



STRONG NEW MANDATE FOR ONTARIO'S BUSINESS ADVOCATE

Toronto – Accountability, less red tape and strategic tax cuts are part of the strong new mandate given to the Ontario Chamber of Commerce by its membership at the 92nd annual general meeting held in Thunder Bay over the past weekend.

In total, 29 policy resolutions were adopted by the membership following vigorous debate including:

- Working with the provincial government to formulate a comprehensive, long-term tax strategy
- Advocating for municipalities to be refunded the PST on all purchases they make
- Keeping Ontario's coal plants operational, and ensuring the province has adequate energy supply
- Reinvesting in the critical border crossings in Ontario.
- Establishing long range planning for highways and other important infrastructure

“The membership's message has been very clear – we need fair and competitive taxes, less red tape, and infrastructure that meets the needs of business and taxpayers,” said Len Crispino, President and CEO of the OCC. “We know that if the government provides business with the tools it needs to grow and expand, the entire province benefits.”

This new policy agenda will set the course of the OCC's advocacy efforts for the coming year – forming a framework to guide the Chamber as it works with the provincial government to build and improve the provincial economy.

“We've always said that business needs to be part of the solution,” said Crispino, “But that doesn't mean we sit idly on the sidelines and watch opportunity go by. The message from our members is very clear – work with government to affect solutions. In the coming days and weeks, we'll be knocking on Premier McGuinty's door letting him know where our 57,000 members stand on the issues of the day.”

“The chamber network is strong and united – and that is great news for local business,” said Helene Johnson, President & C.E.O. of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce. “We are looking forward to working with our local government on a number of issues – knowing that the OCC and other chambers and boards from across the province will be standing with us.”

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Come and golf with us on Thursday May 27th at the Maples of Ballantrae. The day starts with a fun B.B.Q. at 11:30 followed by a round of golf with cart. As always, single players are also being encouraged to come out to play. We match you up, you meet new people and make new business contacts while having fun.

Donations to our prize table would be greatly appreciated. Please call the office to book, sponsor or donate prizes.

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COMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Networking Breakfasts -7:30 a.m.

Cost - members \$10

Non-members \$15

May 13th. Networking Breakfast

Maples of Ballantrae Golf Club - 14248 Hwy 48. The club has just undergone extensive renovations, please join us for a sit down breakfast.

May 27th. Golf Tournament

Maples of Ballantrae - B.B.Q. lunch starts at 11:30-then golf-dinner and prizes to follow. Non golfers...just come for the dinner. Always fun, plan to attend, bring a friend. Donations are needed for our prize table-call us!!

May 29th. Big Bike for Stroke

The Chamber will be riding the 30 seater at 10 am. To ride the bike with us you must raise a minimum of \$50. It will be Big & Fun, an event to remember!

Thanks Matt and Good Luck!

As of April 24th Matthew Stallan left our Chamber office to pursue a full time position, after his graduation from College. He started working for us 6 years ago in the mornings, before school, 5 days a week. He then moved to week ends while at Durham College. He will be missed, but we know he will be a credit to his new employer. We wish him well in his new career choice.

In these days of talent wars the best way to keep your stars is to know them better than they know themselves and to use that information to customize the career of their dreams.