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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Michael O'Gorman



Two weeks ago the Directors and Committee Chairs met for an afternoon to discuss and establish the future direction for the Chamber. Part of this exercise was to recognize that growth will be an important factor in everything we do for the next several years. We invited Mario Belvedere, Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Milton, to give us an overview of the growth that will be coming to Milton. Mario stated that in Canada, the fastest growing community will soon be Milton. The Businesses in our community can either be proactive in the pursuit of opportunities that will be presented by this growth or they can sit back and hope the growth will increase business without any effort on their part.

Discussion also centered around the crisis in transportation in the GTA. We have already met with the other Chambers in Halton as well as the MPs and MPPs to voice our concerns about gridlock.

- From our discussions we arrived at the following objectives:
- To promote and encourage a strong downtown core
 - To promote Milton as a place to live, work and play
 - To encourage present businesses to position themselves to take advantage of the new growth in town
 - To encourage new businesses to open/start an operation in Milton's Core Business District
 - To continue monitoring local government on how it responds to the growth and related problems
 - To educate business on problems associated with the transportation crisis
 - To be a strong voice for business on the issue of transportation.

As you can see from our list that one of our top priorities is the downtown. We believe in the need of a strong downtown core and are establishing a new committee that we hope will help form the complexion of the Central Business District. We are actively looking for people who would be interested in sitting on this committee.

The Chamber's goal is to be proactive in establishing Milton as the best place to live, work and play.



Chamber member Bob Lee, owner of Robert Lee/Miltowne Insurance Agency Ltd. displays a photograph given to him for 25 years in business.

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BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS
Thursday, February 10th
 7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
 Chamber Lobby, 251 Main Street East
 Enjoy early morning networking at its finest. Business bingo, a new way to meet your members, will continue until all the prizes are found out more, participate!

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
Tuesday, February 22nd
 5 - 7 p.m.
 The Donaldson Financial Group
 310 Main Street East.
 Bring your business cards and take advantage of networking event! Chamber members are welcome. Business Bingo, a new way to meet your members, will continue until all the prizes are found out more, participate!

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- Businesswoman of the Year*
- Businessman of the Year*
- Business of the Year* (25 employees or less)