

OCC AGM brings positive perspective

Witnessing the Ontario Chamber of Commerce fully engaged in advocating policy changes at the Ontario government level changes one's perspective on our own Chamber's advocacy role and leads one to understand that we can be much more than a great place to start a business and

network. We are celebrating our 25th year as *the Voice of Good Business in Caledon* and our future depends on our ability to effectively use that voice to locally advocate for business.

Stephen Owen, Incoming Chair

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roduced his table of TD bankers and made opening comments. The evening's master of ceremonies was *Charles Bristol*, past chair of the Chamber, who kept the flow moving and interjected his great sense of humour along the way.

In attendance were MP *David Tilson*, *Carol Clarke* of MPP *Silvia Jones'* office and Town of Caledon councillor *Richard Whitehead* all of whom brought greetings from their respective levels of government.

Tilson presented the Chamber with plaques from Prime Minister Stephen Harper congratulating the Chamber on twenty five years of representing business in Caledon and a framed letter from Perrin Beatty, President and CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

Whitehead, acting mayor at the time of the event, brought greetings from the Town of Caledon. He congratulated the Caledon Chamber for its long history and scope of work in the Caledon community and encouraged it to "continue in [your] role of advocacy."

[www.shopincaledon.com] was a nominee for the Community Sensibility Award for our dedication and commitment to the Caledon business community. The award went to *The Naked Vine* in recognition for their consistent involvement in the community.

Other award winners were *EcoMedia* (Impact Award) and *Walk, Run, Ride* (New Business/Entrepreneur Award).

Shona Scenna of *CIBC* who sponsored the three Consumer's Choice Awards was on hand to present the Retail Award to *Forester's Book Garden*, the Service Award to *Rachel A. Clingen Wedding & Event Design* and the Dining Award to *Boston Pizza (Bolton)*.

Business of the Year was awarded to *MARS Canada Inc.*

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Control Escape-Keyboard Shortcuts

One of my other most often used key commands is the Windows + E key. This combination opens My Computer so you can view your drive and folder layout. Whatever method you use to make your way around your computer world, it's all good. Give these keyboard shortcuts a try and if you want more you can head to Microsoft's site.

WindowsXP=<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/301583>

Windows7=<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/Windows7/Keyboard-shortcuts>

P.S. The command the title is named after (Ctrl + Esc) cycles the Applications menu (the Windows key alone will do the same). – Happy Computing.

Let me know if you have any questions or comments on your computer related issues DMielke@FileBankIT.com or (416) 640-2874 – ask for David.

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CALEDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S THE VOICE OF GOOD BUSINESS



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Ontario Chamber of Commerce passes made-in-Caledon resolution

At the May 6th Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, the Caledon Chamber of Commerce and the OCC Taskforce on taxation of financial services put forth a resolution on reforming the taxation system on Ontario's Financial Services Industry. The Resolution was developed by Kim Seipt, Chair of the Caledon Chamber of Commerce and presented by Kim and Barbara Amsden from the Investment Industry Association of Canada. The resolution was approved by an overwhelming majority of delegates.

THE ISSUE BEHIND THE RESOLUTION

The hidden taxes on financial services such as credit, insurance and payment products; fund, debt and equity securities; and deposit and savings vehicles cascade through all sectors of the economy.

▶ The current system leads to tax being paid on tax, inappropriately raising the cost of doing business.

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SAVE THE DATE

- JUNE 1** BACON. EGGS. BUSINESS breakfast (Group B - *David Mielke*)
- JUNE 6** New Member Orientation & Networking
- JUNE 8** BACON. EGGS. BUSINESS breakfast (Group A - *Jon Harding*)
- JUNE 15** BACON. EGGS. BUSINESS breakfast (Group B - *David Mielke*)
- JUNE 22** BACON. EGGS. BUSINESS breakfast (Group A - *Jon Harding*)
- SEPT. 8** Small Business Expo/Accessibility Workshop
- SEPT. 29** Annual Chamber Golf Tournament
- OCT. 6** Provincial Election
- NOV. 27** Gateway to Christmas

Chamber of Commerce hosts TD's Business Excellence Awards

TD The Caledon Chamber of Commerce hosted the Business Excellence Awards presented by TD Bank at *Caledon Woods* on Thursday March 24th. This is one of your Chamber's main events of the year and this year was of special significance because it falls within the 25 year anniversary of the Chamber movement in Caledon.

In keeping with the networking goal of the Chamber the evening got under way with a reception. *Jazzork*, *Humberview's* twenty two piece jazz band under the direction of *John Chalmers*, entertained the attendees and set the tone for the rest of the proceedings.

A number of member companies sponsored different components of the event. *Rachel A. Clingen Wedding & Event Design* sponsored and provided the decor and attendees were amazed at the rich look and feel of the room. *Music21* provided a large screen and A/V equipment for the presentation (created by *Joshua Owen*) and *Resonate Creative* provided the invitations, event marketing and table towers. *Stephanie Owen* sang the National Anthem to kick off the evening.

TD Bank was the headline sponsor of the event again this year and *Ross Aberdein* of TD Financial Group in-

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Farewell Message from our Chair, Kim Seipt

It has been an honour and a pleasure serving the Caledon Chamber of Commerce as the Chair of the Board from 2009 - 2011. It is amazing how quickly time passes, and here I am finding myself ending my term as the Chair for this great organization. My tenure has been a journey that is both rewarding and an incredible learning experience that I will take with me as I move forward in my career.

First, I would like to thank the board of directors, both current and past, for their volunteer time and efforts to continue to see the success of our Chamber. I would also like to recognize the dedicated staff. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with both Kelly and Suzanne.

The Chamber Network plays an important role at every level of government, and that role had significant impact for the Caledon Chamber over the past several years. I am pleased to have been a part of these important issues, as it has taught me the importance of taking a position on a significant issue, and following it through. The Chamber of Commerce and its network is designed to acknowledge those issues that affect business, and allow an avenue of communication to ensure that the "voice of business" is heard at all levels of government.

This past May, we attended the 100th Anniversary of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce at their Annual General Meeting. This conference was an important one for our Chamber, as we set forth our first Policy Resolution Submission titled 'Reforming the Taxation System on Ontario's Financial Services Industry'. I am pleased to announce that our efforts on this resolution were both acknowledged by other fellow delegates and approved in to

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Control Escape - Keyboard Shortcuts

While troubleshooting an item on a friend's computer, I put to use a few standard keyboard shortcuts to navigate my way around at which point he chimed in with a startled, "hey, how did you do that?"

We all tend to gravitate to using what we know to make our computer do what we want it to (and at times the computer even co-operates with us by doing just that) so we forget that there are usually several different ways of making things happen. If you are not a keyboard shortcut user then you may want to try some of these out, if you do use them, we still may be able to introduce you to a few you may not know about.

If you are a novice computer user, I highly recommend the F1 key which opens up the help menu of the program you are in, or general help if you haven't yet opened a program.

A lot of us are familiar with the Ctrl + C keys to copy and the Ctrl + V keys to paste selected items. Ctrl + A will select all items on the page and when you are ready to commit, Ctrl + S will save your work. These are just a few key combinations that issue quick commands to your obedient computer slave.

When you have just issued a command and want to undo it - the Ctrl + Z keys are where you want to go. If instead you want to repeat the process Ctrl + Y will redo the action.

For those of us that have multiple programs open (and I realize there are still many of you that just deal with one program at a time and when you want to change programs, you close the one and open the other... you do realize that the whole concept of the Windows operating system is lost on you don't you?) ...for the rest of us, we can switch between open programs by pressing and holding the Alt key while tapping on the Tab key until the program we want cycles up. (The Win7 Aero version of this is accomplished with the Windows key and Tab key. Note: the Windows key is a newer key that should be on most of your keyboards by now, usually found between the Ctrl and the Alt keys.)

The key combination that caught my friend's attention was the Windows + D key which, in one bold stroke, minimizes all open programs and shows you the desktop.

COMPUTER TIPS (cont'd on back)



Caledon Chamber of Commerce was represented at the recent Ontario Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting and 100th anniversary celebration, by Kelly Darnley, President and CEO and Kim Seipt, Chair. Kelly and Kim are pictured here Premier Dalton McGuinty and their good friends from the Brantford Chamber of commerce, Charlene Nicholson and Steve Portelli.

RESOLUTION PASSED (cont'd from cover)

- ▶ The cumulative tax is a deterrent to investment and the inter-provincial tax rules are too complex.
- ▶ This means reduced competitiveness of Ontario businesses, both domestically and globally.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce urges the Government of Ontario to:

1. In cooperation with the federal government review and amend the taxation of the financial services industry and its services to ensure that all savings/investment, credit, insurance and payment services are taxed in a fair and consistent manner.
2. Ensure that no level of taxation results in a tax-on-tax structure.
3. Simplify tax rules to reduce administrative complexity in the application of taxes of businesses operating inter-provincially.

To read the full report go to: <http://occ.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/Approved-Resolutions-2011-AGM.pdf>

BOARD POSITIONS If you know how to get things done; if you have energy and ideas; if you see a problem and believe you can help create a solution you should be a Chamber board director. Visit our website at www.caledon-chamber.com to download an application or call Suzanne at 905.857.7393 to have one e-mailed.

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- Investment Industry Association of Canada
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FAREWELL FROM THE CHAIR (cont'd from page 2)

the policy books for the next three years with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce. If you would like more information on this submission, please feel free to view the resolution on the Ontario Chamber of Commerce website at www.occ.on.ca, under the Events section and AGM & Convention.

As we enter in to another fiscal year at the Caledon Chamber of Commerce, I am confident that your incoming Chair, Stephen Owen, has the best interests of the organization and its mandate as his top priority in his role. 2011-2012 will be a year of engagement with our fellow chamber members. The Caledon Chamber of Commerce is not unlike any other member-driven association. We rely on your input and support in order to be successful.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the members of this organization as the 2009-2011 Chair, and I want to thank for your support. I wish you all the success in your respective businesses.

Kim Seipt