

## Start Profiling Your Business The “Chamber Way”!

Every year, the Chamber canvasses the businesses and organizations within our membership in search of individuals interested in volunteering on Chamber projects, events, committees and our Board of Directors.

The time for the canvass is now! Our committee year begins September 1st each year. Unlike a number of organizations in which a volunteer position might be seen as a lifelong appointment, the Chamber's Constitution and Bylaws have limits to maintain a balance between continuity and fresh thinking.

Do you have a new administrative or sales employee? If so, as a member of the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce our Committee structure may help....with a small investment of time!

A staff person can represent you and your business on a Chamber Committee....Ambassador, Awards, Events, and Golf. Is there someone in your firm with expertise or interest in one?

The benefits to your business through Committee participation can include:

- Increased customer potential,
- immediate networking opportunities,
- Develop a “team” atmosphere, and
- a say in how your Chamber works for you.

Volunteers serving on our committees, for example, commit to serve for no more than one or two years. At the committee and project level, we welcome individuals from businesses and organizations that are our Members to participate year round, or on specific projects that can fit most any schedule or seasonal availability. For example, we welcome volunteers who might not be interested in attending a 12-month, on-going series of meeting, but would welcome a chance to plug-in as an organizer on events such as our annual Golf Day or do some meet-and-greet networking when we produce one of our monthly Business After 5 at 4 mixers.

The real key to the Chamber's success is found in having the work we do evolve as a product based on needs of our Members and the community, the capacity and interests of our volunteers, the talents and capacity of our staff, and the use of resources within our means.

For your convenience, an outline of the mandate of each Committee as well as the timing and date of each meeting can be found at [www.oshawchamber.com](http://www.oshawchamber.com).

If you'd like to explore working with the Chamber, please contact our senior staff officer, CEO & General Manager Bob Malcolmson, in the Chamber office at 905-728-1683