

The NEWS Of September 2006

Softwood Lumber Framework Agreement Update

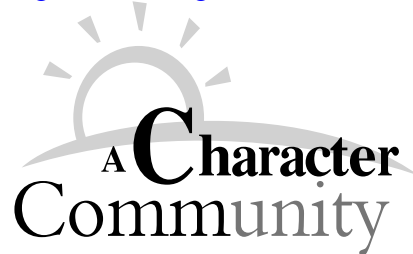
On August 22nd, Prime Minister Harper announced that the government has received support from BC, Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic provinces plus a “very strong” majority from the Canadian softwood industry on the *Canada-US Softwood Framework Agreement*. The government will proceed with tabling the needed legislation early in the fall and this will be considered a vote of confidence. While Canada did not get as much as some believed was warranted in the agreement, the negotiations have resulted in some gains, including an environment that is more predictable and the return of over \$4 billion in duties to the Canadian forestry industry within weeks of the agreement taking effect. Closure on this issue will remove the softwood lumber file as the focal point of the Canada-US relationship and provide a window where constructive dialogue can focus on North American competitiveness.

Yiwu Fair

The Trade Development Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce and the Yiwu Municipal Government are co-organizing the Yiwu Fair in the Zhejiang Province of China on October 23rd, 2006. Canadian companies interested in trading with Yiwu (population 1.6 million) in the Zhejiang Province and the

well known Yiwu Market (2.6 million square meters with more than 400 000 kinds of products) should contact:

sme_tdb@mofcom.gov.cn, or
jinhong@mofcom.gov.cn.



A thought from *Character Business Solutions* for the month of September:
Courage- I will stand up for my beliefs and principles and face challenges, fear and difficulty with fortitude.

77th AGM of CCC
September 16-18, 2006
Saskatoon – Saskatchewan
Proposed Resolutions

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The proposals were developed by our affiliated community Chambers of Commerce and by the National and International Committees of the Canadian Chamber. Prior to their acceptance for debate at the Annual Meeting, the proposals were screened by the Policy Committee of the Board, comprised of Board representatives from all regions of Canada.

This Committee was mandated to ensure that all matters to be discussed at the Annual Meeting would be national in scope; relevant to business; of high quality; timely and include a call for action. The proposals need to be supported by substantial arguments in order to enable all delegates to engage in informed debate on the subject.

During the Policy Session at the Annual Meeting, the Accredited Voting Delegates (those who have been mandated to represent their own or another Chamber) will be asked to approve, defeat or refer each of the resolutions. Approval will require two thirds support of the vote cast, after which the resolution will become part of the Canadian Chamber's policy program for the next three years. A total of 58 resolutions will be debated during the Policy Session.

To view resolutions log onto:
www.chamber.ca

A good thing or bad?

This is legislation to keep students in school until age 18, by withholding driver licensing to those who choose to dropout.

Has the government ever thought of revamping the curriculum so it is of use and interest to those who are not university or college bound. Apprenticeship in the trades is not a dirty word and we certainly are paying the price with the lack of tradesman in our country. Becoming a skilled tradesman can be a very lucrative career and worth pursuing.

October 18th Mayoral Luncheon

In preparation for the upcoming Municipal Election, the Chamber is hosting a luncheon on Wednesday October 28th, 2006 at the Crossroads Restaurant. Please submit questions for the Mayoral Candidates to helene@whitchurchstouffville.ca. Ward Candidates will be able to display their brochures on tables outside the luncheon area. Let's hear your questions!

Welcome New Members!

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Stouffville, ON L4A 0A6
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Jon St. Denis
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Royal Bank

Kym Pyke
28 Sandiford Dr. Unit 1 & 2
Stouffville, ON L4A 7X5
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Fax: 905-640-2717

Banks

Charity of Choice

The second Annual Stouffville Igoma Partnership dinner and auction is taking place October 20, 2006 at Eastridge Church. Through the generosity of people in our community we solely support a hospital in Igoma Tanzania. Further to that we have supplied mosquito nets to people in the town, installed a water filtration system for the clinic, 4 vocational school scholars have graduated and 10 more are currently enrolled in VETA Vocational School, 2 nurses are now enrolled in medical training courses and we have purchased additional lands for a much needed expansion of the clinic. Can we count on you to support this important event?

“Of course there is no formula for success, except perhaps an unconditional acceptance of life and what it brings.”

Arthur Rubinstein

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Jon Stallan

Coming Events

Wednesday September 20th – 12 pm

Luncheon

Stakeout Dining Room & Lounge

Speaker: David J. Cash, CAO Town of
Whitchurch-Stouffville

Members \$30, Potential Members \$40

Thursday, October 12 – 8 am

Networking Breakfast

YMCA Employment Resource Centre

Members \$10, Potential Members \$15

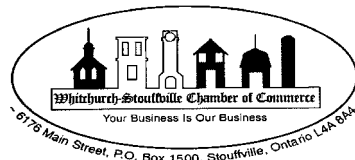
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Mayoral Candidate Luncheon

Crossroads Restaurant

Cost to be Announced

Registration & Advance Payment Required



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