



Government Relations, Website, No Grand and Toy



Government Relations

The Chamber continues to effectively express, and achieve results in presenting its members concerns to the various levels of government. The most recent example of this can be witnessed in how the Chamber has received a pledge from the MRC Tourism Committee to readjust the procurement procedures of the « *Comité de Développement Économique* » (CDE). It is hoped that a genuine readjustment will break away from the status quo to follow a more accountable and transparent path thereby giving all Pontiac businesses an equal opportunity to be awarded work or to supply goods for the PPJ Cycloparc and Waterways.

Further, the Chamber is making its presence known to the MRC Economic Development Committee by requesting that the Cham-

bers input be considered in the strategic economic development plan better known as *Vision Pontiac 2020*. By adding its voice to the economic discussion the Chamber will be an advocate in calling for the end of the prevailing situation and press for a plan with substance that truly identifies the capacities and assets of the region.



Website

The new Website is finally available and provides access to such things as upcoming events, detailed information on the Business to Business Discount program, financial reports, minutes of meetings etc. You can access the site at www.pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca along with our new email address, info@pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca. Feel free to send us any questions or comments you may have about the above mentioned items

or any other questions or concerns you may wish to express. We would also like to encourage you to submit any pictures you may have of your business, or the Pontiac for display on the Website.

Thanks to Richard Wegner of "Fresh Image Computer Services" for the site and Louise Donaldson for her translation services along with those whose dedication and hard work made this project such a success. Also we would like to acknowledge SADC for their financial support of this venture.

No Grand and Toy

As you may know, there is a major membership drive underway. A letter has gone out to every business and farmer in the Pontiac letting them know about the Chamber and the benefits of joining. Some of you may have received it as well. There was one error in the mail out, that being a mention of Grand and Toy discount, which is not part of our benefits package. For details of our benefits program, please feel free to call or visit the website.

Upcoming Events

- **BOARD MEETING (6:30P)**
NOVEMBER 13TH, 2008
GIGI CAFÉ
- **E-NTREPRENEURSHIP**
LEARNING SERIES
NOVEMBER 20
6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
- **ALL CANDIDATES FORUM-**
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30
3 P.M.
CAMPBELL'S BAY
R.A. CENTRE

Editor:

IF YOU HAVE A CHAMBER OR BUSINESS RELATED ARTICLE PLEASE E-MAIL MYSELF AT jrivest@persona.ca AT THE END OF EACH MONTH. I WILL DO MY BEST TO INCLUDE INFORMATION THAT IS OF INTEREST TO YOU. PLEASE SEND ME YOUR COMMENTS AND IDEAS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THE NEWS LETTER YOUR ASSISTANCE IS WELCOMED.

THANK YOU FOR READING AND BEING A PART OF THE PONTIAC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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