

**Dear Pontiac Chamber of Commerce members,**

You are invited to a conference given by Mr. Carlos J. Leitão, Minister of Finance, Minister responsible for Government Administration and Ongoing Program Review and Chair of the Treasury Board, in the presence of your MNA, Mr. André Fortin.

**August 23, 2016 – 11:30 am**  
*A light lunch will be served.*

**RA Centre**  
**2 Second Road, Campbell's Bay**

In an economy in deep transformation, Quebec is facing major challenges but must also seize the opportunities of this new environment. Considering this setting, the Minister will present Quebec's economic and financial outlook.

This conference will last approximately an hour and a half.

**The Chamber encourages members to invite another business owner to attend with them.**

**Please RSVP by August 18th with the names of those attending.**

*Look forward to seeing you there.*

ME MIREILLE ALARY, PRESIDENT

**RSVP required by August 18**  
**info@pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca**  
**819-647-2312**  
**1-855-647-2312**

**Chamber Events**

**August 23, 2016 – 11:30 am**

**Minister of Finance**

RA Centre

2 Second Road, Campbell's Bay

RSVP required by August 18

**September 15, 2016**

**General Meeting and Awards Nominee**

**Recognition Evening**

Café de L'Île, Île-du-Grand-Calumet

**October 21, 2016 – 6 pm**

**2016 Business Achievement Awards Gala**

Jack Graham Community Hall

Bristol

**Pontiac Business Events**

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

**October 14 to 16, 2016**

**3-Day Condensed English Workshop**

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## 2016 Business Achievement Awards

**Do you know a business that has made a significant contribution to our community?**

**Have you received outstanding service?**

**Has a new business impressed you?**

**Nominate them now!**

The Pontiac Chamber of Commerce officially launched this year's call for nominations for the 2016 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.

You can nominate as many businesses or individuals as you feel deserve the chance to compete for one of these prestigious awards. **Self nominations are NOT accepted.**

**Please note that nominations can only be accepted for those who operate in the geographical area served by the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce. This area includes the entire MRC Pontiac (18 Municipalities) as well as the Municipality of Pontiac (Quyon/Luskville).**

The Chamber will accept nominations until August 31, 2016

in 10 categories: 2016 Feature Award – Professional Services, Business Beautification Award, Business Person of the Year Award, Farm Enterprise Award, Lifetime Achievement Award, New Business Award, Self-Employed Business Person Award, Marketing Award, Tourism Award and Young Entrepreneur Award.

For nomination forms, visit the Chamber website at:  
[www.pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca](http://www.pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca)

**Deadline – August 31st**

### Freebees Loyalty Program

First launched in Quebec in 2015, the Freebees Loyalty Program is now moving into Ontario with plans to go Canada-wide. The Pontiac Chamber of Commerce is promoting the Freebees Loyalty Program for the Pontiac. Already over 3 businesses have signed up with many others in the process of joining.

The Chamber and Freebees are offering a special discount for all our members on the three most popular packages.

#### Packages

##### *Featured Package*

Cost per month – \$99

Reward for being a Pontiac Chamber of Commerce Member: deduct \$30, which the Chamber will pay for one year and a \$10 discount from Freebees.

**Cost per month \$59 (a savings of \$40 each month – \$480 over 12 months)**

##### *VIP Package*

Also includes: Detailed reports and stats, and VIP Management Service

Cost per month – \$159

Reward for being a Pontiac Chamber of Commerce Member: deduct \$30, which the Chamber will pay for one year and a \$15 discount from Freebees.

**Cost per month \$114 (a savings of \$45 each month – \$540 over 12 months)**

##### *Custom Package*

Also includes: Detailed reports and stats, Customized Membership cards, and VIP Management Service

Cost per month – \$199

Reward for being a Pontiac Chamber of Commerce Member: deduct \$30, which the Chamber will pay for one year and a \$20 discount from Freebees.

**Cost per month \$149 (a savings of \$50 each month – \$600 over 12 months)**

**The Chamber offer to members is extended to August 31, 2016 but the Freebees discount will apply as long as the business is a member of the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce.**

That is a 10% discount every month on all packages.

#### Freebees Information

If you would like more information or answers to questions you might have concerning Freebees, please contact:

Paul Da Costa  
819-923-6074  
centreoutaouais@freebeespoints.com



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## Canadian Chamber of Commerce – 5 Minutes for Business

Every other Tuesday, CCC release 5 Minutes for Business. These publications briefly describes current issues that affect the Canadian economy and provides insight on what it will mean for Canadians today and the future.

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

# Three ways to promote your business through the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce

## 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.

## Member Business Profiles on the Chamber Website

The Chamber would like to spotlight your business on the web site. 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)

## Advertising in the Online Business Directory

Businesses try to find the best, most cost effective way to advertise their products and services to the public or other business owners. The Pontiac Business Directory is one way to do this.

This directory was created to be updated by the businesses themselves so new information can be added to your listings at any time as your business changes and you offer new products or services.

If you would like information about the directory, please contact [lynda@freshimage.ca](mailto:lynda@freshimage.ca). The online Help File is there to step you through the process. If you have not already claimed your business' listing, we can step you through the process.

**Visit the directory at:  
[www.commercepontiac.ca](http://www.commercepontiac.ca)**

## Welcome to the Chamber!

Check the chamber website for links to all Chamber businesses.

**Support your local businesses!**

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.

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.

## 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:

Pontiac Chamber of Commerce  
131A, Victoria Street, CP 569  
Shawville, Quebec, J0X 2Y0  
1-855-647-2312 or 819-647-2312  
[www.pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca](http://www.pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca)  
[info@pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca](mailto:info@pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca)

## 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](http://www.chamber.ca) and the Quebec Chamber of Commerce (FCCQ) — [www.fccq.ca](http://www.fccq.ca). You and your business can take advantage of benefits listed on their web sites.

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## Group Insurance Benefits

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# Chamber Business Partnerships

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**Exposure for your Business**

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

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

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