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## AGM Time!

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### Nominate a Board Member

#### Board Nominations now open for 2011-2012

The Pontiac Chamber of Commerce has been supporting business and strengthening our community since 2008. We are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life by actively supporting business, economic growth and diversification.

The policies and programs of the Chamber are determined by a volunteer Board of Directors elected by the membership. The Directors play an important role in guiding our chamber to best serve you, its members.

The Chamber is seeking nominations of individuals interested in joining the Board of Directors. Nominees for the Board must be individuals that are either the owner or an employee of a business who is member of the Chamber in good standing. The Chamber strives to ensure our Directors are representative of our membership, so we encourage you to consider business persons from all parts of the Pontiac region.

***The Chamber is seeking nominations of individuals interested in joining the Board of Directors.***

The Board is comprised of a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer plus a minimum of 8 to a maximum of 16 other members. A description of the duties and responsibilities of the Executive is on the web site in the Chamber bylaws.

There are 10 regular Board meetings per year, including 3 General Meetings and one Annual General Meeting. Directors are expected to be active participants in Chamber meetings, planned Chamber events and are encouraged to participate in one of the Chamber's committees.

To nominate someone you feel would be a strong Director (even yourself), please submit a nomination to info@

### Events

#### Annual General Meeting Thursday, May 26, 2011

6:30 pm

Venturing Hills, Luskville

Report on chamber business from 2010-2011, election of executive and board members for 2011-2012 and information on upcoming chamber events.

A open discussion will take place at the end of the meeting.

**A light meal will be served at 6:30. This is a chance to enjoy a meal and network with other Pontiac business owners. The AGM will follow at 7.**

**The Chamber is looking for 3 sponsors** to help offset the cost of the AGM. If you would like to promote your business through this event, please contact the chamber. Your logo will be included with all advertising and your business can be promoted at the AGM.

#### Pontiac Days – Luskville Dragway June 18-19, 2011

10,000 free entrance tickets

Check web site for the most up-to-date information.

#### Monthly SADC Business Breakfast First Wednesday of the month

7:30 am – \$2.50

SADC Office – Campbell's Bay

If you have a business event you would like advertised, please contact the chamber.

pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca.  
Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the AGM in accordance with the current bylaws.

And if you have any questions about the Board of Directors or the Chamber, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time.

Yours sincerely,

TODD HOFFMAN

PRESIDENT

PONTIAC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Volunteering with the Chamber

Your chamber is a volunteer organization. In order for the Chamber to put on events like General Meetings, Business Breakfasts, Workshops and Fundraising Events, volunteers are involved.

The volunteer jobs are things such as arranging the location, arranging for food and writing promotional material for flyers, the web site or newspaper ads. Looking for sponsors is always an important portion of organizing Chamber events. It keeps costs down and helps local businesses promote their businesses through these events.

**We have a great need for volunteers in both official languages. The Pontiac region is large and diverse. Volunteers from all regions keeps travel at a minimum and helps promote the Chamber in the whole area.**

The Chamber has a few committees which are in need of a few volunteers. These would be:

**Membership – help the Chamber grow.** Contact businesses in your area. We can provide lists of businesses in particular parts of the Pontiac. Explain the benefits of Chamber membership.

**Fundraising – making the Chamber visible in the Pontiac region.** Work on one event with other committee members. Dividing the work among 3 or 4 person will make the work easier.

**Administration – help the Chamber run efficiently.** Organize a General Meeting. Assist with regular office-type work – the regular running of your Chamber.

**Financial – keep the Chamber viable.** Review the financial reports and make recommendations to the Chamber membership.

### Organizing a Special Event:

Maybe you would like to take the lead to plan a particular event for the Chamber. You can create a budget, layout the idea and present it to the board. Then a request for volunteers to assist with the event can be sent to members.

**Think about volunteering.** Help support your Chamber with a few hours of your time each month or once a year for a special event – many hands make the work easier. If you can spare a little time to assist with any of the above jobs, please let us know. Send an email to [info@pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca](mailto:info@pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca) or call Todd at 819-648-2144.

We would like to thank you in advance for any assistance you can give.

### Merchant Services Benefit Update

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*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 to be published free of charge.*

### Member Business Profiles on the Chamber Web Site

The chamber would like to spotlight your business on the chamber web site. **Presently, Log's End is the spotlighted member business.**

If you would like to have the 'spotlight' on your business, please send a write-up of 250 to 500 words with a photo of you and/or your business. You can submit it in either English or French, we will provide the translation required. The chamber would like to have a different member business profiled each month. **We need your assistance to complete this goal.**

Send your profile to [info@pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca](mailto:info@pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca)

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### Would Like to Join the Chamber?

Membership fee of \$100 entitles you to all chamber benefits. Membership valid from April 1st to March 31st.

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