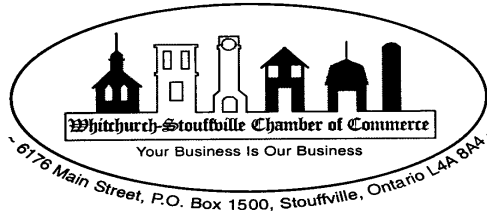


# NEWS & VIEWS

## April 2009



### COMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**April 6, 2009**

#### **Annual General Meeting**

7:00 – 9:00 pm (Refreshments to be served)  
We will be meeting at the Train Station. Come out and support the work of the Chamber.

**April 16, 2009**

#### **Networking Breakfast**

8:00 - 9:00 am

#### **Signature Party Services**

86 Ringwood Dr., Unit 36

Free to Members

\$15.00 Non-Members (GST included)

**May 14, 2009**

#### **Networking Breakfast**

8:00 – 9:00 am

#### **Buckingham Manor**

6257 Main Street

Free to Members

\$15.00 Non-Members (GST included)

**June 4, 2009**

**After Hours** (Together with Aurora, Richmond Hill & Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce)

5:30 – 7:30 pm

#### **Willow Springs Winery**

5572 Bethesda Road

**June 18, 2009**

#### **Networking Breakfast**

8:00 – 9:00 am

#### **Cedar Beach Grill**

155 Cedarvale Rd., Musselman's Lake

Free to Members

\$15.00 Non-Members (GST included)

**We ask that you register & pay in advance for all events.**

### **Ontario Chamber of Commerce Media Release- March 26, 2009**

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) applauds the bold vision exhibited in the Ontario budget through smart tax reform including what will prove to be the biggest single stimulus for the Ontario economy: sales tax harmonization.

“Sales tax harmonization, in combination with other tax reform measures including reduced corporate and personal tax cuts, will put Ontario on a path towards increased competitiveness, productivity and economic recovery that will benefit every Ontarian and every business operator in the province,” says Len Crispino, President & CEO of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce. “These smart, but politically difficult choices, are exactly the kind of leadership decisions we need to position us for recovery from these difficult economic times.”

In addition to sales tax harmonization, the Ontario budget has embraced a number of significant OCC recommendations regarding business competitiveness including:

- Eliminating the small business surtax which has been a barrier to business growth;
- Reducing the general and manufacturing corporate tax rates to 10% by 2013;
- Reducing the small business tax rate by 18%;
- Pension solvency relief measures which extend solvency payments to ten years;
- Expansion of the Ontario Innovation Tax Credit;
- Improvements to the co-operative education and apprenticeship tax credits that will make them more accessible to small and medium sized enterprises.

For more information, visit [www.occ.on.ca](http://www.occ.on.ca).

## **Executive Officers**

Chair of the Board

**Karen Cashin**

YMCA Employment Centre

Past Chair

**Janet Davies**

Cedar Beach Trailer Park

Secretary

**Vicki Wilhelm**

Visual Perspective

Treasurer

**Dave Bolan**

Southwire Canada

Director

**Steve Walker**

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Director

**Janet Geddes**

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Director

**Susan Acton**

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### **GO Sales and Tourist Information**

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

Saturday 7:30am-4:00pm

## **Welcome New Members**

### **York South Simcoe Training & Adjustment Board**

*Al Wilson*

17665 Leslie Street

Newmarket, ON L3Y 3E3

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Fax: 905-967-0608

*Government (Labour Market)*

### **Freeflow Spas (Ontario) Inc.**

*Bruce Benjafield*

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Bradford, ON L3Z 3G9

Tel: 905-775-2111

Fax: 905-775-2117

*Hot Tubs & Saunas*

### **Ray Daniel Salon & Spa**

*Ray Daniel*

2300 Eglinton Ave. W., Ste. 522

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*Spas & Massage Therapy*

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You will be represented at the Ontario Chamber of Commerce Convention on May 1, 2, 3, 2009, in Orangeville, Ontario. Twenty-two resolutions will be put forward at this convention and under the direction of OCC staff they will be asking the Ontario government to pass into legislation some of our recommendations.

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Today, the smartest animal on Wall Street isn't the bull or the bear. It's the chicken.

Do you ever feel as though you're going through life in the fast lane and you can't find the off ramp?