

# Chamber reorganizes to 'open it up to membership'

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The Milton Chamber of Commerce has undergone restructuring to "open it up to the membership," says Scott Schlotzhauer, president of the organization.

The executive committee of the board of directors will be wiped out

as of January 1, a move Mr. Schlotzhauer called a "pretty big switch for the Chamber."

Positions such as president, executive vice-president, first vice-president, treasurer and past president will exist, but will no longer be part of an executive committee.

The entire 15-member board of directors will have financial control

and a voice in budgetary decisions following the move.

The restructuring also allows any Chamber member to chair a committee, he said. Previously, only members of the board of directors could hold such positions.

The Chamber's current system has lost its effectiveness due to the growth of the organization, said Mr.

Schlotzhauer, owner of M & M Meat Shops in Milton.

"There's two few people to run the organization with the scope that it's dealing with now," he said.

The move was approved at the Milton Chamber of Commerce's recent annual general meeting at the Halton Community Credit Union.

Mr. Schlotzhauer announced that

the organization is now operating in the black after clearing up its \$12,000 debt.

Successful Chamber projects such as the Milton Farmers' Market, the newsletter, business directory and golf tournament, as well as increased membership, are responsible, he said.

The 1995 board of directors was elected at the meeting. Members include:

- Bill Manuel, Royal Bank of Canada (director, elected for a two-year term);
  - Brian Guay, Roxul Inc. (new, elected for a two-year term);
  - Chris Pohlkamp, Nova Training and Development (director, finishing a two-year term);
  - Dorene Collins, Ontario Agricultural Museum (director, finishing a two-year term);
  - Howard Mott, Hutchinson, Thompson, Henderson and Mott (director, re-elected for a two-year term);
  - Jim McDowell, Canada Trust (director, finishing a two-year term);
  - Joyce Hagevik, Royal LePage Real Estate (director, re-elected for a two-year term);
  - Marion Rusk, Milton Mall (new, elected for a two-year term);
  - Michael Bourgon, Donaldson Bourgon Financial Services (director, finishing a two-year term);
  - Michael O'Gorman, M.T. O'Gorman CGA (director, finishing a two-year term);
  - Mike Shepherd, Halton Community Credit Union (director, finishing a two-year term);
  - Peter Haight, Dorland-Haight Galleries (director, finishing a two-year term);
  - Sandy Martin, Milton Chamber of Commerce (general manager);
  - Scott Schlotzhauer, M & M Meat Shops (past president);
- A town council representative will also be appointed to the board. Ward 2 Councillor Ron Furik currently holds the position.

An election for executive positions in 1995 will be held in December. Mr. Schlotzhauer is currently president. Bob Binnington (Partners in Small Business) is past president. Mr. Manuel is executive vice-president. Mr. Bourgon is first vice-president, and Mr. O'Gorman is treasurer.

Mr. Manuel cannot return as executive vice-president because he has completed his term of office. Mr. Binnington, who is in the same boat as past president, and Mike Schram, director, are not returning in any capacity to the board next year.

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