

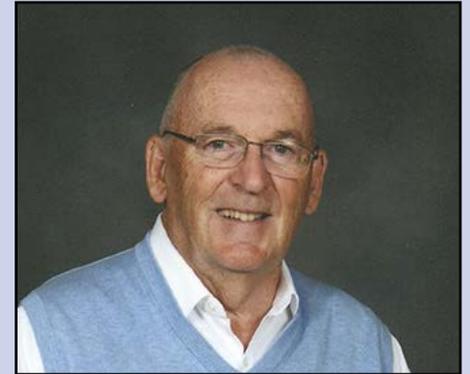
Message Centre Is Fully Operational & Ready For You!



The Chamber is very pleased to invite Members to advertise their products and services on the new message centre. The strategically located outdoor electronic message centre is attracting great comments and attention, so advertisers will be pleased.

Community organizations are also invited to promote their community events on the Message Centre. The combination of all the messaging makes the full color signboard very attractive to the thousands of daily passers-by.

If you are interested in advertising your business, events, products or services on the message centre, please contact our office at: 905-642-4227



Business News

There is tremendous interest across the Province of Ontario about the proposed Fair Workplaces Better Jobs Act and the consequential Changing Work Place Review. The Stouffville Chamber is working with the Ontario Chamber and our colleague Chambers in York Region in support of the broad coalition called Keep Ontario Working, KOW. Watch for notices about Town Halls, Roundtables, Committee Hearings and Open Letters to mobilize business to speak out to Premier Wynne to adjust the legislation.

Nominations for the Business Excellence Awards are now open for you to nominate your candidate in one of 5 categories. [Click here for the nomination form.](#)

We will not be busy with events in August but Membership is always a priority. If you know of any business which is not a member, that you feel could benefit from joining please let me know so we can canvass them.

Harry Renaud- Executive Director
harry@stouffvillechamber.ca

Annual Golf Day - June 20th Recap



The Stouffville Chamber of Commerce and the Markham Board of Trade co-hosted a remarkable golf day on June 20th in spite of the weather.

Members of both organizations and their guests enjoyed a great day, playing either 18 or 9-holes of golf, which was followed by a delicious barbecue and the awarding of some really fabulous prizes.

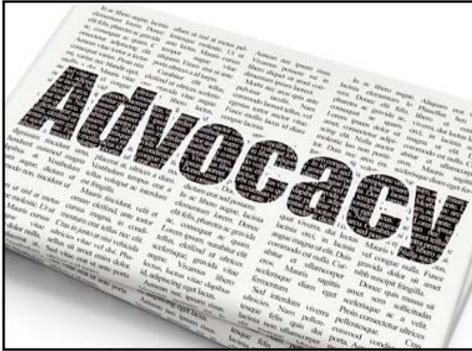


Thank you to all our Corporate Sponsors:



Welcome New Member

- Grand Mac Construction



Advocacy Updates

The Board of Directors has appointed Director Paul Simpson to chair the new Advocacy Committee. The Committee will address Advocacy issues that will have a direct effect on Members, particularly from a Provincial, Regional and or Municipal standpoint. Examples include Fair Workplaces and Better Jobs Plan re: minimum wage etc., Provincial Growth Plan and its impact on developable land in our community, Retail Business Holiday Act and its proposed changes and an application for Federal Funding for Super Clusters in York Region.



Strawberry Festival

The Chamber participated in the Stouffville Strawberry Festival in collaboration with the Ontario Berry Growers Association. Our intention was to promote the business of berry growing. We distributed over 2,500 information cards that include a couple of delicious recipes. Just in case you were not able to drop by here is a [link to the recipes](#).

2017 Colossal Chamber Networking Event

This years 7th Annual Colossal Chamber Event took place June 13th when all nine York Region Chambers came together for a great evening of networking and celebration. There were 31 exhibitors displaying their wares for over 400 attendees.



Two Business Recognition Awards were announced for York Region. Bento Nouveau Ltd. from Markham won the Best Small Business and Benson Kearley IFG from Newmarket won the Best Large Business award.



2017 Business Recognition Awards

Business Recognition Awards - Call For Nominations

The Chamber will once again recognize Business Excellence at the annual Business Recognition Awards Ceremony in November. Preparations are underway and we are seeking nominations for five categories of business excellence. Nominations are open only until August 18th.

The Five Categories Are:

- Best Large Business (10+ employees)
- Best Small Business (-10 employees)
- Best New Business
- Best Not-for-Profit
- Entrepreneur of the Year.

you feel should be recognized for business excellence. This years Business Recognition Awards will be held on Tuesday, November 14. More details will follow and registration in advance will be required.

Now is the time to get involved and nominate either your own or some other enterprise

Nominating a fellow Chamber Member has never been easier simply [Click Here!](#)



Power Hour Breakfast

On September 15 the Chamber will host a Power Hour Breakfast, which will include our Federal, Provincial, Regional and Municipal elected leaders to face the audience for one hour and answer any question from the floor. This is a unique opportunity to network with other Members and hear directly from our leaders about issues you want to know more about. Registration in advance will be required. More details will follow in the coming weeks. Admission will cost \$35 and will include a buffet breakfast.



Round Table Networking Event In October

Watch out for a new networking event in October when five roundtables will be organized on five interesting topics that were chosen by Members in a recent survey. Each topic will be lead by qualified discussion leaders. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn at the roundtables and network during the event. This will be a Members only event. Registration in advance will be required. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

The Stouffville Chamber Membership Update

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce has a goal to increase our membership roster by 10% before the end of 2017. Since January we have had 24 new Members join.

We are half way to achieving our goal so we are asking Members to help by spreading the word to other businesses that are not already Members that you feel could benefit from joining. Or if you prefer... simply forward the names and contact information to our office. We will contact them directly and invite them to join.

The more Members we have the stronger our voice and more influential we can be, not to mention the additional networking opportunities for all our Members

Our Strength Is In Our Numbers... Let's Grow
The Chamber Together!

Here is a link to our promotional video
[https://vimeo.com/user10144522/
stouffville-chamber-of-commerce-
membership-invitation](https://vimeo.com/user10144522/stouffville-chamber-of-commerce-membership-invitation) Feel free to
distribute to anyone you think may benefit
from joining the Chamber.



Succession Planning

Currently, there are two seats vacant on the Board of Directors and two more will become vacant at the next AGM in April 2018. If you are interested to become a Director and sit on our Board, please contact Harry Renaud, Executive Director, who will be happy to explain what the requirements are and what your commitment would be. The Board normally meets six times a year and is focussed on policy direction for the Chamber.



"Being a member of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce is very important for SCS Consulting Group Ltd. as a medium sized business operating in York Region. Through the meetings and networking events offered by the Chamber, it allows us to be part of an active business community and keeps our finger on the pulse as far as current issues and any topics relevant to our industry and development."

Member Only Benefits

Part of the Chamber's value proposition is the Benefits that are offered to Members. Too often these are overlooked and should be reviewed to see if they afford you some advantage. Each benefit is outlined on the Website and provides a summary of the offering and benefits to you, and your employees. [Click Here](#)



Chamber members are eligible to save up to 30% off the everyday public web price of Lenovo's entire product line of PC products and accessories. Take advantage of great deals on everything you need for your office and home, including all laptops, tablets, desktops, all-in-ones, workstations, servers, and accessories. This includes savings on top products, such as the award-winning ThinkPad laptops and innovative multimode YOGA tablets.

Chamber members also receive free ground shipping on all web orders, monthly limited-time special offers, access to energy-efficient green technologies, and award-winning service and support. Experience the Lenovo difference! For more information and easy ordering, call 1-888-315-7408, ext. 5221 or visit [Lenovo website](#). Be sure to check the website often - special offers change frequently.

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"Networking Events Provide A Unique Opportunity To Meet Other Members In A Fun And Interactive Manner"



Ultimate Networking Card

Being a Member of the Stouffville Chamber of Commerce includes a special, member-only privilege: the York Region Ultimate Networking Card. Holders of this card are entitled to attend any event scheduled by each of the nine different Chamber groups in York Region, at member pricing. Maximize your networking opportunities and see your business grow!

M2M Promotions & Discounts

Make sure you have reviewed the very popular M2M Promotions and Discounts to take advantage of some special deals from other Members.

The Member to Member promotions and discounts program is an excellent opportunity for you to reach out to other Members with a coupon offer. This is an electronic (pdf) listing which is distributed to all Members quarterly showing coupon offers to Members from fellow Members. The next listing will be published early August 2017. The deadline to participate is August 16th. Give the Chamber a call and arrange to be included in the next issue.



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FREE Seminars & Small Business Group Sessions

A list of FREE seminars & small business group session is available on our website along with descriptions, dates, locations, times and registration links

[Click Here](#)



Events Calendar 2017

I am very excited to announce that the Events Committee has recommended an exciting calendar of events for 2017. We will host a significant event every month (excluding July and August) for Members to network and enjoy.

Power Breakfast

September 15th (8:00 to 9:00 a.m.)
Meadowbrook Golf Club
11939 Warden Ave., Gormley
More Details to Follow

Round Tables

October 24th (3:00 to 6:00 p.m.)
Royal Canadian Legion
150 Mostar St. Stouffville

Business Recognition Awards

November 14th
Royal Canadian Legion
150 Mostar St. Stouffville
More Details to Follow

Christmas Luncheon

December 8th.
More Details to Follow



To view a calendar and full list of events that are offered by all nine York Region Chamber [Click Here!](#)



How Would You Like to Go On Safari in 2018?

The Stouffville Chamber, along with Travepoint Travel Agency in Stouffville have made arrangements with Indus Travel to promote an exciting 11 day trip to South Africa, including a safari and an optional extension for a 3 day stay in Dubai. If South Africa is on your bucket list or you were wondering where to go on vacation next year... Here is your chance! Watch for the promotional advertising and information meeting this fall. This is truly going to be a travel opportunity of a lifetime!



Committee Volunteers

Advocacy is a new committee for the Chamber that needs volunteers who have an interest in public policy. This committee will concentrate its interests primarily on Municipal, Regional and Provincial matters dealing with economic development and business growth.

If you are interested in serving on advocacy committee, you will be asked to commit not more than 12 hours in any year and attend not more than 4 meetings in that timeframe. Your input is valuable and we could use your advice.

Together we can make the Chamber stronger. If you are interested please contact Harry Renaud, Executive Director: harry@stouffvillechamber.ca

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Do You Know Of Any Local Philanthropists?

Philanthropy is now a basic tenet of many businesses. Companies are finding new ways to be philanthropic besides just writing a cheque. Perhaps individuals in your company devote their time and/or talents to a well-needed cause, or an organization has come up with other innovative ways of being philanthropic.

The Chamber would like to recognize those member organizations that donate time and resources to philanthropic endeavours, especially in our community. If you know of such a company or situation, we would love to hear about and recognize them and their efforts to give back.