

*Chamber of Commerce

News bulletin

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*King Chamber of Commerce will come into existence upon incorporation and creation of by/laws & Constitution

UPDATE FROM Your Chamber

Membership renewals

Don't forget to send in your renewals!!

If you have any questions regarding membership and the benefits you can take advantage of as a member, please contact Jane.

Receipts for those who have paid are coming soon!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Schomberg Hypnosis Centre

UPDATE FROM King Township

UPDATE from OCC

The latest Legislative Watch Newsletter is available here:
<http://occ.on.ca/Communications/Newsletter%20-%20Legislative%20Watch/>

Survey Results

Thanks to all of you who helped disseminate the manufacturing survey. Our results have been tabulated and provided to MPP David Ramsay, Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier to assist in his preparation of the strategy for Ontario's manufacturing sector.

For a more detailed survey result please contact your Chamber.

Ontario Chamber Calls for Economic Stimulus Package

In a meeting with Finance Minister Dwight Duncan, the OCC has asked the province to embrace a number of key recommendations ([2008 Provincial Pre-budget Submission](#)) that include:

Revamping the tax structure in order to reduce the marginal effective tax burden of capital and labour – currently almost double the average of five of Ontario's peer jurisdictions – by eliminating the small business surtax and reducing corporate tax rates

Determining the feasibility of a ["Made-in-Ontario"](#) harmonized sales tax

Strengthening Ontario communities by expeditiously uploading social services

Establishing Canadian content levels for publicly tendered transportation infrastructure projects to support domestic industry and the communities in which they operate

"Employers in every community in this province have made it loud and clear that they're more worried about Ontario's economic performance and their own company prospects than they've been in the last five years. While the government may not be able to directly impact the state of the US economy or the strength of the Canadian dollar, two clear reasons for waning optimism, the government can create an environment that encourages, not penalizes, investment in physical, human and capital resources, and promotes greater trade diversification," explains Crispino.

The OCC member survey was conducted from December 2007 to January 2008, gathered 667 responses from 70 local Chambers of Commerce/Boards of Trade, and is considered accurate 19 times out of 20, with a plus/minus margin of 4.965%.

The OCC represents over 57,000 businesses through 160 local Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade, and has been Ontario's business advocate since 1911. Its advocacy and policy initiatives focus on six areas key to the economic well-being of the province: health; education; energy; finance & taxation; transportation & infrastructure; and border issues.

EARTH HOUR 2008

The Township will participate in the Earth Hour Challenge 2008.

King will join cities around the world who will be turning off the lights for one hour between 8 pm and 9 pm on Saturday March 29, 2008. The purpose of this challenge is to raise awareness of climate change. All businesses and households in the township are encouraged to participate together with all of York Region.

Please visit www.earthhour.org for further details.

UPDATE from CCC

Budget '08 acts quickly on border costs: Canadian Chamber

Ottawa, February 27, 2008 – Yesterday recommendations made in a coalition report on reducing border costs led by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce were met in the 2008 federal budget only six days after the report was released.

"What makes this significant is how quickly the government took action in response to recommendations in this report," declared Perrin Beatty, President and CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. "The security clamp-down at the Canada-U.S. border with the layering of costs, requirements and delays has become a slow-moving disaster. We urgently need to find ways to reduce costs for legitimate cargo and travelers or jobs will be lost. The border is one area where you can actually do some good and help bring relief. Dealing with these issues, both in Canada and jointly with the U.S., is one of the top three priorities for the Canadian government," says Beatty.

"The Canadian Chamber is very pleased that once again we've caused the federal government to sit up and take notice with our coalition report, but more still needs to be done in the near-term to address the other recommendations. There are 10 million jobs between Canada and the United States that are border-dependent. We are fighting to keep all of those 10 million jobs, held by 10 million families, paying perhaps 10 million mortgages in North America," says Beatty

Detailed analysis can be found on the web:

<http://www.chamber.ca/cmslib/general/080206BudgetAnalysis.pdf>

MEMBERS MESSAGES

Age of Bronze

Brett Davis will once again be participating in the Canada Blooms Show held at the Metro Convention Center in Toronto March 12 to 16 - Come see new and inspiring sculptures for your gardens this year and stroll through Pathways to Perennials interactive musical display gardens to see the featured bronze "Water Harp". www.pathwaystoperennials.com
www.canadablooms.com

Brett will also be participating for the first time at the Toronto Art Expo at The Metro Convention Center from March 6 to 9.

He will be displaying some of his new figurative bronze works including a larger scale plaster work of a bronze maquette that is still on display in the First Elaborate Sculpture Exhibition of Zhengzhou - China www.ageofbronze.ca

Art Expo has become one of Canada's premier fine art and cultural events of the spring with spectacular performances of music and dance. www.torontoartexpo.com

FARM TOUR

Schomberg Agricultural Society's 4th Annual Farm Tour

This Years Theme:

"Sheep & Goats"

Visit a real working farm during the Annual Farm tour...get close and "personal" to sheep and goats.

The cost of this "drive yourself" tour is \$10.00 per car; the map/ticket will give you directions to the farms on the tour.

Tickets may be purchased one week before the tour at various locations throughout the area. Tickets may be purchased at the Schomberg Fairgrounds on Main Street, Schomberg, (Hwy 27&9) on the day of the Tour.

Please note: No dogs allowed.

Light Lunches will be available at the clubhouse on the fairgrounds (Off Main Street)

For more information, visit the Schomberg Agricultural Fair [Website](#), or call Janet Orr at 905-859-0834.

The theme for this year's Schomberg Agricultural Fair, May 22nd to 25th, is "Sheep & Goats". Many things are planned with this in mind. The Sheep Show is on Saturday & the Goat show is on Sunday.



King Environmental Movie Series is brought to you by **Cold Creek Stewardship Committee, ASK, King Township Public Library and The Dufferin Mash Committee.**

Our first movie for this year will be: **"The End Of Suburbia"**.

It is a frank look at how our rising use of oil and other fossil fuels is putting our current way of life at risk - and how the environment we have built for ourselves to live in, the suburb - is a significant contributor to the problem.

Tuesday March 18th from 7pm - 9pm at Schomberg Public Library (77 Main Street - www.king-library.on.ca)



ASK Festival King 2008 – “promote and celebrate the arts, heritage and nature in King”

This year's festival is from **July 5th to July 19th** with our theme "Step Back in King" to celebrate two major anniversaries – 50th of Nobleton King City Horticultural Society and 100th of the Nobleton Women's Institute.

There will be a heritage walking tour of Kettleby, the ASK Soirée at the K.T. Museum site (showcasing King's chefs, caterers, musicians, dancers, artists, and singers, winery, brewery, café), a heritage bus tour of King, artistic **workshops and lectures over 10 days**, Garden Tour, Tea at the Museum, Quilt displays, Art displays and Women's Institute displays and a play at Country Day School...and ending with Daniel's famous "King Swings".

Sponsorships are now available. \$300 Gold, \$200 Silver and \$100 Bronze. Sponsors are recognized with logos or names in two advertising brochures being distributed throughout the township and beyond. Please contact Jane at 905-939-7537.

Volunteers. We are always looking for volunteers please contact Judy Craig at 859 4749 or judy@grcraig.com. or Cathy Webster after March 13 881 4839 or cathywebster@rogers.com

www.artssocietyking.ca