

# November General Meeting

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## General Meeting

The chamber is holding a general meeting on Thursday, November 18th at the Norway Bay Golf Club. All Pontiac business persons are welcome.

A short meeting will start at 7:00 pm with guest speakers from the Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce. It will be followed by a light lunch with networking and social time. The cost for the evening is \$15 per person.

Please contact Nancy at 819-647-5563 or [bizdev@pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca](mailto:bizdev@pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca) to confirm attendance. We will require an estimate of numbers for the food.

## Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party

The chamber is planning a Holiday Party on Saturday, December 4th at the Shawville Lions Hall. A full meal will be served – cash bar available. Tickets are limited – order early!

The evening will include a dance band and a Silent Auction. Come and learn more about the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce, everyone is welcome!

## Events

**General Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 18, 2010**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Norway Bay Golf Club**  
\$15.00 per person, includes light lunch, networking and social time  
Guest Speakers: Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce  
*Thank you to our Sponsor: National Bank*



**Chamber Holiday Party**  
**Saturday, December 4, 2010**  
**Shawville Lions Hall**

Cost includes a full meal, dance band and silent auction – cash bar available  
**Tickets Limited – Order Early!**  
Tickets: [bizdev@pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca](mailto:bizdev@pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca)

**Monthly SADC Business Breakfast**  
**First Wednesday of 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.

## Business Development Officer

In accordance with the Chamber's Strategic Plan, and in response to members wishes in having a more publicly visible Chamber, your Board of Directors has retained Nancy Pirie of Bristol as its Business Development Officer.

Nancy, with her family farm business background and work in other non-profit organizations, has a very good understanding of the array of complexities that confront Pontiac businesses and society. Nancy's main role will be to promote the Chamber through activities and events.

The board wishes Nancy well in her new task, and also ask our members to support the upcoming events planned which aid in developing the Chamber.

To contact Nancy: [bizdev@pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca](mailto:bizdev@pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca)

## Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award

The SADC selected two award winners for the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award. The award recognizes young entrepreneurs who excel in their professional life by using their creativity. Each winner received \$1,000 from the SADC for professional communication and marketing services. The Pontiac Chamber of Commerce provided a free membership to both winners.

**The Chamber would like to congratulate Green Force Initiative and Pure Life Adventures on winning the award.**

Pontiac Chamber of Commerce

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819-648-5174 or 1-866-861-0509

## Télébec Business Benefit Explained

Offered exclusively to chamber members serviced by Télébec, the Privilege Plan gives business customers with a Centrex package an improved long distance discount. A base discount of 65% on long distance – up to 86% depending on usage.

**Loyalty Discount:** If you sign a 1-5 year contact, additional discounts for long distance can add up to an additional 21%.

There are additional benefits if you have an internet service or mobility (cell phone) attached to the business account.

### Example of difference between a residential line and a business line:

- Residential line basic cost: \$31.63 plus network charge, 911 fee, Touch-Tone service and taxes: \$47.53  
Additional services will add charges. Discount for evening or weekend long distance calls applies to residential lines.
- Business line (Centrex) basic cost: \$60.25 plus network charge, 911 fee and taxes: \$74.41  
Additional services will add charges.  
Savings of up to 85% on long distance with the Privilege Plan through the chamber of commerce. Add the Loyalty Discount and the savings will be more!

Check the chamber web site for more details. Contact a Télébec advisor at 1-888-835-3232 to find out more details on savings rates. It is the responsibility of the chamber member to contact Télébec. They will confirm membership in the chamber.

If you have any questions on this program, please contact the chamber.

### Testimonial

We have been a chamber member since May 2008 and signed up to the Télébec Privilege Plan in July 2008.

In 2008 we saved over \$275 on long distance, in 2009 over \$420 and so far in 2010 over \$340 in savings. We have just signed up for the Loyalty Discount so expect more savings in the coming months.

We do not make many long distance calls, only about 20 calls per month.

The savings on long distance rates more than covers the extra cost of the business line compared to a residential line. Benefits of a business line include exposure of the business name and a listing in the phone directory.

The Télébec discount benefit alone has more than paid for our membership to the chamber.

L. WEGNER, OWNER—FRESH IMAGE

### Welcome to the Chamber!

New members who have joined the chamber since the last newsletter. Pure Life Adventures

*Check the chamber web site for links to these businesses.*

### Support your local businesses!

### Would Like to Join the Chamber?

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

Contact info:

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### Resources

For business owners looking to attract and retain top talent, providing group insurance has become a critical business investment. A survey of Canadians, done by Benecaid in November 2009, revealed that 90% say the availability of an employee health benefits plan plays a role in their decision to accept a job.

[http://www.benefitscanada.com/benefit/health/article.jsp?content=20101102\\_150324\\_9780](http://www.benefitscanada.com/benefit/health/article.jsp?content=20101102_150324_9780)

For more information on a group insurance plan, contact the chamber representative: Ron MacKillop at 819-771-7535 or ronaldm@teamipg.com

*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.*

## 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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