

PACE PERCEPTIONS

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Annual General Meeting

Patricia Area Community Endeavours held their Annual General Meeting on January 19, 2010. James Brohm from Sioux Lookout was chosen as the new Chair for 2010. The Board members for 2010 are Andy Sky, Anne Krassilowsky, Bob Ray, Bryan Brown, Dennis Smyk, Garry Parkes, Graeme Mackechnie, James Brohm, Joe Carbone, Lionel Cloutier, Richard Wetelainen, Rob McClendon & Terry Favelle.

Greg Rickford, MP attended the meeting, and congratulated PACE on their hard work and commitment to help stimulate the economies of the communities within the region.

In the past year PACE through the grants of the Local Initiatives Fund has contributed over \$102,000 to community organizations encouraging community development growth and capacity building in the non-profit sector within the eight communities throughout PACE's region. PACE has approved over \$800,000 this past year in loans assisting local businesses with start up or expansion funds within our region. Through a contract with Employment Ontario, PACE also delivers the Self Employment Benefit Program within the region. This past year over 40 individuals have been provided direct assistance through this program.



Past Chair Richard Wetelainen congratulates new chair James Brohm.

Outlook of 2010

Chair James Brohm states "we have a very exciting year ahead of us in 2010. Of course we will continue to deliver the Local Initiatives Fund and lend money to local business through

the Investment Fund, but is also looking forward to operationalizing our new Regional Economic Development Strategic Plan".



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www.pace-cf.on.ca



Investment Chair James Brohm presents Adam Peterson owner of NWO Mobile Oil & Repair Services.

Business of the Year Award

PACE's Business of the Year award for 2009 is a new business venture that is quite unique offering a new and innovative service to our region. Adam Peterson has started NWO Mobile Oil & Repair Services offering light repair services and oil changes at the convenience of your own home, or place of business. He will work around your schedule, coming to you even at the cottage to do the work. NWO Mobile Oil & Repair Services offers a

wide variety of services to their customers including oil changes for all types of vehicles, repair services on ATV, lawnmowers, snowmobiles, lock out services and road side assistance. The service vehicle is equipped with an extraction system, so there is no chance of spillage with any fluids. He can provide onsite welding services, windshield replacement and light repair services. This venture was a passion of Adam's and with fund-

ing from PACE and the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund through the Young Entrepreneur Program has become a reality. To contact NWO Mobile Oil & Repair Services call him at 938-7055 or email: nwomobileservices@live.com.

Congratulations Adam on your new business venture and being PACE's Business of the Year!

"Helping entrepreneurs in business." - Business Investments

Project of the Year Award

Northwest Ontario Windsurfing (NOW) club started 5 years ago out of the growing demand of area residents asking for windsurfing lessons. The club has approximately 40 members to date and holds lessons every Sunday at Sandy Beach Park in Dryden from June through until September.

The trailer project had come about due to the growing amount of windsurfing equipment the club was getting, and the need to store the gear in a safe and secure environment. Having a trailer would also allow the club to "take the show on the road" so

to speak to the surrounding communities.

The club holds an annual event called the 'Moose Regatta' with competitors coming from all over the Midwest USA and central Canada. Now in its 7th year, the windsurfing club will be host to The Canadian Masters Windsurfing Championship August 6-8, 2010 on Wabigoon Lake. This national level event is testament to the dedicated hard work of the areas windsurfing community. What a wonderful opportunity the region has to showcase all it has

to offer! 2010 will see the club bring windsurfing to Sioux Lookout during the Blueberry Festival, Ignace again at the end of June, Eagle Lake hopefully one day during the Pow-Wow week, and a trip north to Ear Falls and Red Lake on a yet to be determined weekend.



Brad Woodworth from The Northwest Ontario Windsurfing club accepts the award from Community Development Committee Chair Bryan Brown.

Self Employment Benefit Program Expected to Resume

With the October 2009 announcement that all Employment Ontario programs were on hold and being reviewed, there was a general belief that no new funding would be in place until the new fiscal year. This announcement resulted in no new SEB applications being processed.

Although not yet confirmed, we have had very clear indications that the Self Employment Benefits Program will be resuming in April 2010 and based on this belief, we will be taking applications starting in March.

The Self Employment Benefit Program is intended to support those who are considering starting their own business.

If the criteria and program benefits do not change, those who are unemployed and eligible

to receive Employment Insurance or have had their benefits expire within the past three years (five years for maternity leave) may be able to receive fifty weeks of living allowance at a rate of \$423.00 per week. The client must contribute approximately \$5,300.00 towards their business and this can be in the form of cash or other in-kind equity.

Initial screening is required and is done through your local employment centre. Once this is completed, your documentation and recommendation for the SEB program is forwarded to the SEB Coordinator who follows through with further interviews, the application process and assessment of your business idea.

Once the application is processed and ap-

proved, clients must complete a business plan within ten weeks and once this is approved, you can start your business. Continual monitoring with periodic activity reports is required.

Assistance and guidance is provided to the clients as needed throughout the process.

The above information is a synopsis of the SEB program at the time of writing and is subject to change at the discretion of the Province of Ontario.

Further information and details are available by contacting the SEB Coordinator at 807-221-3293 or by email to jimd@pace-cf.on.ca.



"Working with communities to build strong, sustainable economies." - Community Development

Upcoming Sessions

All sessions are free of charge and are delivered by video conference in PACE office.

Introduction to Income Statements—Feb. 3, 2-4pm

The Basics of Exporting—Feb. 8, 10am-12pm

CRA Year End T4 Preparation—Feb. 9, 9am-12pm

Working Capital Management—Feb. 11, 1-4pm

Business Opportunities & Ideas—Feb. 18, 10am-12pm

Microsoft Word 2003 (Tips for Businesses) - Feb. 22, 10am-12pm

Microsoft Excel 2003 (Tips for Businesses) - Feb. 22, 1-3pm

Understanding Financial Statements—Feb. 23, 10am-1pm

Selling Your Product/Service to the

Government of Canada—Feb. 24, 3-4pm

You can find more information on these sessions & future sessions by visiting our website at www.pace-cf.on.ca

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Patricia Area Community Endeavours is pleased to announce the newest staff member, Calista Livingston as its Community Development Coordinator. Calista resides in Dryden with her family. Her experience ranges from Electrical Engineering Technologist to Event Coordinator. She's a Dryden Ambassador and enjoys being involved in the community.

You can reach her at: calistal@pace-cf.on.ca or 807.221.3293.



As a Community Futures Development Corporation, Patricia Area Community Endeavours offers a wide variety of programs and services to support community economic development and small business growth. Within its catchment area, PACE strives to strengthen and diversify the local economy by providing assistance to entrepreneurs and small business.



Are You HST Ready?

HST Information Session

Do you want to know:

- how the HST works
- who has to register
- your obligations and entitlements
- books and records
- special situations
- where to get help

Harmonized Sales Tax for Ontario Businesses

Location:

Best Western Inn
349 Government Street



Date and Time:

Monday, February 8, 2010 from 1 p.m.
to 3 p.m.

**Pre-registration is required as there are
limited seats**

To pre-register please call or email Don at:

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