



## **OCC OFF TO WASHINGTON TO ADDRESS BORDER ID AND PASSPORT PROPOSAL**

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce returned to Washington D.C., as part of a joint Canada/US delegation to meet with key US lawmakers and the Canadian Embassy on the issue of border identification and the “passport issue,” known as the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, on Wednesday, October 26.

The OCC is working with key players to ensure that any new requirements for identification at the border causes as little disruption to trade and tourism as possible – and leaves an appropriate phase-in period.

Each year the American economy loses US\$4.13 billion in economic potential because of clogged border crossings into Canada. The cost of Border Delays to the Ontario Economy, which conservatively estimated the annual cost of delays to Ontario’s economy as over \$5 billion, or about \$1,100 per year for every Ontario taxpayer.

*The person who makes a success of living is the one who see his goal steadily and aims for it unswervingly. That is dedication.*

Cecil B. DeMille (1881 – 1959)

## **ONTARIO SETTING THE STANDARD FOR ACCESSIBILITY**

Whether it’s accessible routes and entrances into buildings, lower counter heights at cash registers, large print menus in restaurants or training for staff to serve customers with learning disabilities, you can help usher in a new era of accessibility in Ontario.

The Ontario government is now recruiting members for committees that will develop proposed standards to improve accessibility under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA).



A thought from *Character Business Solutions* for the month of November:

**Fairness** - I will treat others in a just, equitable and unbiased manner.

## **2005-2006**

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#### **Go Sales and Tourist Information**

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

## **Welcome New Members**

#### **Bob Callow**

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## **COMING EVENTS**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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November 4<sup>th</sup> - 11:30 am - 2:00 pm **Character Business Luncheon**  
**DiNardo's Banquet Hall**, 400 Industrial Parkway S., Aurora,  
Guest Speaker - Gerry Robert - best selling author, columnist,  
speaker and consultant  
Cost - \$50 per person

November 14<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 - 8:00 pm **After Hours Networking**  
**Wild Wing Stouffville**, 5946 Main St.  
Cost - Members \$10, Non-members \$15

December 8<sup>th</sup> - **Bring Your Staff to Lunch**  
**Sleepy Hollow Golf & Country Club**, 13242 Tenth Line  
Meet and greet at 11:30 am, lunch at 12 noon  
Entertainer - ADAM TIMOON, Pianist - JEAN THOMAS  
Cost - Members \$35, Non-members \$45

**Registration & Advance Payment Required**