

2018 Business Achievement Awards

The Pontiac Chamber of Commerce has officially launched a call for nominations for the 2018 Business Achievement Awards. With the time and effort our entrepreneurs put into their businesses, this is the chance for the local population to encourage their local business owners.

The Chamber will accept nominations until **November 30th, 2017** in the following nine categories:

- 2018 Feature Award – Financial Services
- Business Beautification Award
- Farm Enterprise Award
- Business Person of the Year Award
- New Business Award
- Health Services Award
- Marketing Award
- Tourism Award
- Young Entrepreneur Award

**For nomination forms,
visit the Chamber website at:
www.pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca**

Chamber Events

February 23, 2018

2018 Business Achievement Awards Gala

Pontiac Conference Centre

Fort-Coulonge

Pontiac Business Events

If you have a business or Pontiac event you would like advertised, please contact the Chamber.

Useful Links of Interest

Quebec Voluntary Retirement Savings Plan for Employers

<http://www.revenuquebec.ca/en/salle-de-presse/nouvelles-fiscales/2013/2013-12-18.aspx>

**Canadian Chamber of Commerce
5 Minutes for Business**

Every other Tuesday, CCC release 5 Minutes for Business. These publications briefly describe current issues affecting the Canadian economy and provides insight on what it will mean for you.
<http://www.chamber.ca/publications/5-minutes-for-business/>

Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation

<http://fightspam.gc.ca/eic/site/030.nsf/eng/home>

2018 Business Achievement Awards Gala

The Chamber is hosting the 6th annual Business Achievement Awards Gala as a way to recognize and celebrate the efforts of our entrepreneurs. This Gala will be held Friday, February 23, 2018 at the Pontiac Conference Centre in Fort-Coulonge.

Join us for drinks and appetizers at 6 pm which will be followed by the presentation of the 2018 Business Achievement Awards. Simon Clark "A Touch of Class" will also be there to entertain us.

Further information to come shortly.

Like' the Chamber on facebook

www.facebook.com/CommercePontiac

Refer a Non-Member to the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce – and receive a benefit for yourself!

We all know of other Pontiac businesses who could benefit from being a Chamber member. The Chamber feels the best person to contact these businesses to encourage them to join the Chamber would be another Chamber member. You know the benefits – both to your own business and to business in the Pontiac.

As a thank you, if you refer a non-member to the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce and they join for the current membership year, you will receive a \$25 refund towards your own membership renewal with the Chamber the following year!

The referral does not apply to existing Chamber members or those who have previously been members. The maximum for refunds will be 5 referrals per member for each membership year. Just make sure to mark your own name and business at the bottom of their membership form.

Canadian Chamber of Commerce – 5 Minutes for Business

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<http://www.chamber.ca/publications/5-minutes-for-business>

Current Issue:

**5 Minutes for Business: Fighting for NAFTA
Better to Have No Deal than a Bad Deal (October 13)**

Business to Business Discounts

The purpose of this program is to encourage businesses to shop locally. Shopping locally promotes employment in the Pontiac region and helps with the advancement of our local business community. It is an excellent opportunity for you to grow your business as others learn more about your business by taking advantage of the discounts offered.

Discounts can be introductory offers, percentage discounts or upgrades on services and/or products. The more Chamber businesses who sign up to the program, the more benefits all Chamber member businesses will receive by shopping locally. Think about how your business could offer a discount to other Pontiac businesses.

Promote your business through the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce

Exposure for your Business

Support the Chamber through an enhanced membership and receive benefits for your business.

2nd Tier – \$250: small size advertisement on chamber web site; logo at the bottom of the monthly newsletter; logo on Sponsor board displayed at all General Meetings of the Chamber.

3rd Tier – \$500: larger size advertisement on chamber web site; logo at the bottom of the monthly newsletter; prominent logo on Sponsor board displayed at all Quarterly General Meetings of the Chamber; chance of have a display/booth at all General Meetings of the Chamber.

If you are interested in taking advantage of these enhanced memberships, please contact the Chamber for more information.

**Think Global ...
Buy Local
Support Those Who
Support You**

**Small Businesses Make
Small Towns Work!**

**Consider this when you're
buying ...**

**As business operators,
our actions shape our
communities.**

Electronic Version of Newsletter

Due to increased costs through Canada Post, the Chamber would like to encourage members to receive monthly newsletters and notices via email. It is a quicker and more cost efficient method.

If you are presently receiving newsletters and notices via Canada Post and would like to switch to email notices, please go to the following link:

<http://eepurl.com/bJbZ1>

Thank you for helping keep our costs down.

Welcome to the Chamber!

Check the chamber website for links to all Chamber businesses.

Support your local businesses!

Chamber Benefits

Being a member of the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce means that you are also affiliated with the Canadian Chamber of Commerce (CCC) — www.chamber.ca and the Quebec Chamber of Commerce (FCCQ) — www.fccq.ca

You and your business can take advantage of benefits listed on their web sites.



Group Insurance Benefits

Visit the new web site / view the video!

<http://www.chambers.ca>

Would Like to Join the Chamber?

Membership fee of \$125 (plus taxes) entitles you to all chamber benefits. Membership valid from April 1st to March 31st.

Contact info:

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If you received this newsletter via regular mail and would like to receive it via email, please let us know a valid email address. We do not share our lists.

News, article suggestions and letters to the editor are welcomed and encouraged. Content will be edited to fit the space available. We welcome press releases and news from our local business community.

Chamber Business Partnerships

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