



## **NORTH DURHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - April 25th, 2024**

### **Fostering Regional Unity: Unveiling the North Durham Chamber of Commerce**

**Scugog, Ontario** – As we celebrate 110 years of unwavering commitment to our local business community, the Scugog Chamber of Commerce is excited to embark on a new transformative journey. With a steadfast dedication to progress and collaboration, we proudly introduce the North Durham Chamber of Commerce. This marks a pivotal moment as we embrace a regional approach to economic development, recognizing the inherent strengths of our area and the boundless opportunities that lie ahead.

In this new chapter, we will emphasize:

**Stronger Together:** The North Durham Chamber of Commerce embodies the belief that we are stronger together than when we are apart. By bringing business, professionals, and community leaders together from Brock, Uxbridge, and Scugog Townships, we create a powerful force for positive economic change. This natural evolution of the chamber provides a regional perspective while encouraging each municipality to continue developing unique events that nurture their local strengths. Together, we can address common challenges, seize shared opportunities, and build a thriving business ecosystem that benefits us all.

*As the Mayor of Uxbridge, I am delighted to see the launch of the North Durham Chamber of Commerce, which symbolizes our North Durham's dedication to cooperation and advancement. This unification of our townships strengthens our shared voice, improves services, and fosters an innovative economic environment that enriches both our citizens and businesses.*

**Mayor Dave Barton, Township of Uxbridge**



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**Enhanced Services and Support:** Members of the North Durham Chamber of Commerce can expect a wide range of enhanced services and supports that are tailored to the unique needs of our business community. Our support services will include access to the Chambers Plan, Canada's premier employee benefits plan for small businesses. Additionally, we will offer a wide spectrum of resources and initiatives, including networking events, educational programs, advocacy campaigns, and a wealth of accessible resources. Our commitment is to furnish our members with the necessary tools and assistance vital for their sustained success and growth.

*We welcome the news of a new North Durham Chamber of Commerce to better support our northern business communities. This will provide a strong and unified voice in regional and provincial discussions for businesses. As well will provide an expanded basis of resources, experience, and network for a collaborative approach for guidance to support our uniquely northern regional businesses.*

**Mayor Wilma Wotten, Township of Scugog**

**Innovative Economic Development:** As we look towards the future, we recognize the need for innovation in North Durham. With a focus on improved broadband connectivity, infrastructure delivery and a quality of life we can attract the next generation of employers that will help to create jobs, drive economic prosperity, and contribute to the long-term sustainability of our region.

*Chambers of Commerce play an important role in supporting and advocating for local businesses and they enrich the communities in which they serve. The Scugog Chamber of Commerce has been a shining example of an effective Chamber of Commerce in Durham Region, and we support efforts to increase collaboration."*

**Simon Gill, Director, Economic Development and Tourism, Region of Durham**



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**Supporting Authentic and Unique Experiences:** North Durham is blessed with natural beauty, and offers diverse tourism opportunities, from scenic trails and lakes to historic downtowns all surrounded by a vibrant rural landscape. Through collaborative efforts under the North Durham Chamber of Commerce, we aim to develop and promote tourism activities that showcase our region's natural beauty and cultural heritage. By leaning into these strengths we can stimulate economic growth while also enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

*We are excited to join the Scugog Chamber of Commerce in establishing a collaborative group within the North Durham Business Community. This new umbrella organization will enable us to preserve our unique identities while strengthening our united voice. It provides a framework for Brock Township businesses to advocate for our specific needs while leveraging our collective strength to push for impactful solutions that benefit everyone. By pooling our resources, we can jointly promote tourism and business initiatives across our region. Together, we are setting the stage for a future that is both cohesive and flourishing*

**John Grant, President, Brock Board of Trade**

**An Invitation to Join the Movement:** Today, we are extending an open invitation to businesses and professionals to join us on this exciting journey. Just as it takes many threads to weave a strong rope, together, we can foster a vibrant and resilient North Durham business community, where we leverage our strategic advantages to help business flourish and residents thrive.



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*Today marks an exciting chapter in our journey as the Scugog Chamber of Commerce expands its reach to our neighbouring township of Uxbridge, proudly becoming the North Durham Chamber of Commerce. Through collaboration with the Brock Board of Trade, we're forging stronger connections, empowering businesses, and creating new opportunities across our vibrant communities. Together, we'll continue to thrive, innovate, and champion the economic growth of North Durham. We look forward to having businesses join the North Durham Chamber of Commerce.*

**Karey Anne Large, Executive Director, Scugog Chamber of Commerce**

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UXBRIDGE & SCUGOG BUSINESS OWNERS WELCOME!



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# UXBRIDGE BUSINESS INFO NIGHT

*Learn more about expanded services & representation for Uxbridge businesses, the vision for the newly formed North Durham Chamber of Commerce and chat with members, board & staff about how we can collaborate for the future!*

**TUESDAY**

APRIL 30th 2024



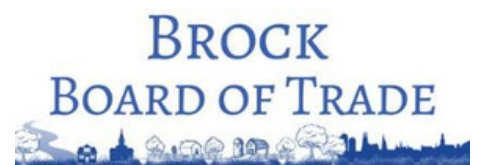
**START AT**

4:00 P.M - 6:00 P.M



**LOCATION**

Second Wedge Brewing Co.,  
14 Victoria St, Uxbridge



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