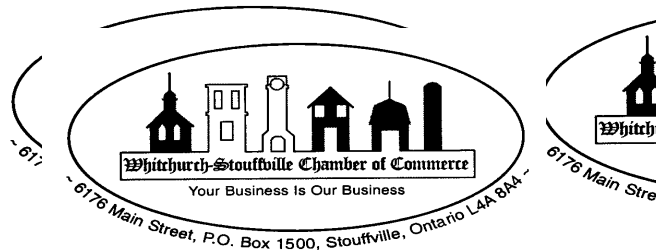


NEWS & VIEWS

September 2009



COMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 17, 2009

After Hours

5:30 – 7:30 pm

**Hosted by: Willow Springs
Winery & The Roving Chef**

5572 Bethesda Road

Free to Members

\$15.00 Non-Members (GST incl.)

September 24, 2009

Networking Breakfast

8:00 – 9:00 am

**Hosted by: Stouffville Creek
Retirement Residence**

6 – 20 Freel Lane

Free to Members

\$15.00 Non-members (GST incl.)

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 incl.)

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 incl.)

November 17, 2009 (Tuesday)

Networking Breakfast

8:00 – 9:00 am

**Hosted by: Charlinda Belgian
Chocolates**

14811 Ninth Line,

Musselman's Lake

Free to Members

\$15.00 Non-members (GST incl.)

**Please register and pay in
advance by calling the Chamber
office 905-642-4227.**

Networking Meetings 2010

We are now booking for 2010, if you would like to host a Breakfast or an After hours call us **NOW**. Indicate which month would work for you and we will try to accommodate you. The meetings are held the 2nd or 3rd Thursday of the month.

COME AND JOIN US AT OUR NEXT NETWORKING MEETING.

Share Your Knowledge

We invite our Members to submit to the Chamber an article; 150 words or less; which you feel would be of interest to the general membership. We will publish the articles in upcoming newsletters. This is not about a sale you may be having, just information on your business that we may not be aware of.

Chamber Members

If there is any information that needs to be changed on our website or in our directory please let us know.

“How to Do Business with the Public Sector in York Region”

Do you want to know how to do Business with the Public Sector in York Region? Would you like to meet the Procurement Staff representing the Municipalities, School Boards and Police? IF YES, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY! DATE: Wed. September 16, 2009 TIME: 8:15 to 10:30 a.m. LOCATION: The Newmarket Theatre, 505 Pickering Cres. Newmarket, ON. L3Y 8H1

For more information, please visit

yorksmallbusiness.ca/events

Member Bulletin from the Ontario Chamber of Commerce

Limited opportunity to comment on proposed accessibility rules
The provincial government's proposed rules governing how businesses and organizations in Ontario prevent and remove barriers for people with disabilities, in their physical surroundings, are now available for comment. The government's Accessibility Standards Committee for the Built Environment (of which the OCC is a member)

has drafted the rules which are available online for public review until October 16, at <http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca/mcss/english/pillars/accessibilityOntario/accesson/business/environment/>.

The committee's proposed standard will affect all new construction and extensive renovations and proposes requirements for every aspect including:

- Common access - entrances, doorways, ramps, stairs
- Exteriors – curbs, crossings, street furniture
- Plumbing – washrooms, showers, drinking fountains
- Communication – signage, telephones
- Buildings – air quality, acoustics, lighting.

The committee has proposed the following timelines:

- New construction to follow the standard within 12 months of it coming into force
- Substantial renovation to follow the standard 12 to 36 months of it coming into force.

It is important to note that the government does not plan to impose requirements for **retrofitting existing buildings** at this time.

Also, the government does not intend to require existing or new single family houses accessible at this time.

All members are encouraged to review the draft standards and to provide their comments to the government no later that Oct. 16, 2009.

Stouffville Igoma Partnership (SIP)

Join us for a fun night with superb entertainment everyone is sure to enjoy!
The Whitchurch-Stouffville Town Council and Chamber of Commerce invite you to attend the

**5th Annual Fundraising Dinner and Auction
Friday, October 16, 2009**
East Ridge Church Complex
12485 10th Line, Stouffville
To purchase tickets please contact the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce at 905-642-4227, or East Ridge Evangelical Missionary Church at 905-640-3911 ext. 42.

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Check out our website; you may be missing out on some of the advantages of being a member. Look at "Join Now" on www.whitchurchstouffville.ca.

Have you checked out:

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