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The President Reports:

SAVE THE HORSE INDUSTRY

In what has to be the strongest support for Flamborough since amalgamation, Hamilton Council has unanimously voted to support Flamborough's horse industry and its 'slots and trots.' Spearheaded by Councillor Judi Partridge, the motion in part reads:

- That City Council confirm its support of Flamboro Downs slots and race track, Great Canadian Gaming Corporation, the Ontario Horse Race Industry Association and other affiliated associations as well as the local area farms and businesses.
- That notwithstanding discussions about any other gambling facilities in Hamilton, the existing Flamboro Downs facility remains Council's number one priority (emphasis added).

Council members – especially those in the downtown areas – could have taken a far different approach and jumped on the opportunity to push for a casino



Hal Bushey President, FCC

in Hamilton's downtown as part of the city's revitalization efforts. Instead, they recognized the devastating economic impact ending financial support of the horse racing industry will have on this part of Hamilton.

This is yet another example of this Council's efforts at city building. Flamborough was not forgotten. I also believe this is a direct result of the respect Council has for the hard work and efforts of Flamborough's

two councillors - Robert Pasuta and Judi Partridge.

While I recognize that the \$16 billion provincial deficit must be addressed, I struggle to understand why there are no other options but to devastate an entire industry. Surely there must be another way.

How many of us have observed five or six public employees working on a road project or other similar initiatives when the same project in the private sector would use just three or four? This approach seems to permeate all levels of government and needs to be resolved or taxpayers will continue to pay more for less.

The times require creative solutions that share the burden rather than destroying an industry.



Nicole Martin (right) of Talent Search Summer Camp was awarded the *Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award* at this year's *Outstanding Business Achievement* (OBA) awards gala hosted by the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce (FCC) at the Carlisle Golf & Country Club in February. Pictured with Nicole after the award presentation are her parents Mike and Laurel Martin (Skyway Life Insurance) and Nicole's sister Kelly.

NICOLE MARTIN NAMED 'YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR'

The following citation was shared by Teresa Luckanuck, a member of the Flamborough Chamber of Comerce (FCC) Board of Directors, at the Outstanding Business Achievement (OBA) awards gala at the Carlisle Golf & Country Club earlier this year. Teresa is also the mother of Haley, the recipient of the inaugural Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

Tonight, I stand here not only as a member of the Board of Directors of the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce but also as a very proud mother. Two years ago, my daughter Haley was awarded the first *Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award* in recognition of her extraordinary efforts and outstanding success in starting her own business - Spoiled Rotten Pet Services.

Tonight it is our privilege to together introduce you to another very special young woman.

She is a third year student at the University of Waterloo majoring in Speech Communications and Drama. Always creative and determined to help others, she decided to open her own business this past summer. She applied for a \$3,000 government grant - \$1,500 for seed money and another \$1,500 when she completed all the requirements of the grant contract.

With her skills, she hoped her company - Talent Search Summer Camp - would give kids an opportunity to to gain self-confidence and have lots of fun doing it. Kids learned to work together as a team, even putting on a final performance which was videotaped for posterity.

As a requirement of the program, she first developed a business plan. She then consulted with the *Continued on page 5*

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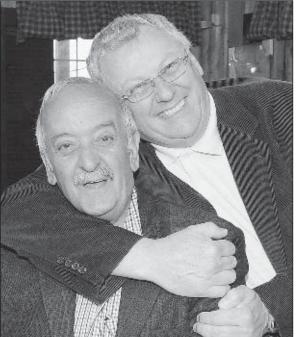
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RED TAPE HORROR STORIES MEETING

To its credit, Hamilton Council has created an *Open For Business* sub-committee chaired by Dundas Councillor Russ Powers. Among the members of the sub-committee is Ward 14 (West Flamborough) Councillor Robert Pasuta.

Councillors Powers and Pasuta met with Flamborough Chamber of Commerce (FCC) Executive Director Arend Kersten where it was decided to invite FCC members to share their 'red tape horror stories' at a recent breakfast meeting at the Dutch Mill Country Market.

As a result of the breakfast meeting, the FCC prepared a brief which was presented to the sub-committee after *Bottom Line* went to press. In addition to sharing some local experiences, the FCC presentation also included some concrete suggestions on how Hamilton can become more 'business friendly' so as to attract and retain more business investment resulting in additional local taxes and tax revenues. Watch for complete coverage in next month's *Bottom Line*.







'Red Tape Horror Stories' were shared at a recent meeting hosted by the FCC at the Dutch Mill Country Market. ABOVE, LEFT: Proving that the FCC isn't all business, FCC Executive Director Arend Kersten has Ralph Nacarrato of Pantano Construction in a modified headlock. ABOVE, RIGHT: Jim Coverdale (top) of Jimmy D Transport shared his experiences, while Dundas Councillor Russ Powers explained the goals of the *Open For Business* sub-committee. BELOW: Councillor Russ Powers (right) with Doris Arndt (left) and Margaret Robertson.





TOP: Flamborough Chamber of Commerce (FCC) Executive Director Arend Kersten (right) with Ed Dokter of Millgrove Garden Supplies. ABOVE: Danya Scime of Mizener's Flea Market listens as Ward 14 (West Flamborough) Councillor Robert Pasuta speaks. BELOW: Adam and Tammy Lockwood of Grisdale Enterprises in Greensville. BOTTOM: Mike Mizener of M&L Testing at Clappison's Corners.







Flamborough Chamber of Commerce ANNUAL EVENT CALENDAR

The Flamborough Chamber of Commerce (FCC) organizes, hosts and promotes a variety of activities for its members, offering a wide variety of networking, educational and celebratory opportunities. Details of the events are shared in the *Members Only* newsletter which is distributed to all FCC members on a regular (usually weekly) basis.

The Flamborough Breakfast Club

Offering the best in delicious food, great fellowship and outstanding networking opportunities, the *Flamborough Breakfast Club* – co-hosted by the FCC and the Rotary Club of Flamborough A.M., – usually meets the third Wednesday of each month (except during the summer months) at the Dutch Mill Country Market on Millgrove Side Road.

Business After Five (BA5)

Typically held once a month (except during the summer months), the FCC hosts a *Business After Five* (BA5) networking event. This casual come-and-go event runs from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and offers a complimentary beverage, delicious munchies and door prizes (draw at 6 p.m.). Pre-registration is not required and there is no cost.

Outstanding Business Achievement (OBA) Awards Gala

Honouring the 'very best of the best' in corporate excellence and community service, the FCC hosts the annual *Outstanding Business Achievement* (OBA) awards gala – at what has evolved into *the* social event of the year in Flamborough. Nominations are encouraged throughout the entire year.

The Flamborough Open

Representing an extraordinary community partnership, the Rotary Club of Waterdown and the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce (FCC) co-hosts the annual *Flamborough Open*, the premier local golf tournament. To register for what has become the premier annual golf tournament in Flamborough please contact the FCC office.

Great Mini Putt Challenge

Try your skills at the *Great Flamborough Mini Putt Challenge* which is hosted every summer by the FCC. Winners are recognized in both the individual as well as the corporate team categories. Another FCC event offering fun and fellowship.

WATERDOWN BIA

OCC: TWO-PRONGED APPROACH KEY TO FUTURE GROWTH AND PROSPERITY

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) has called for a two-pronged approach to balancing the books: deficit reduction and a clear focus on growth and transforming the Ontario economy for the 21st century. Overall, the OCC believes the budget positions the province to move in this direction.

The OCC recognizes that the 2012 Ontario Budget made difficult choices as the province's debt repayments rank as the third largest area of expenditure ments rank as the third largest area of expenditure after education and health care. The budget's main focus on reducing the deficit is certainly the top priority for Ontario businesses - and is a key factor in the economic vitality of the province and our ability to deliver critical government programs. But to lay the groundwork for future growth and prosperity, austerity is only one side of the equation. A vision for future economic growth is the other.

"Today, we are calling on the Government to work with the Ontario chamber network and other stakeholders to grow its top line in order to balance the books," said OCC CEO and President Allan O'Dette.

"Innovation, a 21st century workforce, fiscal balance, taking advantage of global opportunities and identifying our competitive advantages are of fundamental importance if Ontario is to be more productive, more competitive and more global."

A significant part of that global competitiveness is the provincial tax environment. While the OCC was expecting a delay in the corporate income tax (CIT) reduction, it expects the Government will meet its deficit reduction targets and implement the CIT reductions in 2017-18, or earlier.

Recognizing the business community must do its part in moving Ontario towards 21st century prosperity, the OCC supports the consultation of the private sector in modifications to business supports and would welcome an invitation to join the Jobs and Prosperity Council described in the budget.

"Every individual, every business and every community across Ontario is in this together," said O'Dette. "We must focus on growing the economy of this great province so, together, we can emerge stronger."

Flamborough Chamber of Commerce (FCC) Executive Director Arend Kersten attended a budget 'de-briefing' hosted by the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce at the McMaster Innovation Centre. Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale Liberal MPP Ted McMeekin – who is the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs in the Dalton McGuinty Cabinet – was the guest speaker.

Arend expressed concern that the promise to reduce the Business Education Tax (BET) has been postponed.

He also noted that a promised reduction in the corporate income tax has also been put on ice, placing Ontario businesses at a disadvantage within the context of a global economy.

Finally, Arend expressed concern that eliminating support from gambling revenues for the horse racing industry (MPP Ted calls it a 'subsidy'; his opponents 'revenue sharing') will have a devastating impact on the local and provincial economy.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS CELEBRATE THE VERY BEST IN CORPORATE EXCELLENCE

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Col. Gordon Dailley African Lion Safari Mike Demkowich J.D.J. Trailers Domenic DiFelice Waterdown Collision Hank Gelderman Jan Gelderman Landscaping Sandy Gray **Weeks Home Hardware** Bill Grisdale **Grisdale Enterprises**

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BUSINESS GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2006 - Hickory Dickory Decks 2006 - DanceMakerz 2007 - CHOICES 2007 - Magnolia House Spa 2008 - Dufferin Aggregates 2008 - Aventix 2009 - Langford Pharmacy 2009 - Waterdown Optometric Clinic

2010 - The Lock Hut 2010 - Millgrove Gardens 2011 - Greensville Gourmet 2011 - McCann Professional **Dog Trainers**

TOWN OF FLAMBOROUGH AWARD

2006 - Sylvia Wray Flamborough Archives 2007 - flamboro downs 2008 - Cpl. Chris Klodt 2009 - Gail Bosma Flamborough Food Bank 2010 - Ryan Ellis Mark Visentin **Canadian Junior Hockey Team** 2011 - OH CANADA Ribfest Rotary Club of Flamborough AM **Rotary Club of Waterdown**

SANDRA GRAY/ WEEKS HOME HARDWARE AWARD

Community Service

by an Individual Award 2006 - Deb Tigchelaar **Drummond House** 2007- Tom Jacques **Hickory Dickory Decks** 2008 - Heather Johnston and Ted Lindsay Flamborough Review 2009 - Peter Barnes **Waterdown Youth Centre** 2010 - Marti Van Hoeve Van Hoeve Homes 2011 - Dante DiFelice **Waterdown Collision** 2011 - Norm Read **Beckett Lowden Read**

YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR **OF THE YEAR AWARD**

2009 - Haley Luckanuck **Spoiled Rotten Pet Services** 2011 - Nicole Martin **Talent Search Summer Camp**

COMMUNITY SERVICE BY A COMPANY AWARD 2006 - Flamboro Speedway 2007 - Jay's Auto

2008 - Terra Greenhouses 2010 - Waterdown Dairy Queen 2011 - Lafarge Canada

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GREEN AWARD

2008 - Waterdown Collision 2009 - Nathan Helder **Gelderman Landscaping** 2010- Sensible Life Products

FCC AWARD

2006 - Arend Kersten Flamborough **Chamber of Commerce** 2007 - Lafarge (Dundas) 2008 - COGECO 2009 - Robert Pasuta Councillor - Ward 14 2010 - Fred Eisenberger **Mayor - City of Hamilton** 2011 - Dutch Mill Country Market

CIVIC RECOGNTION AWARD

2011 - Flamborough Women's Resource Centre 2011 - Soroptimists International Dundas-Ancaster-Flamborough

HAMILTON TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

GALA SALUTES CORPORATE EXCELLENCE, COMMUNITY SERVICE









As it does every year, the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce (FCC) celebrated the very best in local corporate excellence and community service at its Outstanding Business Achievement (OBA) awards gala, held earlier this year at the Carlisle Golf & Country Club. The OBA gala was taped for later broadcast by TVCogeco and is available on demand. TOP, LEFT: FCC Executive Director Arend Kersten (left) welcomed Stoney Creek Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Dave Cage and his wife Connie. ABOVE: FCC Vice President Graham Flint (FORCE) chats with Ward 15 Councillor Iudi Partridge, TOP, RIGHT: Ward 14 Councillor Robert Pasuta with his wife Elaine. RIGHT: OH CANADA Ribfest Co-chair Gary Ewart of the Rotary Club of Waterdown speaks after accepting the Town of Flamborough Award from former mayor (and now MPP and Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs) Ted McMeekin. LEFT: Three Mohawk College students - Victor Vrankulj, Rob Chapman and Meagan Martin - provided background music during the pre-dinner reception at the OBA gala.



Outstanding Business Achievement (OBA) Awards Gala

YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR HELPS KIDS DISCOVER HIDDEN TALENTS

Continued from front page Small Business Enterprise Centre to finalize a marketing strategy. Her mentor at the Small Business Enterprise Centre - Dragica Lebo, who is here with us tonight - not only provided emotional support, but also assisted in the areas of legal issues, bookkeeping, insurance and many other matters associated with the launch of any business.



Nicole Martin with Dragica Lebo, her mentor form the Small Business Enterprise Centre.

Look at some of the things the business launch included: registering her company name, designing a company logo, hiring an instructor, enrolling in Red Cross health and safety courses, underwent a police check, set and designed her own website, designed and printed flyers which were distributed to local schools (complete with Timmy's gift cards for the school secretaries as tokens of appreciation), designed print ads for publication in the Flamborough Review, rented a booth at the Oh Canada Ribfest, created and ordered customized tee shirts for camp participants, established a rewards program and designed and personally delivered a 'welcome package' to every camp registrant.

As for the camp itself, she wrote and prepared scripts, prepared acting lessons, choreographed the dance sequences, arranged special events (such as visits by Hamilton Police), created, filmed and edited a video every week, designed a customized craft program for every student, included sessions on make-up, dressup and costumes and presented every student with an award certificate. And when all was said and done, she even realized a profit at summer's end. I could go on and on ... but you get the idea. This young lady is very special.

Ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce, we are delighted to present this year's Young Entreprenuer of the Year to the founder of Talent Search Summer Camp - Miss Nicole Martin



The mother-and-daughter team of Teresa (right) and Haley Luckanuck presented the Young Entrpreneur of the Year Award at this year's Outstanding Business Achievement (OBA) awards gala at the Carlisle Golf & Country Club to Nicole Martin of Talent Search Summer Camp. Haley was the inaugural recipient of the award two years ago.

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ABOVE, LEFT: Among the participants at the 2011 Flamborough Open golf tournament – co-sponsored by the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce (FCC) and the Rotary Club of Waterdown and held at the Carlisle Golf & Country Club – was Team Scotiabank which was comprised of (from left) Colin DeFrance, Vince Palermo, Bryan Butcher and Joe Godinho. ABOVE, RIGHT: TeamDaines Automotive included (from left) Wayne Daines, Patricia Daines, Gerry Gaskin and Chrystal Wentels. Call the FCC office (905-689-7650) to register for the May 23, 2012 Flamborough Open, which is open to all.

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According to the CCC, the five themes laid by the government - support for innovation and research; overhauling regulation for resource development; investing in training and opportunity; support for families and communities; and ensuring the long-



Perrin Beatty President and CEO Canadian Chamber of Commerce

term sustainability of major social programs - include a number of measures from the CCC's 10-point national plan to regain Canada's competitive edge in the global economy.

'We have urged the government to focus on where Canada needs to be five or 10 years from now, even if it means taking tough decisions now," said CCC President and CEO Perrin Beatty. "The government has acted on some of the key elements of the CCCC's Top 10 program for restoring Canada's competitiveness. The result will be a stronger economy and more jobs.

"We're also pleased that the government has answered the CCC's call for a balanced budget in the medium term,' Beatty added. "In a world awash in debt, we are securing crucial fiscal flexibility to survive future downturns."

While the global economic environment has improved and financial stresses in Europe have lessened, Canada's economy remains vulnerable due to high household debt levels and lacklustre job growth. There is no room for complacency. The CCC recognizes that building a more productive, more competitive economy is a shared undertaking. It will take the combined efforts of business, all levels of government and individual Canadians.

measures to address some of Canada's structural problems. We will continue to press for a bold vision that will make Canada more competitive," Beatty said.

The CCC is the vital connection between business and the federal government. It helps shape public policy and decision-making to the benefit of businesses, communities and families across Cana-da with a network of over 420 chambers of commerce and boards of trade, representing 192,000 businesses of all sizes in all sectors of the economy and in all regions.

OTHER REACTION

While expressing "significant concerns" about changes to the Scientific Re-search and Experimental Development (SR&ED) program, the association of Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters was quite pleased with the Budget.

"The government still has a lot of work to do to ensure that Canada remains an internationally competitive place for manufacturers and exporters to invest, innovate, and grow," said the CME. "The strength of the Canadian economy combined with the public sector spending restraint announc-ed in the Budget puts the government on track to eliminate its deficit by 2014.

"We commend the government for its plan to speed up approvals for resource developments, increase support for the forestry sector, streamline regulations, im-prove border efficiency, strengthen skills development and limit increases in Employment Insurance (EI) premium rates".



"The government has laid out Anne Tennier of Waterdown - a vice president with Maple Leaf Foods and the Hamilton Centre Liberal candidate in the last federal election - introduces Liberal Leader Bob Rae to Al Rickard of Rothsay (right) while Flamborough Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Arend Kersten looks on. Speaking at a recent luncheon, Rae was highly critical of the recent federal Budget.



ERNIE IS 101 YEARS YOUNG

Ron Cicuttini, the new owner of Weeks of Waterdown Home Hardware has continued a tradition by hosting an annual birthday party for former owner and local business icon Ernie Weeks. Earlier this month, Ernie celebrated his 101st birthday at the store. ABOVE: Erin Hall - the daughter of former Weeks co-owners Sandy and Steve Gray - brought her daughter Evelyn to the party to congratulate Ernie. BELOW: Ward 15 (East Flamborough) Councillor Judi Partridge and her son Jordan joined many members of the community in extending best wishes to Ernie.





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