

News Release

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ONTARIO DEPUTY MINISTER OF TOURISM ADDRESSES OAKVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

OAKVILLE, ON - Stephen Sparling, President of the Oakville Chamber of Commerce was pleased to welcome David Lindsay, Ontario Deputy Minister of Tourism, who addressed Oakville's top executives at an exclusive reception. Hosted by the law firm of O'Connor McLeod Hanna LLP, the event took place at their respected office at 700 Kerr Street on Monday, April 16, 2007.

"The Oakville tourism industry generates over 88 million dollars a year in revenues," observes Mr. Sparling. "We expect that number to grow significantly this year as we celebrate Oakville's 150th Anniversary. We hope to learn from Mr. Lindsay how we, as members of the Oakville Chamber of Commerce, can help attract even more people to Oakville to enjoy the rich history and beauty that our great town has to offer."

Before accepting his current appointment, David Lindsay, Deputy Minister of Tourism for Ontario, was President and CEO of the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario. Formerly, he held senior leadership positions within the Ontario Public Service including Chief Executive Officer of the Ontario SuperBuild Corporation, and President and CEO of the Ontario Jobs and Investment Board. Before joining the Ontario Public Service in 1997, Mr. Lindsay was Principal Secretary to the Premier of Ontario for two years. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Queen's University.

The Ontario Ministry of Tourism supports the delivery of high quality tourism and recreation experiences to Ontarians and visitors to Ontario. Promoting a sustainable, customer-focused tourism industry and an active population helps improve our quality of life, increase pride in our communities and increase economic growth.

The Oakville Chamber of Commerce is Oakville's leading business organization with over 1,000 member companies. Since 1954, the Chamber has helped promote business in Oakville while it has worked tirelessly with government agencies at all levels to promote its members' business interests.

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