

Chamber Office & Visitor Information Centre
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 Monday to Friday—9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Closed—Friday, March 21

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The Voice of Business

March/April 2008

Membership Update

There are currently 233 members representing the sectors identified below:

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| Accommodation & Food—19% | Education and Health Care Services 6% |
| Agriculture, Fishing & Hunting—3% | Arts, Entertainment and Recreation 7% |
| Construction 6% | Manufacturing 6% |
| Financial and Insurance Services 9% | Miscellaneous Services 10% |
| Science and Technology Services 8% | Real Estate Services 4% |
| Retail Trade 22% | |

Municipality of Trent Hills Budget 2008

The Council of the Municipality of Trent Hills reviewed the draft 2008 municipal budget at a public meeting on March 3, 2008

The public is invited to provide comments with respect to the 2008 budget. It is the intention of council to pass the final budget for the year on March 25, 2008.

A budget summary is posted on the Trent Hills website. Written comments can be e-mailed to:
info@trenthills.ca

Budget Summary link:
www.trenthills.ca/Public_Meetings.html

Chamber Meetings and Special Events

Tuesday, March 25, 1—4 p.m.
 Selling on the Internet and Website Planning Seminar at Campbellford Community Resource Centre

Thursday, March 27, 6:30 p.m.
 Board of Directors Meeting at Chamber Office

Tuesday, April 1, 8:00 am
 Tourism Committee Meeting at Apollo's Restaurant

Saturday, April 19, 7:30 pm
 Celebration of Business Excellence at Island Park Retirement Suites, Campbellford

Thursday, April 24, 6:30 pm
 Board of Directors Meeting at Chamber Office

Our Mission

*To NURTURE,
SUPPORT and
SUSTAIN
the business
community of
TRENT HILLS.*

Board of Directors

Karen Gainor, *Past-President*
 Brian Redden—*President*
 Dorothy Noronha—*Vice-President*
 Neil Graham, *Treasurer*

Directors:
 Donna Bennett
 Elaine Tweedie

Chamber Staff

Nancy Allanson
 Executive Director
 Carolyn Stocker
 Administrative/Tourism Assistant
 Sandra Campbell, Diane Matheson
 Driver & Vehicle Licensing Clerks
 Sarah Smith
 Tourism Student

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President's Message

All Chambers of Commerce are known for their active role in promoting Business. In the coming year we are reinforcing our commitment to this mandate by adopting the *"Voice of Business"* as our specific focus for 2008. Whether we are engaged in marketing and promoting Trent Hills through tourism, advocating through our government relations committee, or strengthening our membership committee efforts, the Voice of Business will be front and centre.

As your President in 2008, I look forward to serving the membership and working with fellow board members to achieve the Chamber's mission, goals and objectives to not only achieve short-term success, but to realize long term vision. We have already begun this task with a recent Strategic Planning Session focusing on the Chamber tourism committee, funded in partnership with Northumberland Community Futures Development Corporation through the Government of Canada Eastern Ontario Development Program.

The Annual General Meeting took place on Friday, February 29th. If you would like a copy of the annual report presented, please contact the chamber office. If you are interested in serving the membership through your volunteer efforts, please let us know as there are vacancies on the board of directors.

More than 1,900 volunteer hours were accumulated by the board of directors this past year. I would like to thank retiring board members, Doreen Sharpe, Vann Gouwelleuw, and Denise Glover for the time and effort they have devoted to the board. I look forward to working with Vice President Dorothy Noronha, Treasurer, Neil Graham and Directors Ellie Tweedie and Donna Bennett to nurture, sustain and support the business community of Trent Hills! — *Brian Redden*

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**Congratulations,
Celebration of Business Excellence Nominees!**

Entrepreneurial Spirit Award, less than 3 years
Sponsored by Business Advisory Centre—Northumberland
Crosmaz & Brown Emporium
Lionheart Baking Studio
The Water's Edge Inn

Entrepreneurial Spirit Award, more than 3 years
Sponsored by Luzzi's Valu-Mart
Althouse Landscaping
Campbellford Farm Supply
Curves for Women
Frog's Whiskers Ink

Small Office Home Office
Sponsored by Welch & Co. LLP
Bradley Bay Consulting
Payday Anyday

Commercial Restoration/Renovation
Sponsored by Municipality of Trent Hills Community Development Office
In Season
Storey Group Home
The Poppy Market
The Water's Edge Inn
Terri & Co. Salon and Spa

Customer First
Sponsored by Stone House Gardens
Fudge's Family Restaurant
Curves for Women

Retail
Bee's Knees
ZAZU Boutique

Business Communications
Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation
Warkworth Business Association Advertising Committee

Manufacturing
Sponsored by RBC Royal Bank
Blommer Chocolate

Hospitality/Tourism
Rubb's BBQ Bistro
Oak Heights Winery
The Water's Edge Inn

Environmental Award
Sponsored by ZAZU Boutique
Outpost Packaging
Campbellford Seymour Community Foundation

**Join us
Celebration of
Business
Excellence
Awards Ceremony**

Saturday, April 19th, 2008
7:30 p.m.
Island Park Retirement Suites
Campbellford

\$25 plus GST per person
Includes hors d'oeuvres and
refreshments

Call 653-1551 to
reserve your ticket.

**Tourism Committee
Strategic Plan**

In preparation to enter into a multi-year agreement with the municipality to promote and market tourism opportunities in Trent Hills, the Chamber's Tourism Committee is developing a strategic plan to guide resource allocation.

Funded in part by the Northumberland Community Futures Development Corporation through the Eastern Ontario Development Program, a leading consultant in the tourism industry, D'Arcy McKittrick of The Tourism Company was hired to assist in the process.

The plan is now complete and is being presented to Council. Stakeholders will be invited to an information session to discuss the details of the plan and generate ideas for implementation.