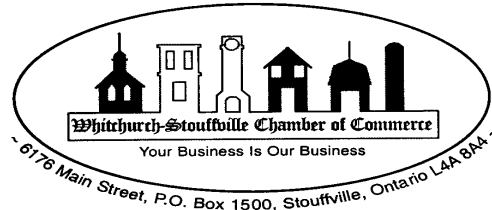


# NEWS & VIEWS

October 2009



## COMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### **October 15, 2009**

After Hours – 7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Hosted by: Boston Pizza**

1060 Hoover Park Drive

Free to Members

\$15.00 Non-Members (GST included)

### **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 included)

### **Tuesday, November 17, 2009**

Networking Breakfast – 8:00 – 9:00 am

**Hosted by: Charlinda Belgian Chocolates**

14811 Ninth Line, Musselman's Lake

Free to Member

\$15.00 Non-Members (GST included)

### **December 3, 2009**

Annual Christmas Luncheon

11:30 am Meet & Greet;

12:15 pm Luncheon

Sleepy Hollow Golf & Country Club

13242 Tenth Line

(Prices to be advised)

**Advance registration & payment  
required for all events.**

***SUCCESS DEPENDS ON YOUR  
BACKBONE NOT YOUR WISHBONE.***

**Ontario Chamber of Commerce**

The recently passed 2009 Provincial Budget, implements key reforms proposed by OCC members. In short,

businesses will save more money and have a heightened ability to invest within their communities.

Starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, businesses will pay 14% less in corporate income taxes; small businesses will save 18%. By 2013, reductions in the general corporate tax rate will save businesses 29% in taxes. In addition, growing small and medium sized businesses will no longer face the small business surtax – the elimination of which has long been advocated for by the OCC.

In the 2009 budget, coupled with personal and income tax reductions, the government committed to the final component of the reform – the harmonizing of provincial sales taxes with the federal goods and services tax (GST). Harmonization will occur on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, and will greatly improve business competitiveness in Ontario as well as reduce the red tape for business.

Under the comprehensive reform called for by OCC members, and delivered by government, all will benefit in Ontario from harmonization. Please refer to the April 2009 Focus for additional background or visit [www.taxharmonization.ca](http://www.taxharmonization.ca).

For further information please contact Derek Picard, Senior Policy Analyst, [derekipicard@occ.on.ca](mailto:derekipicard@occ.on.ca).

***THOSE WHO SPEND MONEY LIKE  
WATER WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO  
FLOAT A LOAN.***

## **Executive Officers**

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**Karen Cashin**

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**Steve Walker**

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## **GO Sales and**

### **Tourist Information**

Mon - Fri 7:30am-5:00pm

Saturday 7:30am-4:00pm

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

### **Penny Reid**

Sutton Group Heritage Realty Ltd.

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### **WhiStle Radio**

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### **Global Pet Foods**

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Stouffville, ON L4A 2S8

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## **NETWORKING MEETINGS 2010**

If you would like to host a Breakfast in February or October call us **NOW**. Please indicate which month would work for you and we will try to accommodate you. The meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

**COME AND JOIN US AT OUR NEXT NETWORKING MEETING, DON'T FORGET YOUR BUSINESS CARD.**

***THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN OPEN MIND AND A HOLE IN THE HEAD.***