

HUNTSVILLE/LAKE OF BAYS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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1. BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINATIONS

With the busy holiday season upon us, the Chamber encourages you to take a moment to recognize the excellent service you receive by nominating your favourite business for a **Business Excellence Award!**

The **6th Annual Bell Huntsville/Lake of Bays Business Excellence Awards** are taking place at the Algonquin Theatre on **Thursday, March 26th** and nominations are now being accepted for the following awards: Company of the Year; New Business of the Year; Tourism Business of the Year; Business Leader of the Year; Community Organization of the Year and Accessibility Award. Best in Business will consist of all nominees in all other award categories and will be determined by a panel of judges.

Nominating your favourite business is simple! Download your nomination forms at www.huntsvillelakeofbays.on.ca or call the Chamber at 705-789-4771 ext 21. **Deadline is Friday, February 13th, 2009 at 12 noon so don't delay in submitting your nominations!**

This is your opportunity to say 'Thank You' to a deserving business in Huntsville and Lake of Bays for their outstanding service! Let them know you have noticed their hard work and you greatly appreciate it!

2. EVENT TOURISM COMMITTEE UPDATE

We are excited to announce that Huntsville has been chosen to host a **Celebration Site** for the **2010 Olympic Torch Relay**. Huntsville will host this exciting event on December 30, 2009. This announcement has significant impact for our area because not only is the torch running through our community, it is stopping here. Huntsville has been given the honour of hosting a **Regional Celebration**. One of our community members will have the privilege of gracing the stage for the lighting of Huntsville's Olympic Cauldron as thousands gather round and feel the energy of the Olympic movement. For more information on this exciting initiative or how to become a torchbearer, visit www.vancouver2010.com/torchrelay.

The Event Tourism Committee is also working with the Huntsville Oldtimers Hockey Club to prepare a bid to host the 2012 CARHA World Cup of Hockey. This event would bring approximately 5000 participants to our area and would have a regional aspect incorporating many of the surrounding area arenas.

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The committee is also exploring several other conferences and events which may be a good fit for our community to host.

For more information or to become involved, please contact Kate Austin at 705-789-4771 ext. 33 or email kate@huntsvillelakeofbays.on.ca.

3. EXTERNAL MARKETING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The External Marketing Committee has been busy focusing their efforts on creating a winter Marketing Campaign around a '72 Summit Series. Details surrounding the campaign are still in the works and the committee is excited and looking forward to sharing the project with the rest of the community.

The Summer and Fall Campaigns generated a lot of visits to the Huntsville Adventures web site. Helena Renwick will be contacting local businesses in the New Year to discuss the opportunity of partnering with External Marketing and enhancing their listings on www.huntsvilleadventures.com.

If you have any questions or suggestions for Helena and the External Marketing Committee, please contact her at 705-789-4771 ext 34 or helena@huntsvillelakeofbays.on.ca.

4. HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Driver & Vehicle License Office:

Open December 24 from 8:30 am – 2:00 pm, closed December 25 - 28, open December 29 & 30 from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, open December 31 from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm, closed January 1. Regular hours resume on Friday, January 2, 2009.

Chamber of Commerce Office:

Open December 24 from 9 am – 12 pm, closed December 25 & 26, open December 27 from 10 am – 3 pm, closed December 28, open December 29 & 30 from 10 am – 3 pm, open December 31 from 9 am – 12 pm, closed January 1, open January 2 & 3 from 10 am – 3 pm. Regular hours resume on Friday, January 5, 2009.

Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year to you and yours!

5. CALL FOR DIRECTORS

Interested in becoming a member of the Chamber Board of Directors? If you are a member of the Huntsville/Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce, maintain a business or are employed within Huntsville or Lake of Bays, you are invited to apply for upcoming openings on the Board of Directors for the Huntsville/Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce. Please submit a 'Board of Directors Interest Form' available online at www.huntsvillelakeofbays.on.ca or contact us at 705-789-4771 no later than Thursday, December 18, 2008.

Mission Statement: The Huntsville/Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce is a membership-driven business organization whose mission is to support the economic and social growth of our members through networking, public awareness and community promotion.

6. WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

A Warm Welcome to our new Chamber Members who joined in September, October & November!

Amba Health & Beauty Spa

939 Hwy 60, Huntsville, P1H 1Z4 P: 705-789-1374 F: 705-789-1674 grandviewinn@ambaspa.com
www.ambaspa.com Contact: Ashley Schwemmer. Offering Massage, Facials & more, with locations at Delta Grandview, Sherwood Inn, RockyCrest & Trillium Resort & Spa.

Amnesty International - Muskoka Branch

P: 705-789-1550 jlsec@infinity.net amnesty.ca Contact: Peter Lips.

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Chasing Leaves

2242 Stisted Rd S., Box 81, Sprucedale, P0A 1Y0 P: 705-783-6884 chasingleaves@vianet.ca Contact: Tracy Ross. In-home personalized rehabilitation services in Swedish massage for your canine companion. Other pet services available.

Chestnut Park Real Estate Limited - Susan Brown, Broker

32 Florence St. E., Huntsville, P1H 1Y8 P: 705-789-1001 or 1-800-626-8996 F: 705-789-5702 suebrown@vianet.ca
www.lakeofbayscottages.com Contact: Susan E. Brown. Specializing in waterfront and prestige properties in Huntsville, Lake of Bays and Almaguin since 1990.

Crabby Joe's Tap & Grill

68 King William St., Huntsville, P1H 1G3 P: 705-789-7100 F: 705-789-7172 huntsville@crabbyjoes.com
www.crabbyjoes.com Contact: Angela Stecker. Fun, casual dining restaurant with attitude. Good food, good fun, bad temper. 29¢ wings, \$15.00 ribs. Call for info.

Fay's Lift

1-7 Irene St., Huntsville, P1H 1W5 P: 705-205-0291 fay.dh@hotmail.com Contact: Fay Hodgson. Environmentally friendly cleaning service in Huntsville for residential and small businesses.

figments of imagination

2499 Hwy 60, Huntsville, P1H 2J6 P: 705-783-1886 F: 705-635-9476 greg@figments.ca www.figments.ca Contact: Greg Hancock. We create video, web, television and live productions to take your message directly to your audience.

Health Works

23 Dairy Lane, Unit #7, Huntsville, P1H 1T4 P: 705-788-1482 F: 705-788-2449 info@muskokahealthworks.com
www.muskokahealthworks.com Contact: Dr. Kimberley Colhoun. Family wellness care, nutritional counselling.

Huntsville Curling Club

6 Veterans Way, Huntsville, P1H 1V9 P: 705-789-4571 huntsvillecurlingclub@bellnet.ca
www.huntsvillecurlingclub.ca Contact: Joanne Pepper. Our Curling Club offers league play for ages 7 to 107. Our facilities are also available to rent.

K.B. Wood Products

741 Muskoka Rd #3 N., Huntsville, P1H 1E1 P: 705-789-6907 F: 705-789-5084 wmnunwod@bellnet.ca Contact: Bill Nunn. Custom trim, moulding & flooring, kitchens & cabinetry. Handcrafted timber frame structures. Design & build since 1978.

Lowell Security

P: 705-783-0335 laura@lowellsecurity.ca www.lowellsecurity.ca Contact: Laura Jeffries. Uniformed security guards, property protection, private investigation, ATM service, keyholder service, theft prevention.

Muskoka Party Rentals

27 Barron Dr., Bracebridge, P1L 0A1 P: 705-645-2600 or 1-866-340-7190 F: 705-645-2681
kim@muskokapartyrentals.ca www.muskokapartyrentals.ca Contact: Kim Rixon. Rental of tents, tables, chairs, full place settings, linen and more. Serving Muskoka since 2003.

Muskoka Traditions Retirement Residence

16 Legacy Lane, Huntsville, P1H 0B1 P: 705-789-0012 F: 705-789-9888 ltompson@chartwellreit.ca
www.chartwellreit.ca Contact: Linda Thompson. A seniors housing community in central Huntsville committed to providing amenities for a healthy, active lifestyle.

Norma Prior Bookkeeping

4 Hart Court, Huntsville, P1H 1T6 P: 705-789-2351 F: 705-789-2351 normapriorbookkeeping@sympatico.ca
Contact: Norma Prior.

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North Muskoka House Ltd. - Kris Bridgen Design Co.

365 Hwy 60, Huntsville, P1H 1B9 P: 705-787-0330 F: 705-787-0869 kb@northmuskokahouse.com Contact: Kris Bridgen. Full service design house.

Rubberlubbers The Stamping Emporium

6A Brunel Rd, Huntsville, P1H 2A9 P: 705-787-1234 rubberlubbers@bellnet.ca Contact: P.J. Carey. Art rubber stamps; cardstock; inks; powders; classes. Open 6 days a week.

Savour Muskoka

111 Manitoba St., Bracebridge, P1L 2B6 P: 705-646-7118 F: 705-646-7119 info@savourmuskoka.com
www.savourmuskoka.com Contact: James Murphy.

Smooth Sailing Enterprise

1956 Brunel Rd, Huntsville, P1H 2J3 P: 705-787-5122 F: 705-789-5393 smoothsail@hughes.net Contact: Christine Ceballo. Helping your business run smoothly! Bookkeeping & administrative services for Small Business & Non-Profit Organizations.

The Clean Air Team

150 Queen St., P.O. Box 206, Burk's Falls, P0A 1C0 P: 705-382-5219 info@thecleanairteam.com
www.thecleanairteam.com Contact: Denise Eckert. Providing mould inspections & mould remediation services from Barrie to North Bay area.

The Esthetics Lounge

108 Main St. E., Huntsville P: 705-788-8889 williammcdonnell@sympatico.ca Contact: Ali McDonnell. A warm, comfortable & private space for you to enjoy well-priced professional manicure/pedicure/facial/waxing services.

Trends Hair Studio

51 Main St. E., Huntsville, P1H 2B8 P: 705-788-0971 trendysandi@hotmail.com www.trendshairstudio.ca
Contact: Sandra Munz. Express your hairstyle with colour! Certified colourist (Goldwell&Matrix). Relax and let this time be about YOU.

Uniglobe, The Travel Agency

serving Huntsville & Lake of Bays P: 705-767-4625 F: 905-897-2600 caroltravel@sympatico.ca
www.bluewatervacationmaps.com Contact: Ms. Carol Campbell, C.T.C.. Your passport to a worry free vacation. Certified Travel Consult. Serving Huntsville and Lake of Bays. Full service.

Walter & Dianne Thur

1473 South Portage Rd, RR2, Huntsville, P1H 2J3 P: 705-635-2076 Contact: Walter & Dianne Thur. Fully equipped 3 bdrm cottage, South exposure on Lake of Bays. Privacy deck/large dock/airtight woodstove/use of kayak.

WholeLife Naturopathic Wellness Clinic

13 Minerva St. E., Huntsville, P1H 1P2 P: 705-789-6751 bknappett@ndnet.ccnm.edu restoringhealth.ca
Contact: Bryan Knappett. Medical clinic offering IV therapy, detoxification, live blood microscopy, body pH assessment, laser therapy and more.

Winning Techniques Camp

44 Bay Lake Rd, Emsdale, P0A 1J0 P: 705-636-5957 or 1-888-498-2267 F: 705-636-7107 info@winningtechniques.com
www.winningtechniques.com Contact: Adam Grin. Your family's destination for summer fun! Programs include: hockey/figure skating/dance/golf/waterskiing/wakeboarding.

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

7. MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS!

December Business at Lunch Time ~ Thursday, December 4, 2008

Hosted by Cuddly Baby, co-hosted by Family Place Restaurant, Huntsville from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

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December Business After Hours ~ Thursday, December 11, 2008

Hosted by Butcher's Daughters, Huntsville from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

January Business After Hours & Annual General Meeting ~ Thursday, January 8, 2009

Hosted by Delta Grandview Resort, Huntsville

Registration 5:00 pm, Owl's Nest Lounge; Meeting 6:00 pm, Royal Muskoka Room

RSVP is Mandatory

8. THANK YOU!

Thank you to **Blackburn's Steakhouse** for hosting our October Business at Lunch Time; **Jane Marshall Flowers** and **Port Inn/Sydney's Pub & Bistro** for hosting our October Business After Hours; to **Me & Mr. Jones** and **Viking Catering Cuisine** for hosting our November Business at Lunch Time; to **The Cottage Waterfront Grill** for hosting our November Business After Hours & Toy Drive; to **Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites** for hosting both our September and October Board of Directors meetings; to **Best Western Muskoka Inn** for hosting our November Board of Directors meeting.

Special Thanks to **Lumina Resort**, our fabulous End of Summer Dock Party host, and to our Dock Party Sponsors: **The New Bickley Ford** - Entertainment Sponsor, **Superior Propane** - Beverage Sponsor, **Hammond Transportation** - Shuttle Bus Provider, **The Moose Café & Dwight Market** - Appetizer Sponsors, and **Blue Balloon Party Supplies**.

Special Thanks to **Deerhurst Resort**, our 'spooktacular' President's Ball host, and to our President's Ball Patrons: **Fowler** - Count Dracula Patron, **Jason Armstrong's Huntsville Honda** - Bram Stoker's Cocktail Party Patron, **RBC Royal Bank: Cheryl Pecore-Malone, Commercial Banking & Doug Campbell, Personal Financial Services / RBC Dominion Securities: Daryl Knudson** - Transylvania Wine Patron and **Muskoka Party Rentals** - Vampire Table Patron. *Please see our ad online at www.huntsvillelakeofbays.on.ca for full details.*

A special thank you from each one of us at the Chamber to all guests and donors for making these events so spectacular! The generosity of our members is what makes our events the best in Muskoka!

9. ESSO BUSINESS CARD PROGRAM

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce and Imperial Oil are pleased to offer the **Esso Business Card Program** to all Chamber members. Each Chamber member will enjoy **3 cents per litre fuel discount** off the retail posted pump price purchased in Canada at Esso-branded service stations, as well as a number of other benefits. Application forms are available from the Chamber office or contact Richard K. Sauve, Program Co-ordinator - Imperial Oil, at 613-256-8323.

10. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GROUP INSURANCE PLAN

Do you make a retirement saving (RRSP) contribution once a year? That's great but you don't get the tax break until you file your tax return. Why not make smaller contributions monthly, by payroll deduction? Your money gets invested sooner, and you get **immediate** tax relief. For more information contact the Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan® at **1-877-277-0677**.

11. BUSINESS AFTER HOURS REMINDER

Thank you to our valued Chamber Members for confirming your attendance at our ever popular Business After Hours. Please continue to RSVP, as our hosts rely very much on the numbers we provide them. **In the event that you cannot attend, please contact the office to cancel your reservation.**

12. THE CHAMBER NOW ACCEPTS MASTERCARD AND AMEX!

The Huntsville/Lake of Bays Chamber is happy to announce that we've recently expanded our credit card services. For your convenience, we now accept Visa, MasterCard or American Express as methods of payment. Please contact our office at 705-789-4771 to process your payment by phone.

13. RENEWED CHAMBER MEMBERS

Thank you to the following members who renewed their membership in September, October & November:

- A & E Storage ~ 787-8621
ADF Plumbing ~ 766-0783
Algonquin Propane & Service ~ 635-9043
Algonquin Trails Camping Resort ~ 635-1262
Apple Auto Glass ~ 788-1430
Arrowhead Inn ~ 789-7307
Barkley Technologies Inc. ~ 789-7824
Beauty From Within You ~ 789-1476
Beauview Cottage Resort ~ 789-3004
Birch Crest Resort ~ 705-382-3136
bobMaitlandCO ~ 635-2306
Bruce Marketing ~ 519-665-2492
Busy Lizzie Cleaning Services ~ 788-2666
Butcher's Daughters (The) ~ 789-2848
Canadian Canoe and Kayak Trips ~ 416-746-7427
Cindy's Gardening & Home Services ~ 788-4358
Commercial Pallet ~ 767-3575
Community Telecom Inc. ~ 789-8850
Cottage-Resort.com ~ 789-3004
Cottages On The Web ~ 788-1800
CTV ~ 705-476-3111
Dan Willett Financial ~ 645-7850
Danny Andrews & Co. ACES ~ 385-2498
Deer Lake Resort Park ~ 789-3326
Dr. J. J. Eastmure ~ 789-5581
Driving Range @ Martin's Farm (The) ~ 787-0505
Dwight Market ~ 635-2551
ERA Tours ~ 705-795-8687 (cell)
Family Place Restaurant & Pizza ~ 789-5602
Friends of Muskoka Pioneer Village ~ 789-7576
Georgian College - Muskoka Campus ~ 646-7629
GoodLife Fitness Clubs ~ 788-9595
Grand & Toy ~ 705-476-1000 x. 335
Greystone Project Management Inc. ~ 789-1418
Henrietta's Pine Bakery ~ 635-2214
Hillside Country Store ~ 635-9986
Hoc-E-Net ~ 789-2927
Hometown Twins Pizza ~ 789-1241
Huntsville Association for the Performing Arts
~ 787-1918
Huntsville Auto Repair Ltd. ~ 789-5966
Huntsville High School ~ 789-5594
Huntsville Home Hardware ~ 789-5549
Huntsville's Copy Shop ~ 789-0550
InclinedElevation Inc. ~ 645-4567
JCL design ~ 636-7319
Jones Motor Lines, K & K Sanitation ~ 789-4510
Karen Robinson Gallery ~ 636-7950
Les Stroud Productions Inc. ~ 788-2988
Lindgren Mini Storage ~ 789-1425
Lovegrove Construction & Design ~ 789-6286
Maplewood Chiropractic - Dr. James &
Maplewood Cottages ~ 635-1378
Kimberly Dawes ~ 789-7600
Morley Morley Bell-Towns ~ 705-684-9600
Music for Young Children ~ 787-1091
Muskoka Computes ~ 788-7644
Muskoka Containerized Service Ltd ~ 645-4453
Muskoka Millwrighting & Machining Ltd.
~ 789-9621
Muskoka Mist Bed & Breakfast ~ 788-7771
Muskoka Vein Centre (The) ~ 787-0444
North Art Supplies ~ 788-0726
On The Docks Pub ~ 789-7910
ProActive Rehab & Sport Injury Centre
~ 788-1480
RISE: Resource Centre for Independent Living
~ 705-746-6996
Rocky Mountain Cedar Shop ~ 635-1262
Rose Petals - Natural Skin Care ~ 788-9800
Royal Canadian Legion - Branch #232 ~ 789-4641
S.W. Madill Forestry Ltd. ~ 788-3783
Sands Formed Hot Glass Inc. ~ 787-1113
Seven Main & Muskoka Roastery Coffee Co.
~ 789-3107
Soapstones Handcrafted Soap and Skincare
~ 705-224-SOAP (7627)
Soul Sistas - Wellness Kitchen ~ 789-6655
Spectacles Vision Centre ~ 788-7733
Spencer's Tall Trees ~ 789-9769
St. John Ambulance - Greater Barrie Area/Central
North ~ 705-726-0991
Staples Business Depot ~ 789-5817
Sugarbeads ~ 789-3888
Sunlife Financial ~ 789-5246
Tally - Ho Inn Limited ~ 635-2281
That Little Place By The Lights ~ 789-2536
The Port Inn/Sydney's Pub & Bistro ~ 385-9064
Thermo Seal Insulation Systems ~ 789-1962
Treasures & Trophies ~ 789-9255
Village Shop (The) ~ 789-7442
Wal-Mart Canada Group ~ 787-1137
WHERE Muskoka/Parry Sound Edition
~ 385-8111
Wooden Penny Inc. ~ 788-2560

Please support your fellow members - remember to Shop Local and Shop Members First!