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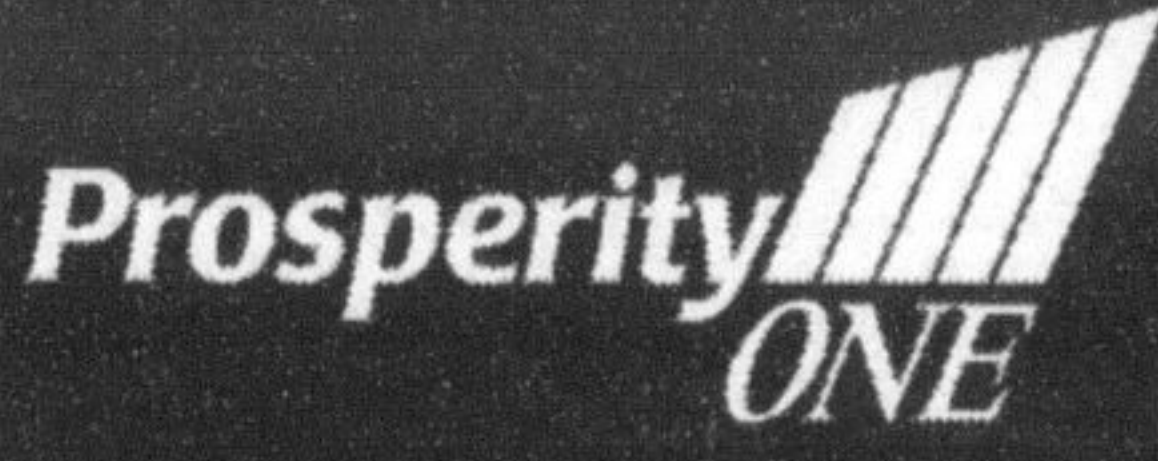
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# MILTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## President's Message

*Douglas Francis*



Happy New Year! The year 2004 promises to be just as exciting for the Milton Chamber of Commerce and its members as it was last year. We continue to be pleased with the dynamic growth taking place within our town and the surrounding area, all this will mean for our businesses, for the Chamber, and for our personal lives.

The Chamber's mandate, of course, is to promote the Milton business community and the businesses of our members. We will continue to be vigilant in monitoring the policies and actions of governments and public agencies to ensure that they are friendly to the business community and that they don't unnecessarily hamper our business prospects.

During 2004 the Chamber has many high profile events planned. These events promise to be a great deal of fun but they will also serve to promote our businesses. In January we will be staging a second Sports Celebrity Dinner and Auction, in February we will host the annual Community Awards Gala to honour community and business achievement, in May we are planning another Showcase Milton that will be on a much grander scale than any such event Milton has ever seen before, and in June will be our ever-growing and very popular Golf Tournament.

Our monthly "Business After Hours" have become "must attend" events and are just one example of what your Chamber membership offers. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your Chamber membership, what the Chamber does or how you can become more involved, our friendly staff will be very pleased to help.

Many thanks to our retiring Board Member Dawn Case for her fine service to the Chamber as a Board member and to Melissa DeBrouwer for an outstanding year as President. Also many thanks to our hard working staff for all their accomplishments during the past year and also to the many Chamber volunteers without whom the Chamber could not accomplish all it does. I look forward to an exciting and prosperous 2004!

### Sports Celebrity Dinner & Auction

Tuesday, January 20th at Granite Ridge Golf Club  
 Tickets are \$125 (plus GST) with proceeds going to the Chamber Scholarship Fund

Over \$10,000 was raised last year to assist with our youth's post-secondary education

This year's line-up includes:

**Dennis Hull** is a 14-year veteran of the NHL, Dennis played 13 seasons with the Chicago Blackhawks before completing his career in Detroit. In all, Dennis played in over 1000 games and was a key member of the Canadian victory at the 1972 Summit Series. Dennis Hull's personality and comedic style have made him a well-known and much sought after entertainer and key note speaker.

**Wendel Clark** electrified fans and kept the competition honest during his spectacular career in the National Hockey League. The most popular winger in Maple Leaf History, this former Toronto Maple Leaf captain played 18 National Hockey League seasons before his retirement in 2000.

**Mike Morreale** is #18 Slotback with the Toronto Argonauts, Mike is in his 4th year with the Toronto Argonauts, and in his 9th Year with the CFL.

**Mike O'Shea** is #50 Linebacker with the Toronto Argonauts, Mike is playing in his 7th as a Toronto Argonaut and in his 11th year with the CFL

**Marnie McBean** is one of Canada's most accomplished Olympic athletes, Marnie is one of only two Canadians ever to have won three Gold medals in the summer Olympics

**Luc Ouellette** is one of the most successful harness drivers in history and has decided to make the Woodbine-Mohawk circuit his permanent base of operations. He has won 6,635 races and more than \$86-million in Canadian and American money in his career.

**Gord Stellick** was named the Maple Leafs General Manager at the age of 30, the youngest GM in NHL history. Currently Gord is the host of "The Big Show" on THE FAN 590 and an NHL insider and analyst for Sportsnet.



Mayor Gord Krantz welcomes new 2004 Chamber President Douglas Francis and Vice President Joyce Hagevik

**The Milton Chamber of Commerce is proud to present our 2004 Board of Directors**

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 Douglas Francis, Padgett Business Services

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 Joyce Hagevik, Royal LePage Meadowtowne Realty

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