

Professional Advisory Group Launched

The Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce, along with five professionals spearheaded the launch of the Durham Professional Advisory Group. The introductory meeting was held on Thursday, September, 11th at the Officers' Mess Ontario Regiment, with over 26 Durham Region professionals involved in various aspects of wealth management and professional services attending. "initial feedback was excellent" stated Geoff Michie, RBC Dominion Securities, one of the organizers "and now it is time to start with the format of monthly presentations that were of interest to the group".

The format of the group is a monthly networking and educational update session by local professionals on a cross section of various "wealth management topics" which allows them to better serve their clients and to gain an understanding of the vast talent pool of professional within Durham Region.

"This group will be of interest to professionals employed in an occupation that provides guidance to individuals or companies with management of financial assets," stated Bob Malcolmson, C.E.O. of the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce, adding "it is intentionally a broad category to attract the vast resources within Durham Region". The professional categories will include accountants, lawyers, investment advisors, financial planners, insurance brokers, commercial and small business bankers, and other professional development individuals.

Initially, the meetings will be the second Thursday of each month from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The next meeting is Thursday, October 9th at the Officers' Mess Ontario Regiment, Patrick Olive, Commissioner Economic Development & Tourism for Durham Region will make a presentation on the future of Durham. There will be a Q&A session and the opportunity to continue networking at the end of the meeting. Topics will be a revolving cross section of legal, accounting, financial services, economic trends, and business practices in integration of wealth management.

The members of the organizing committee along with the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce are Geoff Michie, RBC Dominion Securities, Peter Hobb, Hobb & Company, Clyde Catton, BDO Dunwoody LLP, Joseph Neal, Neal & Mara, and Keith Miller, W.B. White Insurance. For more information please contact the Chamber at 905.728.1683 or visits www.oshawachamber.com.