, President & CEO of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

The OCC argues that successive leadership at the Federal and Provincial levels has been hampered in the ability to openly discuss innovative reform, for fear of a public backlash. Ontario has applied band-aid solutions but lags behind other jurisdictions in Canada and abroad in implementing substantive reforms.

"The same kind of drive for innovation that we see being so successful in other parts of the economy, must be applied in the health care sector," said Crispino.

As a means to start the discussion, A Second Opinion puts forward a number of possible reforms. Among them, are an actuarial analysis and forecast of health care in Ontario to provide a sound financial basis for long term planning and an expanded but defined role for the private sector.

"Private delivery of public health care is like the elephant in the room that no one wants to address. Yet our publicly funded health care system is already buttressed by numerous private service providers who are accountable for high quality, cost effective services while not restricting access," added Crispino. "Take for example our private labs and clinics and about 75% of physicians in Ontario who operate as private practitioners."

The OCC also suggests an open debate consider the merits of the following:

- immediate implementation of the plan to create electronic records for all Ontarians;
- expansion of the provincial Wait Time Strategy to include all procedures and services;
- adoption of an expedited process for the credentialing of internationally trained physicians;
- further integration of nurse practitioners into the health care system;
- a revised formula to determine under-serviced calculations.

While not prescriptive or endorsing any one specific solution, the OCC believes that part of the open and public policy debates could include pilot programs underpinned by third party outcome evaluations.

For a full listing of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce recommendations visit: <http://occ.on.ca/Policy/Reports/402>

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