

**The Power of our Network -
Get plugged in.**

Our chamber of commerce and board of trade members and their respective members form an integral part of the strong and diverse network that gives the Canadian Chamber its voice and its credibility with federal policy-makers, the media, and the general public. Our local chambers and boards of trade are an essential link in our work as we form a vital connection between business and the federal government and, together, we continue to demonstrate impact on public policy and decision-making to the benefit of all Canadians.

Canadian Chamber of Commerce

**11th Anniversary
of the People's Choice
Business Awards**

The winner of the Early bird draw for a *Staycation Package for 2 at Brookstreet* is **KELLY FUNERAL HOME**.

February Breakfast Meeting Highlights

On Wednesday, February 10th, 40 people attended the Chamber's Breakfast at the Holiday Inn Select to hear guest speaker Megan Cornell of Perley-Robertson, Hill McDougall, inform us on the basics of 'Employment Law'. Megan addressed the topic of the Employment Contract:

- An Employment contract is determined by the minimum standards in the *Employment Standards Act*, standards established in common law and past practice.
- A written employment contract must be current to be binding and must also comply with the minimum standards in the *Employment Standards Act*.
- A written contract should be comprehensive, should, where possible, allow for discretion on the part of the employer, should address any non-competition and intellectual property ownership issues (if relevant) and should lay out a formula for the termination of the employment relationship.
- Independent contractor agreements should be carefully structured and advice should be sought before relying on them.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

Wednesday, March 10, 2009

7:15 am – 9:00 am

BREAKFAST SEMINAR

Venue: *Holiday Inn Select*

Thursday March 25, 2009

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Hosted by: *Holiday Inn Select*

APRIL

Wednesday April 7, 2010

7:15 am – 9:00 am

BREAKFAST SEMINAR

Venue: *Holiday Inn Select*

Thursday April 22, 2009

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Hosted by: *Global Pet Foods Kanata*

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