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Canadian Chamber of Commerce

BEATTY ELECTED AS HEAD OF GLOBAL BUSINESS GROUP

Perrin Beatty, President and CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce (CCC), has been elected President of the B20 Coalition for a period of 2 years.

Launched in 2012, the B20 Coalition is a group comprised of the most important voluntary national business organizations from G20 countries. Its main objective is to ensure business speaks with a common voice on current global economic issues.

"The objective of the B20 Coalition is to advocate policies at regional and international levels that contribute to global growth and job creation," Beatty said.

"The B20 Coalition can use its vast membership base – representing more than 6.5 million businesses – to act as a global sounding board and an initiator of new ideas and proposals for G20 economic policy coordination and institutions of global economic governance."

Supported by a secretariat in Paris, the B20 Coalition was created in April 2012. The Coalition is a permanent group whose purpose is to serve as a link between governments of G20 countries and the global business community.

"Over the last year, we have worked together to build a group that represents the interests of our national business communities while developing joint positions on a number of important issues," Beatty added. "I look forward to continuing our work and welcoming new members at the table".

ABOUT THE B20 COALITION

The B20 Coalition represents the interests of businesses of all sizes and industries within G20 countries. Through this broad base, it provides an invaluable link between governments and the businesses communities in the world's most important economies.

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HELPING STUDENTS FIND THEIR PATH

A unique and extraordinary collaboration is helping Grade 8 students and their parents decide on what courses the students should take once they enter high school. The partners include the Flamborough Health Community - Healthy Youth initiative (HC-HY), Waterdown District High School (WDHS) and its 'feeder' schools, the Community Church and the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce (FCC). The inaugural event included a forum – under the banner of 'What's Your Path?' – at Allan A. Greenleaf Public School featuring prominent businessman Ron Foxcroft - a former WDHS student, founder of Fluke Transport and inventor of the Fox 40 whistle. Organizers and participants included (above, front row, from left) Penny Deathe (HC-HY), Greenleaf Principal Lori Kyle, Greenleaf Vice Principal Lynda Wigood, WDHS Principal Michelle Visca, Ron Foxcroft and (back row, from left) FCC Executive Director Arend Kersten along with panelists Jim Campbell (Adventec), Wally Boonstra (Excel Heating and Air Conditioning) and Ward 14 (West Flamborough) Councillor – and farmer – Robert Pasuta. After an terrific inspirational speech by Ron Foxcroft, Arend Kersten (below, left) moderated a discussion where panelists (from left) Ron Foxcroft, Robert Pasuta, Wally Boonstra and Jim Campbell shared their life experiences and offered specific, real world advice to students and their parents. More on page 3.







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Arend Kersten

Executive Director, Flamborough Chamber of Commerce

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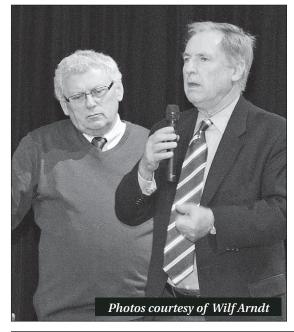
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HELPING STUDENTS CHART THE PATH









The Canadian Chamber of Commerce (CCC) has determined that the greatest threat to Canada competing succesfully on the global stage is skills development. That is why the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce (FCC) was delighted to partner in the recent 'What's Your Path?' forum, designed to help Grade 8 students and their parents choose high school program options. Among the participants at the Allan A. Greenleaf Public School forum were (above, from left) teacher Jeff Adema (co-op program at Waterdown District High School), Allan A. Greenleaf Vice Principal Lynda Wigood and Allan A. Greenleaf Principal Lori Kyle. The highlight of the evening was an inspirational speech by prominent businessman Ron Foxcroft, a former student at WDHS, LEFT: FCC Executive Director Arend Kersten - who moder-ated the panel discussion after the speech by Foxcroft - listens carefully as he makes a point during the panel dis-



IN THE NEXT BOTTOM LINE

One of the most popular events on the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce (FCC) calendar is the annual Christmas Reception at Boston Pizza. Among those attending the reception last month were (above, from left) FCC Secretary Ron Graham (Lafarge Canada), Ward 15 (East Flamborough) Councillor Judi Partridge and FCC Executive Director Arend Kersten. Watch for the February edition of the *Bottom Line* for many more pictures.



After 33 years, Frank Spiridoulias (right) sold the Lord Byron Steak and Seafood House in Waterdown to Peter Fousketaki. The Flamborough Chamber of Commerce will honour Frank when it presents its prestigious *Lifetime Achievement Award* to him at the *Outstanding Business Achievement* (OBA) awards gala on February 22, 2014 at the African Lion Safari.

YOU ARE INVITED

The Flamborough Chamber of Commerce is delighted to present its prestigious *Lifetime*Achievement Award to Frank Spiridoulias, former owner of the Lord Byron Steak and Seafood House

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R.I.P. **ERNIE WEEKS**

The Flamborough Chamber of Commerce (FCC) extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Ernie Weeks, who passed away recently in his 103rd year. The former owner of Weeks of Waterdown Home Hardware was the recipient of the FCC's highest honour - the *Lifetime* Achievement Award. Every year, Weeks Home Hardware hosted a birthday party for Ernie at its Hamilton Street store. Ernie is pictured at right with his wife Dorothy and other members of his extended family at his birthday party last year. Ernie was truly an icon and an inspiration to everyone he met.



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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** 2012- Roger Wilson

YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR **OF THE YEAR AWARD**

2009 - Haley Luckanuck **Spoiled Rotten Pet Services** 2011 - Nicole Martin **Talent Search Summer Camp** 2012 - Sarah Powell Sarah Grace Photography

COMMUNITY SERVICE BY A COMPANY AWARD 2006 - Flamboro Speedway

2007 - Jay's Auto

2008 - Terra Greenhouses 2010 - Waterdown Dairy Queen 2011 - Lafarge Canada 2012 - Boston Pizza

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GREEN AWARD

2008 - Waterdown Collision 2009 - Nathan Helder **Gelderman Landscaping** 2010- Sensible Life Products 2012 - Rothsay

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OCC TO QP: REFORM THE COLLEGE OF TRADES

the Government of Ontario to undertake serious reform to improve the College of Trades, Ontario's new regulatory body for the skilled trades.

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) recently released a report with several recommendations to make the College more responsive to the needs of employers and the economy.

The report, Caution: Work Ahead, highlights the fact that the College's decisions around journeyperson-toapprentice ratios are being made without sufficient data and input from small

"Data provided by the Government of Ontario does not give a complete picture of how changes to journeypersonto-apprentice ratios will impact our economy," says OCC President & CEO Allan O'Dette.

Ontario businesses are calling on fill all components of its mandate," says O'Dette. "If implemented, we believe our recommendations will result in a more responsive College".

KEY FACTS

- The College of Trades was legislated into existence in 2009 with the mandate to lead the promotion, regulation, and governance of skilled trades in Ontario.
- · Ontario's median journeypersonto-apprentice ratio of 3:1 is one of the highest in the country. This ratio can force many businesses to leave apprentice positions vacant since they cannot afford to hire the required additional journeypersons.
- Skills Canada reports that 40 percent of new jobs created in the next decade will be in the skilled trades. However, currently only 26 percent of young people aged 13 to 24 are consid-

"Our members are willing to give the College a shot, but only if it is properly structured and has the ability to fulfill all components of its mandate."

Allan O'Dette, OCC President & CEO

Among its recommendations, the report calls for the College to renew its commitment to promoting the skilled trades as a career path for youth, a critical component of the College's mandate that is currently unfulfilled.

"Our members are willing to give the College a shot, but only if it is properly structured and has the ability to fulering a career in these areas.

• The OCC's survey data also reveals that 30 percent of businesses in Ontario have had difficulty filling a job opening over the last 12 to 18 months. This shortage is most prominent in those sectors that rely most on skilled trades-including transportation, infrastructure, and construction.

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CANADA IS STRENGHTENING ITS HAND IN COMPETITION FOR GLOBAL TALENT

The Minister of International Trade recently launched a new international education strategy (IES) aimed at attracting more international researchers and students to Canada, deepening the research links between Canadian and foreign educational institutions and establishing a pan-Canadian partnership with all key education stakeholders, including provinces and territories and the private sector.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce (CCC) applauds this initiative.

"The International Education Strategy will strengthen Canada's hand in the competition for global talent," said CCC President and CEO Perrin Beatty. "With the doubling of foreign student recruitment and new funding for international research and training programs, we are now in a better position to attract the best people around the globe."

Moreover, the CCC strongly believes global education networks help build bridges for business into new markets, supporting Canada's trade and diplomacy.

"This strategy shows that the government of Canada is taking real action to make our country more competitive, innovative and prosperous-all key to success in a fiercely competitive global marketplace," Beatty added. Focusing on the markets and sectors where Canada has a clear advantage will create jobs and economic growth here at home and also address labour challenges such as skills shortages and those related to an aging population."

The strategy is the result of extensive consultations by an advisory panel and is an important part of the recently announced Global Markets Action Plan.

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 Canada with a network of over 450 chambers of commerce and boards of trade, representing some 200,000 businesses of all sizes in all sectors of the economy and in all regions.



FLAMBOROUGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Flamborough Chamber of Commerce (FCC) is governed by a nine-person Board of Directors (BOD) chosen by members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Each member is eligible to serve two consecutive 3-year year terms. In order to ensure a regular turnover, a schedule has been adopted that will see at least one - but no more than two - new faces each year. In addition, the BOD is deliberate in choosing new members so that it is broadly representative of the members. The BOD

usually meets 10 times annually (the first Tuesday of every month except for July and August). The FCC BOD sets policy and leaves the day-to-day management of the FCC to (all part-time) staff (Executive Director Arend Kersten, Office Administrator Courtenay Gardiner and Book-keeper Janet Barnard). After a recent meeting, the FCC BOD took time for a group photo. Pictured are (front row, from left) Teresa Luckanuck (Spoiled Rotten Pet Services), President Jason Small (Community Church) and Wendy Martin (Sutton About Town Real Estate). They are joined (back row, from left) Craig Sampson (Weeks Home Hardware), Treasurer Kyle Hampson (Miller Thomson Lawyers), Vice President Greg Tremble (OLG Slots at Flamboro Downs), Shawn Brenn (Brenn-B Farms) and Secretary Ron Graham (Lafarge Canada). Absent when the photo was taken was (inset) Wendy Wasylowich (Flamboro Downs).





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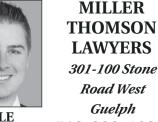
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In light of the very busy schedules of many of its members, the Flamborough Chmaber of Commerce (FCC) has moved from a morning breakfast format to 'Business Roundtables' during the lunch hour. The first speaker at the inaugural Business Roundtable - which featured a free lunch - was City Manager Chris Murray (right). Back for his annual address, Murray brought an upbeat message, suggesting that the 'new' Hamilton is on the cusp of something very special. ABOVE, LEFT: Manager Craig Sampson of Weeks Home Hardware - a member of the FCC Board of Directors - chats with Murray before his speech. ABOVE, RIGHT: Posing for a group photo at the North Wentworth Twin Pad Arena at Clappison's Corners after the presentation are (from left) FCC Executive Director Arend Kersten, FCC President Jason Small (Community Church), Mayor Bob Bratina, City Manager Chris Murray, Ward 15 (East Flamborough) Councillor Judi Partridge and Ward 14 (West Flamborough) Councillor Robert Pasuta. BELOW: In addition to a great lunch, the Business Roundtable provided an opportunity for great networking for members of the FCC and their guests. Mayor Bratina will be a guest at a future Business Roundtable where he will share his 'State of the City' address.







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