

The Gravenhurst Chamber of Commerce serves as an advocate for member businesses, working to promote and enhance our community.

# Gravenhurst Chamber of Commerce

## October 2010 Newsletter

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

#### **A Touch of Love® – Luxury Pet Resort, Wellness Centre & Day Spaw**

Carl Milson  
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All accommodations at A Touch of Love® feature luxurious-inspired decor with original contemporary and natural art. All guests suites feature Italian satin linens, flat screen tv's, and memory-foam beds with duvets, with an ambiance for the well LOVED pet. Our guests will receive holistic custom-made bath amenities, plush robes and private concierge service for relaxing in-suite dining. A Five Star palace for pampering Day Spaw services such as grooming and styling, body

exfoliation, full body massage therapy, hot stone therapy, hydrotherapy, facials, treadmill, physiotherapy, Reiki and various aroma therapies.

#### **Muskoka Music Source**

Scott Dunlop  
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A disc jockey for many years, Scott and his crew will ensure fun times at any of your functions. Sure to get the crowd 'busting a groove'. Specializing in weddings, galas, anniversaries and corporate events and anytime you think is special. See him next at the Chamber Gala on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Dates to Remember:**

- Oct 31– Halloween**
- Nov. 10—After Hours Event, Home Building Centre, 6 –8pm**
- Nov. 20—Santa Claus Parade, visit with Santa & Free family skate**
- Nov. 22—Visioning Exercise p.2**
- Nov. 24—Visioning Exercise p. 2**
- Nov. 27—Chamber Christmas Gala at MBHC**

Watch our online event calendar for details of upcoming events and activities:

[www.GravenhurstChamber.com](http://www.GravenhurstChamber.com)



**AFTER  
HOURS  
EVENT**

Wednesday, November 10, 6:00 ~ 8:00 pm

Hope to see you there. The folks at Home Building Centre have an extra special event planned for us! You won't want to miss it.

RSVP to Brea: [events@gravenhurstchamber.com](mailto:events@gravenhurstchamber.com)

### THANK YOU TO RENEWING MEMBERS

(Renewed between September 30~October 25, 2010)

A-Bay Storage	Done Right Property Services
B & B Sanitation	Eden Place B & B
Cripps Contracting Ltd	Gravenhurst Manor
Ditchburn House Antiques	J. H. Cooper Investments Ltd.
Direct Energy	Stevenson Plumbing & Electric

Teddy Bears and any stuffed toys are being collected at Cottage Cravings and the Gravenhurst Train Station for distribution at the Santa Claus Parade. Please consider making a contribution.



Message from the Manager - by Jodi Holder

Every month seems more action packed than the one before. This past month has been a bit of a whirl wind.



District Candidates wait to answer questions at the All Candidates' Forum, October 14, 2010. Photo Courtesy of the Gravenhurst Banner

I would like to thank Leisureworld for hosting our After-Hours Event on October 21. Our hosts were most gracious providing a lovely array of hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. Blooming Muskoka also provided two gorgeous floral arrangements that were taken home by lucky winners Cathy Calvert of TREV LAC and Tanya Elder of FRC Contracting and Mechanical. Unfortunately, our overly zealous by-law department put a damper on the evening by doling out 5 parking tickets to attendees. We love to have you at our events but do please be aware of parking restrictions, our events are well advertised!

Election fever has taken over! Speculation on the upcoming results seem to dominate all conversations as of late. The vote that seemed so far away is now just around the

corner and we all wait with baited breath for the results. If you haven't already mailed in your ballot they will be accepted at Town Hall until 8pm on Monday, October 25 – Election Day.

The Chamber, with media partners TV Cogeco and the Gravenhurst Banner hosted the All Candidate's Forum on October 14. The Chamber has traditionally organized this event on behalf of its members and as a public service. The cost of running this event, including venue cost, is shared among the partners. It was a very well attended event with standing room only. Members of the public were invited to chat with candidates one-on-one following the formal agenda.

We are currently looking forward to the Santa Claus Parade scheduled for November 20. The Parade will begin at 11am and will be followed with a Visit with Santa held this year at the Senior's Centre. A free family skate is also scheduled between 2 – 4pm at the rink. The pacing of the Parade last year was just about perfect! This was due in part to the cooperation of all the participating floats and the help of many volunteers. The parade is only a success with your participation. If you are

planning to put in float please let us know as soon as possible. No float, but want to help? Just let us know, we have volunteer opportunities including judging, marshalling and Santa's helpers.

We have sent out the media kit for the 2011 Visitors Guide and have already receive a great response. Last year we printed 20,000 copies (5,000 more than the previous year) and they are all gone so truly this is a well received publication. Inquiries should be directed to Brea at [events@gravenhurstchamber.com](mailto:events@gravenhurstchamber.com).

And lastly, a gentle reminder about the Chamber Christmas Gala. This year's event is shaping up to be the most spectacular yet. New business members Mode Function Event Design will be showcasing their talents by sponsoring the decor this year transforming the Muskoka Boat & Heritage Centre into a truly festive venue. No gathering would be complete without a scrumptious feast prepared by North Restaurant. As well, the Residence Inn by Marriott Muskoka Wharf is offering a special room rate of \$109 for anyone who would like to spend the night. Tickets are \$70 pp, please contact Brea to book. We are also looking for donations for our silent auction table, all donations are very much appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns or news that you would like to share.

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Monday, November 22, 9—11 am  
Wednesday, November 24, 7—9 pm  
RVSP to Brea at [events@gravenhurstchamber.com](mailto:events@gravenhurstchamber.com)

**Visioning Exercise:** As you may be aware, the District of Muskoka is undergoing a visioning exercise that aims to review and update the current vision for the area. To collect public input on the vision, surveys were sent out across Muskoka and to all property owners that live outside Muskoka (e.g. cottagers). To complement the survey responses, the District is planning to facilitate group visioning sessions with local organizations and community groups around Muskoka. The Gravenhurst Chamber of Commerce is hosting two such visioning exercises. Space will be limited to 20 people per session so please let us know as soon as possible if you are able to participate.