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UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAMBER BOARD MEETING
APR 19
NAPANEE BUSINESS CENTRE
BUSINESS AFTER HOURS NETWORKING
APR 25
KINGSTON LITERACY CENTRE
CHAMBER BOARD MEETING
MAY 16
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FEBRUARY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS & CHAMBER AGM

The Chamber hosted the February Business After Hours followed by the Annual General Meeting. President Dan Atkinson provided a 2011 report on activities highlighting the Doors Open and Springside Park Trail initiatives and confirming the Board's agreement in handing over the job of providing Visitor Information Services to the municipality effective January 1, 2013.

Treasurer Peter Veltheer provided the 2011 Treasurer's Report stressing the board will continue to work with staff to ensure costs are kept under control. Brian Patterson reported on the Chambers Insurance Plan and Office Manager Kathy Medd provided a report on 2011 Chamber and tourism activities.



Pictured above from left to right are Chamber Treasurer Peter Veltheer of **Mainstay Foods**; Brian Patterson of **Marlin Financial** (winner of the Royal Coachman \$25 Gift Certificate draw); incoming Chamber President Brad Way of **Marlin Financial** and James Timlin, **Director of Community & Corporate Services for the Town of Greater Napanee**.



Chamber President Dan Atkinson stepped down from the position of President after serving at the helm from 2004 to 2011. Incoming President Brad Way of Marlin Financial presented Dan with a gift thanking him for his many years of dedicated service to the Napanee & District Chamber of Commerce.

ANNOUNCING OUR 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Brad Way, Marlin Financial
Vice-President*	Janet Flynn, RBC
Secretary	Jack Green, RE/Max
Treasurer	Peter Veltheer, Mainstay Foods
Director	Hollie Peterson, RBC
Director	Shaune Lucas, Carpet Warehouse
Director	Stafford Murphy, NACHC
Past-President	Dan Atkinson

Welcome to our newest board members:

Director	Dale Morrissey, WJP Media
Director	Sandy Coghlan, Napanee Guide

* Position filled during the March 2012 Board of Directors Mtg

More.....



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Pictured below is Chamber Director Janet Flynn of RBC and Craig Desjardins of PELA CFDC. PELA was on hand for the Business After Hours event to announce their new Accessibility Loan. Details are included below.



PELA CFDC ACCESSIBILITY LOANS NOW AVAILABLE



New and existing businesses within PELA's service area now have access to loan funds to help upgrade your existing commercial property to become compliant with the AODA. "Accessibility is not about ramps or automatic door opener's, it's about understanding that people with disabilities may have different needs".

In response to the Provincial Access Ontario legislation, PELA CFDC has made available an informative package, free to all businesses in the PELA region, which explains the legislation and provides some training tools, along with 10 x \$5,000 Interest Free Accessibility loans to help with the cost of any property upgrades that your **Accessible Customer Service Plan** identifies. For information about the complete loan package contact PELA @ 613.354.0162 or visit www.pelacfdc.

TOWN OF GREATER NAPANEE WEBSITE SURVEY



The Town of Greater Napanee is in the process of redeveloping the municipal website and are looking for your input. Let them know what type of information you want access to, and how you want access to it!. The information collected will help restructure the current site, making it more user-friendly for all.

You can complete the quick 10-question survey online by visiting the following link: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Town_of_Greater_Napanee_Municipal_Website_Redevelopment_Survey or obtaining a hard copy at the Town Hall, Strathcona Paper Centre, or Napanee Utilities office.

MARCH BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Pet Panache located in downtown Napanee was our March Business After Hours Host. Thanks again to owner Sondra Elliott for a fun and informative evening. We had a great turnout and the lucky winner of our \$25 **Royal Coachman** Gift Certificate was Mary Lynn Davis of **Vidoma Naturals**. Pictured here from left to right are groomer Kiley Hanna, trainer Beth Stableford and owner, Sondra Elliott.



Also in attendance was new Chamber board member Sandy Coughlan of the **Napanee Guide** and Robert Storing of **Century 21** (pictured in the photo to the left).

Pictured at right are Chamber Secretary Jack Green of **RE/Max** and his partner Sharon Moorcroft of **RE/Max**.



Cindy Campbell of Unity Savings was also present and provided attendees with some news.....



Unity Savings has merged with **Kawartha Credit Union**. We look forward to visiting with Cindy when she hosts our May Business After Hours.

Pictured at left are Gene Graham of **Barry Graham Chartered Accountant Professional Corporation** and new Chamber Director Dale Morrisey of **WJP Media**.

EXCERPT FROM CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2012 BUDGET ANALYSIS

With improved economic assumptions and lower than anticipated spending numbers, the federal government is enjoying a brighter fiscal outlook. The deficit for fiscal 2011-12 is now estimated at \$24.4 billion, a \$6.6 billion improvement relative to what it had predicted in the November fiscal update. There are also small improvements in the size of the deficits going forward. The government anticipates a return to surplus in fiscal 2015-16, as previously forecasted. We are pleased the government has answered the Canadian Chamber's call for a balanced budget in the medium term. In a world awash with debt, we are securing crucial fiscal flexibility to survive future downturns and respond to the challenges of an aging population.

The medium-term fiscal plan hinges on the government's commitment to limit annual program spending increases to an average of about 2.1% per year through fiscal 2016-17 and secure permanent administrative efficiencies in the current plan. The budget document lays out the broad brush strokes of belt tightening (i.e. planned reductions in departmental spending) with more details to be rolled out in the coming months.

The government continues to rule out tax increases to balance its books. This is a victory for the Canadian Chamber and the network that pushed hard for spending restraint over growth-killing tax hikes to balance the books.

The debt-to-GDP ratio, an important measure of fiscal sustainability, is on track to fall to below 30% by 2016-17, returning it to its pre-recession level. Overall, the federal government's relatively favourable fiscal position, compared to other G7 countries, should be well received by markets, as will the plan to eliminate deficits largely on the back of spending restraint.

Given the lingering economic uncertainties, the government has incorporated additional prudence into the budget plan. The Canadian Chamber praises this cautious approach as it will provide the government with greater flexibility in the event of unanticipated economic developments or spending pressures.

Tina Kremmidas, Chief Economist
 Canadian Chamber of Commerce

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