

Pontiac Chamber of Commerce

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Chamber News:

Welcome to our first Chamber newsletter and especially welcome to our new members. This newsletter will keep you up to date on what your Chamber is doing to help your business.

Fuel Tax

Your Chamber has initiated the challenge to reduce cross border shopping into Ontario. We believe that millions of dollars are being spent in Ontario that should stay here in the Pontiac. One of the main reasons consumers travel to Ontario to shop is the difference in fuel prices. Quebec retailers pay more tax for the bulk fuel they buy. This tax is regulated by the Quebec government. We have begun the process of lobbying our representatives to have this fuel tax inequality changed. We want the Pontiac declared a border region and have the fuel tax reduced.

Buy Local

Your Chamber has joined with local government agencies in promoting the sale and purchase of local products and services. The campaign was kicked off at the Shawville Fair and will continue to be expanded to include all sectors of our local economy. Remember to buy local whenever possible.

Web page

We are having a new web page designed to replace our existing temporary site to better meet your needs and will be up and running by early October. Pontiac web designers were invited to respond to advertising to submit bids and Richard and Lynda Wegner were selected as our new Webmasters. Join us in

congratulating them! Look for it at the following address:

www.pontiacchamberofcommerce.com or
www.pontiaccommerce.com .

Membership Drive

A committee has been formed and has begun a membership drive. Help us by inviting your fellow business owners to join. Check the website for details.

Shawville Fair

The Chamber was well represented at the Shawville Fair. Thanks to all Board Members who helped over the four days. We certainly got the word out about the Chamber and all the benefits of joining. Special thanks to Director Ron McKillop and Patrick Hureau from Score Financial for all their efforts in getting the booth together.

B. to B. Discounts

As most of you know, through your membership you are eligible for 'Business to Business' discounts from other Chamber members. For example, if you insure through either Promutuel or Rowat insurance, you are eligible for a discount on your insurance premiums. Program details will be available on our new website by early October. You may also contact your Chamber directly (866) 861-0509. Please note that a current membership card will be required to receive these discounts. Therefore your Chamber membership cards and decals will be arriving by mail within the following two weeks.

If you are interested in joining the growing number of businesses offering 'Business to Business' discounts, please contact Betsy Farrell at the above toll free number or by email bfarrell@tlb.sympatico.ca with details by September 30th, Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ Golf Day:

On Saturday September 13 you and your friends can play golf for only \$10.00. From 12:00 to 4 on that day, Pine Lodge will be hosting a Golf Day fundraiser for the Chamber. All green fees in that period will be donated to the Chamber. There will be a reception for all Chamber members from 4 – 6 at Pine Lodge. We welcome existing or new members to come and have a great day out while supporting your Chamber. For details call 819-647-2805.

◆ General Meeting 6:00pm

Campbell's Bay, RA Hall,
Wed. Sept. 24th

***** Following *****

All Candidates Meeting 7:30pm

Your Executive is currently arranging an All Candidates Debate for the current Federal Election. The focus for this debate will be current Pontiac economic issues.

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