



## Perth & District Chamber of Commerce “Bridges” March 2015 Newsletter

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*“Building Bridges in Business for more than 125 years”*

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### Your Chamber Has Officially Moved!

At the January 28 Perth and District Chamber of Commerce 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations the Chamber’s Board of Directors announced that the Chamber Office would be moving to the Inge-Va House Museum at 66 Craig Street in Perth. During a busy last week of February, staff and our incredible volunteers worked hard to ensure that we moved all of our many brochures and information pieces as well as our desks, computers and phones! It is great to be able to say that we have now moved in and are very much looking forward to the opportunity to develop more opportunities for our members at our new location. We’ll be hosting an Open House when we get fully settled in so stay tuned for details....

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### Perth and District Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting

Yes, it’s that time of year again – time for members of the Chamber to get together to celebrate outgoing Board members and welcome the new Board that will guide the Chamber through the rest of 2015 and beyond.

This year’s event will be held March 25 at the Best Western Plus Perth with registration at 11 a.m. and lunch at 11:30 a.m. Our special guest luncheon speaker will be Ontario Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Allan O’Dette. The meeting portion of the day will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Lunch will be served with a cost of \$25 with taxes and gratuities included.

If you plan to attend, please contact Chamber General Manager John LeVatte as soon as possible at [jlevatte@perthchamber.com](mailto:jlevatte@perthchamber.com) or call 613-267-3200 to register.

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### 39th Annual Festival of the Maples Sponsorship Opportunities



This annual event is hosted by the Perth & District Chamber of Commerce and celebrates the fact that Lanark County is the maple syrup capital of Ontario! The funds raised help to keep the Festival going and support other Chamber activities.



### *PLATINUM- \$800 + GST (\$904)*

- *Premium radio advertising on local and Ottawa Radio Stations;*
- *Two Booth Spaces;*
- *Logo in all print advertising prior to the event as well as in ‘Thank You’ ads;*
- *Logo on Entertainment Flyer for distribution prior to the event;*
- *2x3 sign on the entertainment stage (provided by your organization);*
- *Stage mentions throughout the day;*
- *Special recognition as a Major Sponsor during any additional appearances by Festival Committee Members;*
- *Logo in Perth & District Chamber of Commerce monthly newsletter for March and April.*



### *GOLD-\$500 + HST (\$565)*

- *Logo in all print advertising prior to the event as well as in ‘Thank You’ ads;*
- *Logo on Entertainment Flyer for distribution prior to event;*
- *2x3 sign on the entertainment stage (provided by your organization);*
- *Stage mentions throughout the day;*
- *Special recognition as a Major Sponsor during any additional appearances by Festival Committee Members;*
- *Logo in Perth & District Chamber of Commerce monthly newsletter for March and April.*



### *SILVER-\$300 + HST (\$339)*

- *Logo in all print advertising prior to the event as well as in ‘Thank You’ ads;*
- *Logo on Entertainment Flyer for distribution prior to event;*
- *2x3 sign on the entertainment stage (provided by your organization);*
- *Name in Perth & District Chamber of Commerce monthly newsletter for March and April.*



### *BRONZE-\$200 + HST (\$226)*

- *Name appearing on ‘Patron’ Sign at Entertainment Stage*
- *Name included in ‘Thank You’ ads in local papers*
- *Name appearing in Perth & District Chamber of Commerce newsletter for March and April*



## *CHILDREN'S PALACE-\$300 + HST (\$339)*

The Children's Palace will provide visitors with children an opportunity to participate in crafts, games, and entertainment. The Palace will be supervised. The sponsorship is limited to 4 and includes the following:

- Logo on all print advertising and 'Thank You' ads;
- Logo on Entertainment Flyer for Distribution prior to event;
- Name in Perth & District Chamber of Commerce newsletter for March and April;
- Logo on Banner at the "Children's Palace."

For all levels of sponsorship, your organization will be acknowledged on the Chamber's Maplefest webpage for the remainder of the year.

**We look forward to working with you on this wonderful event!**



Call Festival Coordinator – Jennifer Perkin, 613-267-3200

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## **Would You Like To Be A Vendor At The Festival of the Maples?**

If you would like to participate as a vendor at the Festival on Saturday, April 25, 2015, please let the office know? You can display and sell your products on the main street of Perth! With thousands of people attending this Festival, it is a great opportunity to get your name out there.

**For complete details on being a vendor at the Festival, please contact Jennifer Perkin at the Chamber office at 613 267-3200.**

**Sponsorship Opportunities and vendor information was sent previously but if you didn't receive this information package, or have questions just call the office and we would happy to fill you in.**

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## *DID YOU KNOW*

**In celebration of our 125<sup>th</sup>, we will be giving you tidbits of information about the Chamber over the last 125 years!**

***Did you Know*, that on April 25, 1892 the Chamber asked the Canadian Pacific Railway to have a passenger car twice a week on the freight train between Sharbot Lake and Perth for the convenience of people doing business between the two centers.**

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# Perth Ribfest



## Perth Ribfest is Coming to Town!

The Perth Rotary Club will host Ribfest this August and is currently looking for interested vendors. You can find details below on how and where to get the information you need to participate in this exciting new event!

If you are interested in becoming either a Perth Ribfest food or non-food vendor, please email Jim Peden [jpeden1@yahoo.com](mailto:jpeden1@yahoo.com) or call either 1-613-368-4321 (Jeff Dean) or 1-613-264-3578 (Jim Peden) for further information. **Note: The 4 confirmed 'Ribbers' have the exclusive right to sell ribs. No additional rib vendors will be accepted.**

## Membership Renewals

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their membership renewals. Renewal forms were distributed during the first week of January. If you have not renewed, we hope you can get your payment to our office as soon as possible.

If you should have any questions about your membership dues, please contact the office and we would be happy to answer any questions.

Also, we would appreciate it if you could let us know when you became a member. With it being our 125<sup>th</sup> we would love to know who our longest-standing members are.

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## Go Sens Go! Special Thank You to those Joining Us!

Thanks to those who will be joining fellow Chamber members from Perth, Carleton Place and Smiths Falls Tuesday, March 10 to watch the Sens battle the mighty Boston Bruins. Just a reminder that the bus will leave the parking lot beside the Chamber's former headquarters at 34 Herriott St at 5:45 p.m. This is going to be a fun event and again we thank all those who are taking part!

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## Perth Golf Club Turning 125!

Perth GC will be celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2015, with a number of events and activities planned for golfers and residents to help celebrate this historic milestone! The Perth Golf Club is the oldest permanent golf club in Canada, meaning the original site for the golf course is still in use dating back to 1890, and one of the oldest golf courses in North America.



The club's owners have enlisted the golf management firm TMSI Sports Management to help run the club this year and ensure the next 125 years of the club's history gets off to a great start. Green fee and membership pricing has been adjusted to be reflective of the local marketplace and many new

programs have been introduced making it more affordable for area residents to play at the best golf course in the Ottawa Valley.

Everyone is encouraged to visit the club's new website at [www.perthgolf.com](http://www.perthgolf.com), follow us on Twitter (@PerthGolfCourse) or "Like" us on Facebook to learn about all the events planned for the season and how you can get involved!

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## Upcoming Events

**Mark your calendars for Upcoming Events!!**



### **Business Accreditation Program – 2<sup>nd</sup> Course for 2015**

Business Law: March – Invite to come

Location: Algonquin College, 7 Craig Street, Perth

Annual General Meeting – Perth & District Chamber of Commerce

**Date and Location information is currently being finalized so stay tuned for an invite in the next few weeks!**

### **WELL Wednesday**

#### **Women Entrepreneurs of Lanark & North Leeds**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 25, 2015

Women Entrepreneurs, join us for WELL Wednesday, March 25 to learn about the various services and programs available to entrepreneurs in Lanark County, including the new Excelerator Business Incubator in Smiths Falls! For more information visit [valleycfdc.com](http://valleycfdc.com)

**Contact:** Bridget Joynt, Valley Heartland CFDC at [bridget.joynt@valleycfdc.com](mailto:bridget.joynt@valleycfdc.com) or at 613-283-7002, Ext. 110

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## **New – Working at Heights Training Standards and Regulatory Requirements for Construction Projects**

Falls from heights are a major hazard for workers and are one of the leading causes of critical injuries and fatalities in Ontario workplaces. The Ministry of Labour's new requirements for working at heights training will require employers to ensure workers on construction projects successfully complete a working at heights training program if they use any of these specified fall protection systems:

- Travel restraint system
- Fall restricting system
- Fall arrest system
- Safety net
- Work belt or safety belt

The new mandatory working at heights training regulations come into effect April 1, 2015. However, a two-year transition period will apply to workers who received adequate training in the use of fall protection systems prior to April 1, 2015. For those with specific hiring and/or training needs please note that the **Canada-Ontario Job Grant will provide direct financial support for employers who wish to purchase training for their workforce.** In this grant program, employers choose the individuals they would like to have trained, and the training that meets their workforce development needs. For further information please call Community Employment Services, Algonquin College at 613-267-1381 or visit us online at [www.cesperth.ca](http://www.cesperth.ca)<<http://www.cesperth.ca>>

## Member Profile of the Month: Perth Golf Club

(Submitted by TMSI Sports Management)



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With it being the Perth Golf Club's 125<sup>th</sup> year, we thought it was worth not only mentioning their birthday earlier in this month's newsletter, but also making them our Member Profile of the Month!

Built beside the Tay River, this is the oldest permanent course in Canada. Dreamed up by a local farmer and his friends, the same three holes that they designed and built are still in play today. The farmer, Captain Matheson, would still recognize the gentle sweep of the Tay as it winds around the now modern course.

### **Golf at its Finest!**

The amenities are nice but the real star of the show at Perth Golf Course is the high quality of the course design, which manages the difficult double feat of both challenging experienced players while helping newcomers relax amid the scenery as they enjoy learning this classic game. Ours is a thought-provoking design that will send players reaching for every club in their bag. Come prepared to expand your skill set.

Finally, don't forget to set aside some time to stop into the pro shop and say hello. We can't wait to meet you!

### **Contact Info:**

#### **Perth Golf Course**

141 Peter St.  
Perth, ON K7H 3E4  
Office Manager: Susan Closs

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## **M2M Value Plan Participant Update**

Keep an eye out for your new 2015 M2M Value Program Card. The card is being sent to you along with your paid invoice receipt once you have renewed your membership for 2015. We have a great selection of businesses offering a special something to you just for being a member. Take a peek at the Chamber website: <http://perthchamber.com/membership-information/m2m-value-program/>

**It is as simple as showing your card to participating businesses. Why not take advantage of the discounts available to you as a Perth & District Chamber of Commerce Member? Start saving today!**

We accept offers on an ongoing basis. Just ask the office to send you a M2M Registration Form and we will get you signed up.

If you have any questions please call the Chamber office and we will be happy to give you the scoop. I would love to hear from you as to how the program is working. As with any new program we expect there to be some growing pains. Please remember when using your card it is for you and your staff.

Contact: Chamber General Manager John LeVatte at 613-267-3200 or email [jlevatte@perthchamber.com](mailto:jlevatte@perthchamber.com) with any questions or to register your business in the program....it is a great way to generate business!

## New M2M Discount

**The Rideau Ferry Inn:** Cottage and Motel Room Rentals.

The Inn boasts six well-appointed cottages and a six-room motel for visitors. As an M2M member, the Inn is offering a 10 per cent discount on rental rates to all Perth and District Chamber of Commerce Members!

For more information about The Rideau Ferry Inn and its many services and accommodations, please visit [www.therideauferryinn.com](http://www.therideauferryinn.com) or email [info@therideauferryinn.com](mailto:info@therideauferryinn.com). You can also give them a call at: 613-283-4804.

## We Welcome Our Newest Members

<p><b>Canning Greenworks</b> Christopher Canning GRP, PLA, OALA, CSLA Principal Landscape Architect</p> <p>Canning Greenworks 128 Chambers St. Smiths Falls, ON K7A 2Z3 T 613-205-0967 E <a href="mailto:canninggreenworks@gmail.com">canninggreenworks@gmail.com</a> E <a href="mailto:chris@canninggreenworks.com">chris@canninggreenworks.com</a> W <a href="http://www.canninggreenworks.com">www.canninggreenworks.com</a></p>	<p>Canning Greenworks is a landscape architecture, ecological planning and design firm centrally located between Ottawa and Kingston in Smiths Falls, ON. Our mission is creating livable, vibrant spaces that tie sustainable systems into the landscape.</p>
<p><b>Perth Picture Framing Shop</b> 88 Gore St. E Perth, On K7H 1J2 613-264-8338 Owner: Geoff Stimpson Web Site: <a href="http://perthpictureframing.com">perthpictureframing.com</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:geoff@perthpictureframing.com">geoff@perthpictureframing.com</a> Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 10am to 4pm Appointments available within and/or outside these hours.</p>	<p>Perth Picture Framing Shop offers quality custom framing services complimenting family memories, original art, photographs, memorabilia, awards and certificates. Under new ownership, we welcome all residents, artists, photographers and businesses within the Town of Perth and Lanark County. Our goal in serving clients is to provide high quality professional framing services accompanied with a positive experience while choosing the best way to display your cherished memories, works of art or milestones achieved within your lives. Please come in for a visit and meet Geoff along with the familiar face of Francine Tardif, our framing specialist.</p>
<p><b>Dot Scardellette, MA</b> Psychologist serving Children and Youth <a href="mailto:Dotscard2020@gmail.com">Dotscard2020@gmail.com</a>; 613-485-8365 30 North Street, Perth <b>Services offered: Counseling, assessment, intervention planning</b></p>	<p>Dot is a registered psychologist with the College of Psychologists of Ontario (CPO). She has been working in school systems with children and youth facing challenges for roughly 30 years. Dot welcomes calls to explore possible routes to address a need or issue. Whether it is learning struggles, concerns with social/emotional and/or behavioral functioning, or some other challenge, Dot is passionate about helping bring about growth and</p>

development of skills. Taking a client-centered, strengths-based approach, Dot also helps young people and the adults in their lives become more aware of and value individual assets, talents, and other quality personal characteristics.

Dot works full-time with the Upper Canada District School Board and in private practice on a part-time basis.

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### **Note to Employers – Possible Canada-Ontario Job Grant Seminar!**

The Canada Ontario Job Grant is a partnership between the federal and provincial governments to fund employer-driven training initiatives. The grant provides direct financial support for employers to purchase training for their workplace. The cost of training is a shared investment between the employer and the federal and provincial government.

The grant supports eligible training costs up to a maximum of \$10,000 per participant. Eligible employers must identify a training need in their organization. Training costs could include tuition, textbooks, tools and equipment.

Our regional Job Grant officials are available to come and speak with interested employers through a Chamber-sponsored seminar to provide details and help with the application process and other areas of interest. Please contact John at [jlevatte@perthchamber.com](mailto:jlevatte@perthchamber.com) or at 613-267-3200 to express your interest. If enough interest is shown, we will set up an information session/seminar before the end of March.

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