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OUR MEMBERS THIS MONTH













MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

appy New Year! I hope this note finds you all happy, healthy and looking forward to a prosperous 2018. We're rounding out the first month of our 90th anniversary year and as our AGM approaches, I'm struck by the fact that I will have of Comn been with the Whitby Chamber of Commerce family for a full year by the

all of you at our AGM on Tuesday, March 27, where we will be presenting the highlights from a very busy and exciting year and our plans for the future - there are so many exciting things on the horizon!

end of February. I'm

looking forward to seeing

In just the first few weeks of the year, we've:

- Continued testing our new outsideof-the-boardroom approach to networking - kicking off the year at **Durham Escape Rooms!**
- Launched our Speaker Series where our first guest, Jason Atkins, shared his story, advice and opinions.
- Launched our \$30 post-secondary student membership; and membership for retirees

And don't forget our Chamber on Tap program that started late 2017 - watch social media for these no registration pop up events!

One of the ways we will be celebrating our 90th anniversary is with a special edition of the Membership Directory, which will be distributed at our

> AGM. Thank you to those who updated their profiles and chose to advertise in this commemorative book.

We've kicked off the year with some great new committees, such as our 90th Anniversary Committee and the Mentorship

Program Committee. But I'd be remiss not to recognize the many hard-working volunteers in our existing annual committees, including Advocacy, Membership, Young Entrepreneurs & Professionals, as well as our Ambassadors and event planning teams These are dedicated business people in our network of members who work to create an amazing and effective business community. Without them, a Chamber would be hard pressed to deliver this level of programming. Kudos to each and every one of you! Interested in volunteering? Let me know!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 12 TO 1 P.M.



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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 11:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M. REGIONAL CHAIR LUNCHEON TOSCA BANQUET HALL

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TUESDAY. MARCH 27 5 TO 8 P.M.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DELLAGIO'S BANQUET HALL AND RESTAURANT

90TH ANNIVERSARY

t's finally here! The Whitby Chamber of Commerce (WCC) is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2018!

We'll be kicking off the celebrations at the <u>Annual General Meeting</u> (AGM) on Tuesday, March 27 at Dellagio's Banquet Hall and Restaurant. Join the Chamber team to discuss the 2017 fiscal, distribute the commemorative Member Directory and get a preview of what's to come for the rest of 2018.

In addition to the AGM, WCC events throughout the year will highlight Chamber memories, finishing the year with an extra special Peter Perry & Business Achievement Awards.

Furthermore, the Chamber is giving you a chance to save money and win with the **90th Chamber Challenge**.

Here's how it works:

Until October 31, 2018, the person who refers the largest number of new members during the contest period will win a great prize: a feature article about their business in the Chamber Insider e-newsletter and a free half-page advertisement in the 2019

Member Directory. And of course, each referral adds a \$25 credit to your account.

There's no limit to the number of

Every time a business you refer invests in a

credits you can

there's more!

receive. But wait.

Chamber membership, you will earn a chance to win a pair of tickets to the 2018 Peter Perry & Business Achievement Awards in an end-of-contest draw. The more members you refer, the better your chances of winning the draw.

Rules of Engagement:

- 1. The 90th Anniversary Chamber Challenge runs from January 1, 2018 to October 31, 2018. Only referrals made during the contest period will be counted towards prize and draw eligibility. The \$25 credits accrued by members can be earned and used at any time.
- 2. A new member must indicate the name of the referring member on the member referral line of the registration form for the referral to count in the challenge.
- 3. Referrals for student and retiree memberships are not included in the challenge. Verbal referrals for any new member are also not included.

DID YOU KNOW?

IN ITS EARLY DAYS, THE WCC WORKED OUT OF TOWN HALL.

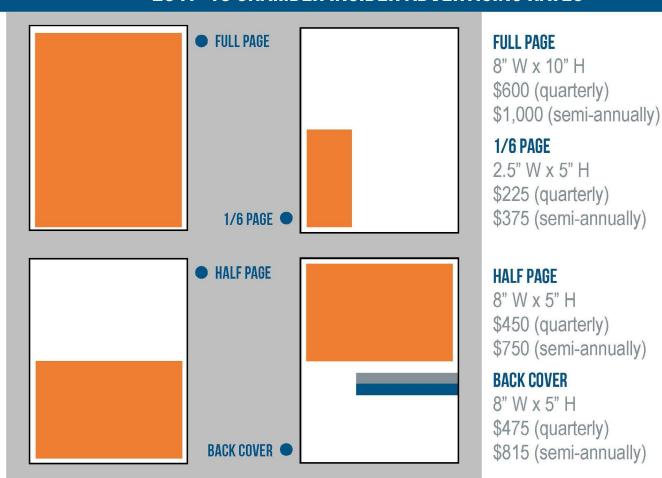
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ADVOCACY UPDATE

BY KIM COPETTI. COPETTI & CO.

he Whitby Chamber of Commerce (WCC) advocates at all levels of government to ensure that

your business operates in a thriving business environment.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce (CCC), the WCC's partner at the federal level. represents more than 200.000 businesses throughout Canada. Its views are sought after and respected by the federal government, business leaders and the media thanks to their well-researched reports,

analyses, position papers and policy

resolutions that reflect a broad business perspective.

> The Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC), WCC's ally at Queen's Park,

> > represents more than 60,000 businesses throughout the province. Its mission is to support economic growth in Ontario by defending business priorities at the provincial level.

The WCC advocates for you, the member, in your own community. You may not know that this is included in your membership to the WCC.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS & PROFESSIONALS UPDATE

in your coziest pyjamas, make your way

In addition to a day filled with pyjamas,

down to the Whitby Curling Club and

pints and pancakes, this event will

feature fun-filled mini games, including

the return of "Name That Tune!" and,

new for this year, the teddy bear toss!

enjoy a hot pancake brunch.

With the upcoming elections, Chambers at all three levels of government will no doubt be hard at work advocating on your behalf.

The WCC's Advocacy Committee, tasked with representing businesses here in Whitby, will be surveying members at events over the coming months. Please take the time to participate so the committee can ensure that it is advocating in a manner reflective of your priorities.

I encourage you to check out the CCC and OCC websites to see what issues they are working on. You would be amazed at the wealth of information and resources they have available for small businesses.

HOW-TO IN 10



he award-winning How-To in 10 Festival returns this May! The Whitby Public Library (WPL) is currently seeking vendors to showcase their skills at this year's festival. Last year the WPL had more than 2,000 people visit the Central Library, making it a great event to promote your organization or business.

If you've got a skill and can teach it in 10 minutes or less, How-To in 10 is for

To become a vendor, apply online by Friday, March 9. Successful applicants will receive a response within three days confirming their participation in the festival and receive additional details.

Questions about the festival?

Contact Jaclyn Derlatka, Community Engagement Librarian.

Festival details:

Saturday, May 12, 2018 12 to 4 p.m. Whitby Public Library, Central Library 405 Dundas Street West, Whitby



February 19th, 2018 | 9:00am-2:00pm

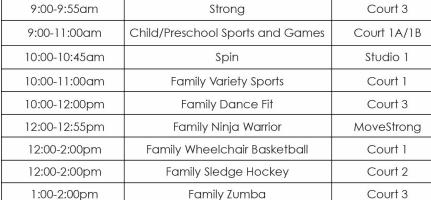
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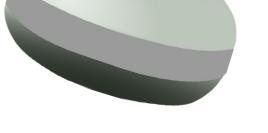
spot in the fourth annual curling funspiel organized by the Young Entrepreneurs & Professionals (YEP) Committee. This year you don't even need to get dressed! Just roll out of bed

urry hard! It's time to save your

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ENTREPRENEURS PROFESSIONALS

The WCC's most outrageous event on the calendar, the Sweepin' Slumber Curling Funspiel welcomes curlers of all skill sets for a rockin' good time.



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: BROCK STREET BREWING CO.



Brock Street Brewing Co. owners Victor Leone, Scott Pepin, Chris VanClief and Mark Woitzik. in their Hopkins Street location.

hat started out as four best friends brewing beer in their backyard, quickly turned into an award-winning brewery. During their youth, the four owners of Brock Street Brewing Co. spent a lot of time visiting local bars and restaurants on Brock Street, "the street of Whitby," as described by Chris VanClief. This was the inspiration behind the name.

Bringing their home-brewed beer to family events and their children's lacrosse parties, VanClief, along with fellow owners Victor Leone, Scott Pepin and Mark Woitzik, realized everyone was really enjoying what they were making. Noticing a trend that was taking off in the United States, where people were turning old firehalls into breweries, started their initial dream to create the old Whitby firehall into their brewery location.

Unable to secure the firehall, the four friends opened their first brewery on Hopkins Street in 2015. During this time, they have won several awards including Newcomer of the Year at the 2016 Ontario Brewing Awards.

In the spring of 2018, Brock Street Brewing Co. will open the doors of its new 17,000-square-foot facility on the corner of Brock and Dunlop.

"This location is one of first things you see when entering downtown, the gateway to Whitby," explained VanClief.

While it's been a tougher and longer road then they expected, they are excited to finally be on Brock Street and have a larger space where they can provide an environment for people to enjoy some good company, some real food and a great beer.

Brock Street Brewing Co. has been a member of the Whitby Chamber of Commerce (WCC) since 2015 and has been a great supporter of Chamber events. While their lives have been the busiest they have ever been, they continue to be involved in the community by sponsoring local teams, charities and events.

Their success and community involvement are what made them a deserving recipient of a Business Achievement Award in the 1-15 employees category at the WCC 2017 Peter Perry & Business Achievement Awards.

"We are honoured to have been recognized and thankful for all the support from the community and the people who have stood by us over the years," said VanClief.

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Ontario has a number of public holidays each year. Most employees are entitled to take these days off work and be paid public holiday pay.

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SPEAKER SERIES: JASON ATKINS



Jason Atkins (left) shares his story with host, Jason King (right) at the first edition of the Speaker Series.

n January 17, more than 70 guests gathered at the Centennial Building for the Whitby Chamber of Commerce's (WCC) first instalment of its newest Speaker Series where host, Jason King, Employee & Channel Engagement Manager at 360insights, gets the story behind some of the region's most familiar faces.

Before King put his first guest in the hot seat, attendees were able to network in the lobby while enjoying a delicious spread of hors d'oeuvres provided by The Tap & Tankard as well as sample beer from Port Whitby's newest addition, Town Brewery.

Kicking off the series was King's boss, Jason Atkins, founder and CEO at 360insights. In 2008 Atkins founded the company, the world's first Channel Success Platform™, but his story as a technology entrepreneur began long before that. At the young age of 17, he

founded his first tech company. Soon after, he sold it and became president and CEO at TMR, a marketing services company in the United States. Realizing there was a gap in the incentives industry and wanting to be closer to his family, he resigned and began plotting out what would soon become 360insights.

Atkins' business philosophy is grounded in workplace happiness and having a strong commitment to clients and the community. Since its inception, 360insights has grown to over 250 employees, quickly filling the 800-square-foot space it began in. Inspired by the idea of life long learning and eager to be

HE CALLED ME ONE DAY SAYING HE HAD FOUND THE PERFECT SPACE, A BEAT UP 100-YEAR-OLD BUILDING, BUT THE VISION WAS LIFE-LONG LEARNING, WHERE COULD BE BETTER FOR THE COMPANY THAN THE PLACE IN LIFE WHERE YOU START LEARNING?

"I knew I had a knack for technology," said Atkins. "So, I leased a commercial space in my name, put up a whiteboard and brought my skills together."

a part of Whitby, Atkins renovated the historical R.A. Sennett Public School into 360insights' new global headquarters.

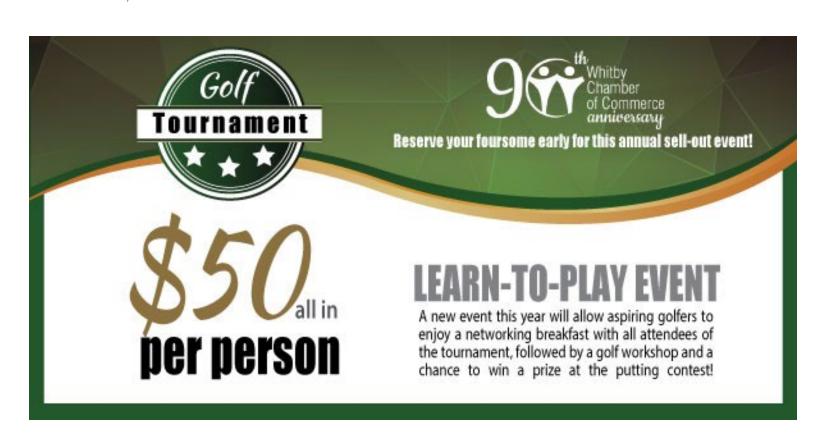
"The idea actually came from Todd Skinner back in the day," explained Atkins. "When he was Chief of Staff we started talking about where we could grow in Whitby. He called me one day saying he had found the perfect space, a beat up 100-year-old building. But the vision was life-long learning, where could be better for the company than the place in life where you start learning?"

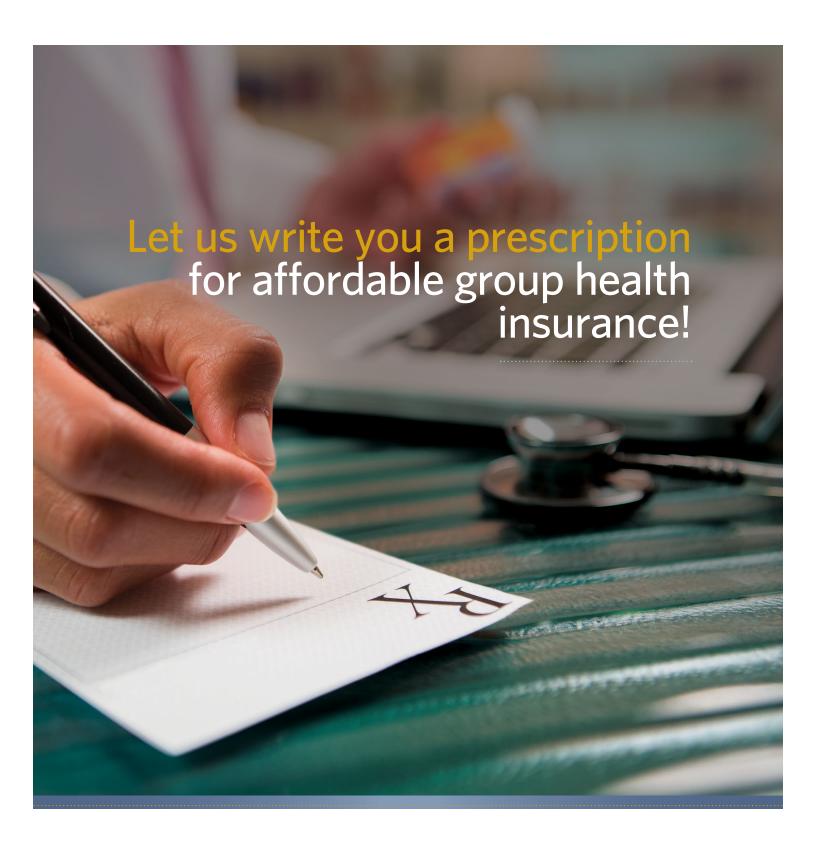
Atkins continues to make an impact to the fabric of Whitby and the Durham Region. Recently, he became founder and principle investor in the City Flow Project, a localized Durham Region venture capital and tech incubator.

Before wrapping up, WCC's CEO Natalie Prychitko asked Atkins why he thought participating in Chambers and Boards of Trade was important to him. He replied, "Chambers bring together businesses. Tonight, I talked a lot about learning from other people and their experiences. When you think about Chambers. Boards of Trade and

Rotary, they're all about connections and bringing together like-minded people."

This event was the first of four in the Speaker Series, hosted at the Centennial Building and sponsored by Motorcity Mitsubishi and Whitby Economic Development. Up next, King will get to know Spark Centre's President and CEO, Sherry Colbourne, on Tuesday, May 1.





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CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CANADA'S ECONOMY IS BOOMING, BUT WILL IT LAST??



The Canadian Chamber of Commerce announced today the appointment of Mark Agnew as Director, International Affairs.

Agnew comes to the Chamber from the British High Commission, where he was employed as a locally-engaged staff member. Most recently he was head of the High Commission's economics and trade team, responsible for trade, agriculture, financial services and Brexit policy issues.

Read more.

ONTARIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

PRIVATE SECTOR NOT PREPARED FOR POST-NAFTA WORLD



ith North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) discussions currently taking place in Montreal, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) released concerning survey results from its membership. Results show that Ontario businesses are not well-prepared for the impact of these renegotiations and want their governments and industry associations to more aggressively advocate on their behalf.

Key sectors that are the most susceptible to the impact of NAFTA

renegotiations include the manufacturing, agricultural, and the professional services industries. Cross-border trade in services and customs procedures are by far the most important issues for Ontario businesses followed by the impacts on tariffs, equipment price and availability, cost of healthcare goods, temporary entry for businesses persons, and the impact of renegotiation on software purchases.

"With only 15 percent of respondents having contingency planning started, Ontario companies are not prepared for how NAFTA renegotiations may impact their organization," said Rocco Rossi, President and CEO of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce. "Our members have made it clear—governments and industry organizations must work together to ensure their concerns are being represented in the negotiations."

The OCC conducted a voluntary survey of its members from December 15, 2017, to January 15, 2018. On behalf of its Ontario Chamber Network and corporate members, the OCC is presently providing these details in a series of briefings with senior government officials to help shape their approach and ensure the concerns of Ontario business are being represented at the negotiation table.

"While these renegotiations must consider the impact on business, governments have an opportunity for modernization to address vulnerabilities in the current North American Free Trade Agreement and ensure the agreement reflects current realities and trends," said Rossi.

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