

# HUNTSVILLE/LAKE OF BAYS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## ~ MARCH 2009 NEWSLETTER ~

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### 1. NEW HUNTSVILLE/LAKE OF BAYS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEBSITE

**We are excited to announce that the new Chamber website is up and running!**

Please visit: [www.huntsvilllakeofbays.on.ca](http://www.huntsvilllakeofbays.on.ca).

This new website provides many benefits to our website visitors, the Chamber staff and to you, our members.

#### Website Highlights:

- Redesign consistent with [www.huntsvilleadventures.com](http://www.huntsvilleadventures.com) branding
- Updated, relevant content
- New sections on the front page
- Member Quick Search
- News
- Articles

As a Chamber member, you benefit with enhanced visitor search options that will allow your business to be more readily identified by individuals visiting our site. There is also a further benefit to you, in that unlike our previous site, your business information is stored in such a way as to allow it to be identified and indexed by search engines such as Google and Yahoo. This will provide an added link to your business and additional opportunities for improving your businesses search rankings on these search engines.

What you won't see are the behind the scenes features that allow our Chamber staff to be more productive in making changes to the site and providing more routine updates. While we train on the software and get familiar with all of its capabilities, we are implementing the remaining features in steps. This will allow our team to be focused on day-to-day responsibilities and provide for a smooth transition. More specifically, the initial cost for this system was free and will save the Chamber thousands in administrative time and manual processing of data.

What you can look forward to over the next couple of weeks are additional capabilities that will benefit you and make your experience in dealing with the Chamber more productive and add value to your membership.

#### Future Benefits include:

- Better Support for Member Management
- The ability for you to maintain your own, more comprehensive Business Directory Listing online
- An Enhanced Newsletter
- Online Event Registration

We'll let you know as these new capabilities are available, then work with you to ensure that you get the most out of them. Rest assured that regardless of your level of computer experience, we'll be there to ensure that your experience with our new site is positive and beneficial.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Carolyn Goldring and Bob Jennings of The Chamber Works ([www.thechamberworks.com](http://www.thechamberworks.com)) for all their hard work on this exciting new initiative. Carolyn and Bob presented this opportunity to our Chamber as a pilot for their new venture. We have been very fortunate to benefit from their expertise, and it has been a pleasure to work with their company.

We look forward to your feedback!

## 2. 2009 VISITORS GUIDE ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

It is time to produce our **2009 Huntsville, Lake of Bays & Algonquin Park Visitors Guide**. The 2008 guide was very well received, distributed throughout Ontario and requested from as far away as Japan! This year includes two new exciting advertising opportunities: **Adventure Passport Coupon Book** and **Online Marketing** at [www.huntsvilleadventures.com](http://www.huntsvilleadventures.com). **Special discounts are available to those members who take advantage of all 3 marketing opportunities!**

The 2009 Visitors Guide is a comprehensive and invaluable tool for visitors to our beautiful area. Those attending the G8 Summit, Ironman 70.3, 2010 Winter Youth Games and other events in our area, will use this guide to explore the unique services, attractions, accommodations and dining that Huntsville, Lake of Bays and Algonquin Park have to offer.

**This is an opportunity you can not afford to miss!** Secure your ad space today by contacting Trish Kruusmagi, Program & Sales Coordinator, at (705) 789-4771 ext. 32 or [trish@huntsvillelakeofbays.on.ca](mailto:trish@huntsvillelakeofbays.on.ca).

## 3. WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

**A Warm Welcome to our new Chamber Members who joined in February & March!**

**A Luxury Hidden Valley Chalet Rental** 8 Turner Dr., Huntsville, P1H 1A8 P: 416-938-4267 F: 1-888-447-2720 [bheike@compassrealty.ca](mailto:bheike@compassrealty.ca) [www.condo.webcentre.ca](http://www.condo.webcentre.ca) Contact: Bob Heike. Luxury 3 bedroom chalets available for minimum 2 night rental. Located on Pen Lake/Hidden Valley in Huntsville.

**Advenergy** 579 South Waseosa Lake Rd, Huntsville, P1H 2N5 P: 705-789-4384 [jason@advenergy.ca](mailto:jason@advenergy.ca) [advenergy.ca](http://advenergy.ca) Contact: Jason Kruusmagi. Renewable energy product & service based company, specializing in residential/commercial solar thermal heating systems.

**At the Lake Cottage Rentals** 318 Forest Glen Rd, Huntsville, P1H 1R8 P: 705-788-9381 or 1-866-947-9861 [info@atthelakecottagerentals.com](mailto:info@atthelakecottagerentals.com) [atthelakecottagerentals.com](http://atthelakecottagerentals.com) Contact: Mary Ellen Waffle. Full service private cottage rentals meeting the needs of owners & renters. Service-driven to exceed your expectations.

**Bastedo Bay B&B** 1037 Kelly Rd, Baysville, P0B 1A0 P/F: 705-767-2111 [lindadanby@vianet.ca](mailto:lindadanby@vianet.ca) Contact: Linda Danby. 2bdrm 2bath kitchen Muskoka room sleeps 8 full 2000 sq ft self-contained walkout to Lake of Bays waterfront Baysville

**Clearview Cottages** 1205 Hwy #592, Site 2B, Box 8, RR#1, Emsdale, P0A 1J0 P: 705-636-1040 [clearviewcottages@vianet.ca](mailto:clearviewcottages@vianet.ca) [www.clearviewcottages.com](http://www.clearviewcottages.com) Contact: Tom Lumley. Close to Huntsville-on pristine Clear Lake. Lovely sand beach, fully equipped two and three bedroom cottages.

**CrossFit Muskoka** 4 Centre St. S., Huntsville, P1H 1W4 P: 705-788-9154 [crossfitmuskoka@live.ca](mailto:crossfitmuskoka@live.ca) [www.crossfitmuskoka.com](http://www.crossfitmuskoka.com) Contact: David Marshall. Muskoka's only facility exclusively dedicated to functional fitness and athletic conditioning.

**Dynamic Performance Group Inc.** P.O. Box 86, Baysville, P0B 1A0 P: 705-385-9972 [info@dpgrp.com](mailto:info@dpgrp.com) [www.dpgrp.com](http://www.dpgrp.com) Contact: Larry Wilson. Web planning-design/development-hosting & SEO. Marketing database development & integration. Computer training.

**Fox Lake B&B** 344 West Fox Lake Rd, Huntsville, P1H 2J2 P: 705-788-2046 or 705-571-3106 cell [johnyrachel@sympatico.ca](mailto:johnyrachel@sympatico.ca) Contact: Rachel de Sadeleer. Scenic peaceful spot on Fox Lk-2 lux. rms-gorgeous guest liv.rm-cert. chef Rachel serving you. Engl/French/Dutch/German

**Gates Custom Workworking** 379 Indian Trail, Huntsville, P1H 1Y9 P: 705-788-3922 [gatescustomwoodworking@gmail.com](mailto:gatescustomwoodworking@gmail.com) <http://sites.google.com/site/gatescustomwoodworking/Home> Contact: Todd Gates. Serving Muskoka and the surrounding area, our focus is on quality craftsmanship with a keen eye on budget & timelines.

**Huntsville Online** 518 Gryffin Lodge Rd, Utterson, P0B 1M0 P: 705-789-4399 [david@huntsvilleonline.ca](mailto:david@huntsvilleonline.ca) [www.huntsvilleonline.ca](http://www.huntsvilleonline.ca) Contact: David Harris. A Huntsville journal of news, views and opinions.

**Image Promotional Products** 440 Ecclestone Dr., Bracebridge, P1L 1Z6 P: 705-646-2750 F: 705-646-2741 [beth@imagepp.ca](mailto:beth@imagepp.ca) [www.imagepp.ca](http://www.imagepp.ca) Contact: Beth Sales. Custom logoed clothing & gifts - teamwear/embroidery/screen printing/graphic art digitizing/showroom/friendly service.

**Impact Health** 23 Dairy Lane, Unit 6, Box 3, Huntsville, P1H 1T4 P/F: 705-789-3028 [impacthealth2004@yahoo.ca](mailto:impacthealth2004@yahoo.ca) Contact: Matt Wilson. Nutritional consulting and biological testing (live blood analysis), ion cleanse.

**Ironwood Machining & Fabricating** 4475 Hwy 518 W., Sprucedale, P0A 1Y0 P: 705-685-7744 F: 705-685-7773 [ironwoodmachine@aol.com](mailto:ironwoodmachine@aol.com) Contact: Dave J. Hobbs. Machining for repair & new custom parts/products with Milling, Lathe & Surface Grinding, as well as custom fabrication.

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**iSun.tan** 73 King William St., #106, Huntsville, P1H 1E5 P: 705-787-1177 [suntan1@bellnet.ca](mailto:suntan1@bellnet.ca) Contact: Marc Clephan. Muskoka's premiere tanning salon. Open 7 days a week - 4 levels of tanning - spray tanning - no appointments necessary.

**Luxury Muskoka Rentals** 151 Townline Rd E., Huntsville, P1H 1R1 P: 705-783-5357 [info@luxurymuskokarentals.com](mailto:info@luxurymuskokarentals.com)  
[www.luxurymuskokarentals.com](http://www.luxurymuskokarentals.com) Contact: Gloria Keith. Providing high-end luxury properties in and around the Muskoka Lakes area for weekly and monthly rentals.

**Muskoka Executive Event Team** 1427 South Kahshe Lake Rd, Kilworthy, P0E 1G0 P: 1-866-394-8947 F: 1-888-336-2055  
[info@muskokameeting.com](mailto:info@muskokameeting.com) [www.muskokameeting.com](http://www.muskokameeting.com) Contact: Melissa Polischuk. Your Muskoka destination & venue finding specialists. Venue finding/booking, accommodation, catering, security, etc.

**Pig Out Ontario Inc.** 312 Swallowdale Rd, Huntsville, P1H 0A5 P: 705-349-1740 [ron.pigout@gmail.com](mailto:ron.pigout@gmail.com)  
[www.pigout.ca](http://www.pigout.ca) Contact: Ron Allard. Sales & rental of pro CSA-approved pig out spit roasters. Clean portable automated for perfect spit roast meat & more.

**Pipefusion Services Inc.** 1029 Aspden Rd, Huntsville, P1H 2J2 P: 705-789-9411 F: 705-788-3237 [info@pipefusion.com](mailto:info@pipefusion.com)  
[www.pipefusion.com](http://www.pipefusion.com) Contact: Jan Nyquist. Sales of plastic pipe, fittings and fusion services. Manufacturer of floating docks & pontoons.

**Simcoe Muskoka Workforce Development Board** 18 Alliance Blvd #22, Barrie, L4M 5A5 P: 705-725-1011 or 1-800-337-4598 F: 705-725-1687 [judy@labourtrends.ca](mailto:judy@labourtrends.ca) [www.sctb.on.ca](http://www.sctb.on.ca) Contact: Judy Noel. A community based not-for-profit corporation serving Muskoka and Simcoe County in identifying labour market trends.

**Sue Burke, Royal LePage Sales Rep.** 395 Centre St. N., Huntsville, P1H 2P5 P: 705-788-6389 F: 705-789-3770  
[sueburke@vianet.ca](mailto:sueburke@vianet.ca) [www.sueburke.com](http://www.sueburke.com) Contact: Sue Burke. #1 Salesperson Royal LePage Huntsville, Lake of Bays, Almaguin. Listing & Selling for 21 years. The Power of Sue!

**Tasso Lake Consulting** 1014 Tasso Lake Rd, Huntsville, P1H 2J6 P: 705-224-4142 [jsirek@tassolake.ca](mailto:jsirek@tassolake.ca) Contact: Jan Sirek. - Wood Doctor outdoor Wood burning furnaces - Cell phone amplifiers

**TWAITS & CO.** PO Box 171, Charlie Thompson Rd., Dwight, P0A 1H0 P: 705-783-1117 F: 705-635- [twaits-co@bell.blackberry.com](mailto:twaits-co@bell.blackberry.com) [www.thincideas.com](http://www.thincideas.com) Contact: Wayne Twaits. Provide business strategy, planning marketing & advertising & communications.

**Wilson Young Events** 441 Stephenson Rd 1 E., RR#2, Port Sydney, P0B 1L0 P: 1-866-899-8993 F: 705-385-9486  
[jml@wilson-young.com](mailto:jml@wilson-young.com) [www.wilson-young.com](http://www.wilson-young.com) Contact: Jodie Marc Lalonde. Wilson Young Events is a full service convention, trade show and event firm with a 22 year history.

**YOU Boutique** 16 Main St. W., Huntsville, P1H 2E1 P: 705-224-7825 [ilse@vianet.ca](mailto:ilse@vianet.ca) Contact: Ilse Pfendt. Very special clothing for women - designed in Canada by Kitchen Orange, House of Spy, Bodybag, Eve Gravel and others.

**Please welcome these new members to the Chamber by doing business with them!**

#### **4. MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS!**

##### **April Business After Hours ~ Thursday, April 16, 2009**

Co-hosted by Starshine Video Productions, Health Works & Impact Health from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

##### **May Business at Lunch Time ~ Thursday, May 7, 2009**

Hosted by The Bookcase from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

##### **May Business After Hours ~ Thursday, May 21, 2009**

Hosted by the Lovegrove Construction & Design from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

##### **'Chamber Classic' Golf Tournament ~ Thursday, June 4, 2009**

Grandview Golf Club – more details to follow soon!

#### **5. THANK YOU!**

Thank you to **FITT Gym & Personal Training Studio** for hosting our February Business at Lunchtime; to **Muskoka Traditions** for hosting our February Business After Hours; to **Massage Works** and **Soul Sistas - Wellness Kitchen** for hosting our March Business at Lunchtime; to **Farmer's Daughter** and **Kimberley Jackson** for hosting our March Business After Hours; to **Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites** for hosting our March Board of Directors meeting.

#### **6. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GROUP INSURANCE PLAN**

Do your employees have a tough time bridging the gap between paying a dental or pharmacy bill and receiving your benefit plan's payment? Remind them the Chambers Plan can deposit benefits directly to the bank account of their choice. Electronic payments can be much faster than regular mail!

**For more information contact the Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan®: 1-877-277-0677.**

## 7. RENEWED CHAMBER MEMBERS

Thank you to the following members who renewed their membership in February & March:

- 1st Choice Kitchens ~ 385-9555  
AA Cleaning Services ~ 382-9347  
Abe's Pump Service ~ 788-0800  
Anthony's ~ 789-7554  
Arowhon Pines in Algonquin Park ~ 633-5661  
BDO Dunwoody LLP ~ 789-4469  
Best Western Muskoka Inn ~ 788-3345  
Blackburn's Steakhouse ~ 789-7563  
Blue Spruce Resort ~ 635-2330  
Blue Water Acres ~ 635-2880  
Blue Whale Communications Inc. ~ 788-0080  
Bob the Plumber ~ 783-4061  
Cavalcade Color Lab ~ 789-9603  
Cedar Grove Lodge ~ 789-4036  
Cheryl Ogston Physiotherapy ~ 787-1561  
Clothes Closet (The) ~ 789-7529  
Cogeco Cable ~ 789-9801  
Community Living Huntsville ~ 789-4543  
Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays  
~ 635-2272  
Cottage Lake Apparel ~ 1-877-223-3327  
Cottage Waterfront Grill (The) ~ 789-6842  
Courtesy Auto Sales ~ 787-1034  
Dean's Home Hardware ~ 385-3475  
Delta Grandview Resort ~ 789-4417  
Despres-Pacey Insurance Brokers Ltd. ~ 789-9093  
Downtown Huntsville Business Improvement Area  
~ 789-1400  
Dr. Bjork, Dr. D. Stager, Dr. T. Stager ~ 788-3937  
Du Ya Wanna Trail Riders Snowmobile Club  
~ 789-2820  
Dwight Garden Centre ~ 635-1696  
Erika's Looking Good Salon ~ 789-9444  
Fabricare Cleaning Center ~ 789-9122  
Fairvern Nursing Home ~ 789-4476  
Fern Glen Inn Bed & Breakfast ~ 636-1391  
Foxwood Resort ~ 635-3933  
Green Point Cottage ~ 788-9393  
Harrower Properties Inc. ~ 788-4848  
Hilltop Signs ~ 789-0815  
Hospice Huntsville ~ 789-6878  
Huntsville & District Agricultural Society ~ 789-9540  
Huntsville Alliance Church ~ 788-7397  
Huntsville District Memorial Hospital Foundation  
~ 789-4756  
Huntsville Employment Resource Centre ~ 787-0349  
Huntsville Forester ~ 789-5541  
Huntsville's Hometown I.D.A. Drugstore ~ 789-2561  
Ideal Supply/NAPA Auto Parts ~ 789-1818  
Imaginus North ~ 787-0791  
Investors Group Financial Services ~ 788-2180  
Invisible Fence Brand of Muskoka ~ 789-1513  
JOHN KENNY Management Services ~ 788-9393  
Kwik Kopy Printing ~ 645-8781  
Limberlost Forest & Wildlife Reserve ~ 635-1584  
Logging Chain Lodge ~ 635-2575  
MBRP Inc. ~ 788-2845  
McDonald's Restaurant ~ 789-9877  
Miller Law Group (The) ~ 789-0400  
Moore Propane Ltd. ~ 385-9111  
Moose Delaney's Sports Grill ~ 787-1025  
Motivations Fitness Huntsville ~ 789-9435  
Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare ~ 789-2311  
Muskoka Community Church ~ 783-1966  
Muskoka Cottage Sitters ~ 787-1888  
Muskoka Moments Bed & Breakfast and Cottage  
Court ~ 788-7125  
Muskoka Montessori Schools ~ 788-3802  
Muskoka Rent All ~ 789-2343  
Near North Business Machines ~ 787-0517  
Nor'Loch Lodge Resort ~ 635-2231  
North Granite Ridge Golf Course ~ 385-0808  
Paddlefoot ~ 646-1322  
Panolam Industries Ltd. ~ 789-9683  
PAVEY TREE - a Division of Arbor Vista Ltd.  
~ 635-8733  
Peter Smith Construction ~ 644-7215  
Pine Lodge Resort ~ 385-2271  
R & G Construction ~ 789-8900  
Raymond James ~ 789-2100  
Reel Alternatives Huntsville ~ 788-2787  
Starshine Video Productions ~ 788-3030  
Summit Electric ~ 789-4384  
Superior Propane Inc. ~ 705-762-3375  
TD Canada Trust ~ 789-1325  
TD Canada Trust ~ 789-4434  
Tea Kettle Campground ~ 789-9793  
The Bookcase ~ 789-9111  
The New Bickley Ford ~ 789-5525  
The Springhill Fresh Water Co. ~ 789-8700  
Think Muskoka Studio ~ 789-8611  
Trillium Management Group ~ 788-3358  
West End Motors ~ 789-5591  
Westside Fish & Chips Family Restaurant ~ 789-7200  
Wine Not ~ 789-9463

**Support your fellow members of the Huntsville/Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce.  
Remember to Shop Local and Shop Members First!**