

NEWS & VIEWS

June 2009



COMING EVENTS

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June 4, 2009

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June 18, 2009

Networking Breakfast

8:00 – 9:00 am

Hosted by: Cedar Beach Grill

155 Cedarvale Road,

Musselman's Lake

Free to Members

\$15.00 Non-members (GST incl.)

July – to be advised

August – No Networking

September 17, 2009

After Hours – 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Hosted by: Willow Springs

Winery & The Roving Chef

5572 Bethesda Road

September 24, 2009

Annual Business Awards

Meadowbrook Golf & Country

Club, 11939 Warden Avenue

October 15, 2009

After Hours – 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Hosted by: Boston Pizza

1060 Hoover Park Drive

November 12, 2009

Networking Breakfast

8:00 – 9:00 am

Hosted by: The Multiverse

6356 Main Street

Free to Members

\$15.00 Non-members (GST incl.)

November 17, 2009 (Tuesday)

Networking Breakfast

8:00 – 9:00 am

**Hosted by: Charlinda Belgian
Chocolates**

14811 Ninth Line,

Musselman's Lake

Free to Members

\$15.00 Non-members (GST incl.)

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advance by calling the Chamber
office 905-642-4227 or register
on-line at**

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fast lane and you can’t find the
off ramp?”***

Economic Renewal and Business Competitiveness Emerge as Ontario Business Priorities

Toronto: Business leaders from across the province identified the key steps to achieving economic renewal and business competitiveness in Ontario at the 97th Annual General Meeting & Convention of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce this weekend.

“A competitive tax and regulatory regime, modern energy and infrastructure foundations, and a skilled workforce are key to Ontario overcoming the current malaise affecting our economy and regaining its competitive edge in the world,” says Len Crispino, President & CEO of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce. “The status quo is not an option. We must continue to take bold steps to ensure that our province provides the best possible environment in order for businesses to invest and create jobs for all Ontarians.”

Seventeen policy priorities were approved, bringing to 102 the total number of policies supported by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce network roughly 60,000 businesses in every community of the province.

Some of the key priorities identified were:

- A commitment to reducing Ontario’s regulatory burden on business that includes the following: annual benchmarks, sustainability targets, participation by all government agencies and ministries and all levels of personnel, a mandatory five year review of all regulations, and a statutory requirement for broad-based business review of any new regulation
- Modernized infrastructure with an efficient approval process which contains planning that is consistent, long-term and includes sustainable funding
- Skills development for new and current workforce participants that: encourages education and training partners to focus the proper resources on the skills and areas most needed in the transitioning economy; and an expansion of the Second Career strategy which expands the skills that qualify and allows more time to earn accreditation
- A nuclear strategy in Canada, developed by the provincial and federal governments in consultation with all stakeholders, that ensures jobs, investment and economic strength are retained in Ontario and Canada

- Fairness for Ontario workers in terms of Employment Insurance benefits and training

A single sales tax was also discussed by delegates at the convention, with a presentation on the topic by University of Toronto Professor, Michael Smart. Other leading economists including Finn Poschmann of the C.D. Howe Institute and Derek Burleton of TD Bank Financial Group, also reinforced the importance of sales tax harmonization as one of the important steps to a more robust Ontario economy.

A full listing of the approved policy resolutions can be found at www.occ.on.ca.

STOUFFVILLE PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL CAREER FAIR 2009

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, in partnership with Strategic Information Technology Ltd., the Chamber of Commerce and YMCA is hosting its first Professional and Technical Career Fair being held on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at the Lebovic Centre for Arts & Entertainment Nineteen on the Park from 2:00 – 8:00 pm. For more information visit the website at: www.townofws.com/careerfair.asp.

ANNUAL BUSINESS AWARDS

The deadline for nominations is July 1, 2009. Nominations are open to all businesses that have a presence in Whitchurch-Stouffville. Nominees do not have to be members of the Chamber and businesses can nominate themselves. The four award categories are: Business of the Year, Business Entrepreneur of the Year, Corporate Citizen of the Year and Young Entrepreneur of the Year. A copy of the nomination form can be found on the Chamber website under the Chamber Events page. Visit the Chamber website at www.whitchurchstouffville.ca. Winners will be announced at the business awards dinner on September 24, 2009.

We are still looking for 5 Award Sponsors for the Business Awards; Sponsorship is \$350.00 and that includes 2 tickets for the Event, presentation of sponsored Award and recognition in the Award Program.



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where you lend out a
cup of sugar and get back a pie.*