

## Executive Officers 2004-2005

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## Office Administration

### President and CEO:

Helene Johnson

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## Welcome New Members

### Stouffville Pentecostal Church

Rev. Paul Hilsden  
6853 Main St.  
Stouffville, ON L4A 7G4  
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### Churches

*Be nice to people on your way up  
because you'll need them on your way  
down.* - Wilson Mizner

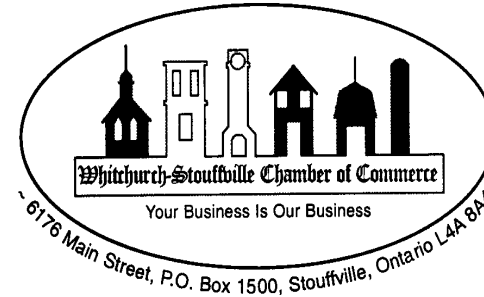
*There is only one success – to be able  
to spend your life in your own way.*  
- Christopher Morley



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## Small Businesses Don't Fear the Big Boxes

Half of Canadian small-business owners say they don't compete with big-box stores, and half of the rest say large retailers have not hurt them, according to a Decima Research survey for Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC).

“When big-box stores began popping up about a decade ago, there was fear that smaller firms would be forced out of business,” states Rob Paterson, senior vice-president for small-business banking at CIBC. “Many Canadian entrepreneurs have addressed the threat posed by big-box stores by identifying niche market needs and delivering personalized service. We are witnessing a sort of polarization in the retail market between huge outlets and microbusinesses, but it appears that both can coexist in the Canadian business landscape.”

# The NEWS of March 2005

## Coming Events

**Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>.** 7:30 am. **Networking Breakfast** at Stouffville Joint Venture, 6212 Main St., Suite 202 (above Stouffville IDA Pharmacy) Fitness & Physiotherapist Centre, \$10 member, \$15 non-member.

**Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>.** 7:30 am. **Networking Pancake Breakfast** at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area, located on Stouffville Rd. between Kennedy & Warden, \$10 member, \$15 non-member.

**Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>.** 6:00 pm. **Annual General Meeting**, (First 12 members to arrive win a free networking breakfast) **Business Awards Dinner to Follow** 6:30 pm social, 7:15 pm dinner  
Guest Speaker: Elsbeth Tate, CTM, CL, CPCC, Professional Co-Active Coach, \$50 + gst member, \$60 + gst non-member.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>.** **Annual Golf Tournament**, Maples of Ballantrae Golf & Country Club.

## **Feds Budget Offers a Little Bit of Everything But Doesn't Meet Ontario's Needs**

Canada's Finance Minister Ralph Goodale tabled the federal government's budget in the House of Commons on Wednesday February 23. Goodale offered a little of everything to Canadians but nothing specific for Ontario. The Ontario Chamber of Commerce was disappointed to learn that the Finance Minister did not include more of the recommendations made in its 2004 Federal Pre-Budget Submission, in particular, accelerating the elimination of the job-killing capital tax. The Chamber was pleased with some other tax announcements made by Goodale, including the elimination of the capital surtax by 2008, and a 2 per cent reduction in the general corporate income tax rate to 19 per cent from 21 per cent, by 2010, although the real effects won't be felt for another five years.

### **Budget Spending Initiatives Outweigh Productivity Measures – Canadian Chamber of Commerce**

"We are disappointed that the government continues to deal with crucial areas like health care and the environment by simply throwing more of Canadians' hard-earned money at them,

without addressing the fundamental issues in a planned and productive manner," declared Nancy Hughes Anthony, President and CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. "As a result, other important areas are being crowded out, seriously constraining our ability to more aggressively implement significant tax reform immediately and speed up the much needed investment in post secondary education and infrastructure," added Hughes Anthony.

The Canadian Chamber also noted that the fiscal flexibility afforded to the government for this budget is not likely to exist in future years. "A unique window of opportunity was available to the government for a serious and immediate boost to our economic growth – the chance to make fundamental investments in productivity for all Canadians has been missed."

The Canadian Chamber commends the government on its program reallocation efforts stressing that these must not only continue, but should go further. "Reallocation of funds to productivity-enhancing programs must become the norm," said Hughes Anthony. "But, overall government spending cannot continue to grow at such a pace without endangering our future prosperity: the ultimate goal must be to limit program spending increases to the rate of growth in population plus inflation. The government should not be spending its way to the next election."

## **Welcome**

### **24 Hour PBJ Tire**

Pamela Barrett  
2269A Aurora Rd.  
Gormley, ON L0H 1G0  
Tel: 905-727-6900

### **Tire Dealers**

### **Barthau Jewellers**

Darren Barthau  
6312 Main St.  
Stouffville, ON L4A 1G8  
Tel: 905-640-4646

### **Jewellers**

### **Brelyn Enterprise**

Dave Roulston  
43 Robin Trail  
Port Perry, ON L9L 2C7  
Tel: 905-985-4219

### **Advertising**

### **Dependable Delivery Service**

Tom Snow  
9 Valley Rd.  
Stouffville, ON L4A 7X3  
Tel: 905-640-3497

### **Delivery Service**

### **Enterprise Rent-A-Car**

Michelle Lee  
5812 Main St., Unit 4  
Stouffville, ON L4A 2S9  
Tel: 905-642-3154

### **Automobile Renting**

## **New**

## **Members**

### **Interbiz Business System**

Jim Conrad  
8 Moresby St.  
Richmond Hill, ON L4B 4K8  
Tel: 905-709-1209

### **E-Commerce**

### **Kid's Korner**

Manhar Patel  
8567 McCowan Rd.  
Markham, ON L3P 1W9  
Tel: 905-471-8338

### **Children's Wear – Retail**

### **Nicastro Landscaping Inc.**

Tia Williams  
13136 10<sup>th</sup> Line North  
Stouffville, ON L4A 7X4  
Tel: 905-642-3264

### **Landscape Maintenance**

### **Phone Directories Company**

Brenda Murdoch  
166 Saunders Rd., Unit 6  
Barrie, ON L4N 9A4  
Tel: 705-726-6482 ext: 241

### **Phone Directories**

### **Sani-Systems**

Scott Schlusser  
147 Ironwood Cres.  
Stouffville, ON L4A 5Z2  
Tel: 647-286-9823

### **Bathroom Systems**