

SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

Whitby Chamber of Commerce

Phone: 905-668-4506

Fax: 905-668-1894

Web Site: www.whitbychamber.org

Email: info@whitbychamber.org

Office: 128 Brock Street South, Whitby, ON L1N 4J8

Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 am - 5 pm

Description: • represents business community to all levels of government • seminars and membership education • annual member and business directory; also available on web site • group insurance available for members • Business Information Centre

YMCA - Durham Employment Services

Phone: 905-427-7670 ext. 346

Office: 1550 Kingston Road, Unit 16, Pickering, ON L1V 1C3

Hours: Monday to Thursday 8:30 am - 6 pm; Friday 8:30 am - 4 pm

Description: • Self-Employment Programs

Youth Employment Solutions Durham

Phone: 905-579-2530

Fax: 905-579-9138

Email: yesd@tdsb.on.ca

Office: 15 Thickson Road North, Unit 1B, Whitby, ON L1N 8W7

Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Contact: Oscar Chimenti, Project Administrator • Oscar.Chimenti@tdsb.on.ca

Description: • series of employability and life skills workshops • one-on-one job search coaching • help setting up job placements with employers in the community by providing wage subsidies to employers as incentive • ongoing support throughout the employment

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Better Business Bureau Of Mid-Western & Central Ontario

Phone: 519-579-3080

Toll Free: 1-800-459-8875

Fax: 519-570-0072 / 800-922-8952

Web Site: www.bbbmwo.ca

Email: inquiry@bbbmwo.ca

Office: 354 Charles Street East, Kitchener, ON N2G 4L5

Description: • check out a business or charity; business and charity directory • resolve marketplace disputes using alternative dispute resolution (ADR) • resource library • businesses may become BBB accredited

Brooklin Downtown Business Association

Website: www.bdba.ca

Mail: Brooklin Antiquarian, 47 Baldwin Street, Brooklin, ON L1M 1A2

Contact: David Stewart, President 905-655-3723 (day)

Description: • give support and advice to businesses concerning municipal and regional governments • encourage commercial development in the downtown core • represent the interests of Brooklin's businesses to the Brooklin Downtown Steering Committee

Business Advisory Centre Durham

Phone: 905-438-4008

Toll Free: 1-866-632-5151

Web Site: www.bacd.ca

Email: info@bacd.ca

Office: McLaughlin Square, Suite 9, 50 Richmond Street East, Oshawa, ON L1G 7C7

Description: • free access for information, the Internet, and consulting on topics such as business planning, legal considerations, marketing and advertising, financial planning, financing, networking, sales strategies, and record keeping
• educational support programs
• resource centre with reference section of business publications and start-up books

Business Advisory Services Office

Ontario Ministry Of Small Business And Consumer Services

Phone: 905-665-4040

Website: www.sbe.gov.on.ca

Office: 590 Rossland Road East, Whitby, ON L1N 9G5

Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Contact: Susanne Castanier, Senior Business Advisor

Description: • assists Ontario businesses consisting of 10 to 500 employees to grow and create jobs • strategic planning and business plan assistance • market development • links to other government and non-government resources

Business Development Bank Of Canada - Durham Branch

Phone: 905-430-5329

Toll Free: 1-800-563-7922

Website: www.bdc.ca

Office: 400 Dundas Street West, Whitby, ON L1N 2M7

Hours: Monday to Friday 9 am - 5 pm

Contact: Margaret Peco, Branch Manager

Description: • financial institution owned by the government of Canada
• delivers financial and consulting services to Canadian small business, with a particular focus on technology and exporting • financial and consulting services, subordinate financing and venture capital

For further details visit our Community Information database at

www.whitbylibrary.on.ca

Or call Whitby Central Library - Reference Desk 905-668-6531 ext. 2020

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Durham Home & Small Business Association

Phone: 905-728-2899 - Hotline

Web Site: www.dhsba.com

Email: info@dhsba.com

Contact: Lori Prentice, Secretary
Sandra Cousins • president@dhsba.com

Description: • networking, educational seminars and workshops, information and support groups • main committees include Internet (all members posted); government liaison (by-law, provincial and federal laws affecting home and small business); membership (including packages for members)

Durham Business and Professional Women's Club

Web Site: www.bpwontario.org

Email: bpwdurham@netscape.net

Mail: P.O. Box 66126, Town Centre Postal Outlet
1355 Kingston Road, Pickering, ON L1V 2P7

Contact: Renee Munro, Club Promotions 905-839-4478 (day)

Description: • provide educational bursaries • meetings and workshops provide personal and/or professional development and networking opportunities

Durham Business Times - Metroland Durham Media Group

Phone: 905-426-4676

Fax: 905-426-6598

Web Site: www.durhamregion.com

Office: 130 Commercial Avenue, Ajax, ON L1S 2H5

Hours: Monday to Friday 9 am - 5 pm

Contact: Tamara McKee, Editor • tmckee@durhamregion.com

Description: • local newspaper published 10 times yearly

Durham Region Employment Network

Phone: 905-720-1777

Website: www.dren.org

Email: dren@dren.org

Fax: 905-720-1363

Address: 60 Bond Street West, 8th Floor, Oshawa, ON L1G 1A5

Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Contact: Carol Edwards, Executive Director • cedwards@dren.org

Description: General Services

- information on employment for people with barriers to employment and promotion of employment of persons with disabilities • marketing materials
- provides the business community with assistance in accessing well trained, productive employees • Public Internet Access sites available • free job posting service • region wide database access

Member Services

- serves as a forum to share employment information and access each other's talents/efforts • provides direct or indirect learning opportunities via regular seminars
- provides employment information for employers

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Let's Do Lunch Networking Group

Phone: 905-655-3597

Website: www.letsdolunch.info

Email: info@letsdolunch.info

Contact: Sue Pitchforth, Co-Founder 905-655-7850 • mscpitchforth@rogers.com
Deb Williams Blue, Co-Founder 905-655-8968 • carwash@look.com

Description: • networking and business contacts for women business owners bringing them together in a fun yet professional atmosphere

Northern Lights Vocational Services

Phone: 905-436-2957

1-866-613-9675

Web Site: www.northernlightsosh.com

durhaminfo@northernlightsosh.com

Office: 843 King Street West, Unit 8, Oshawa, ON L1J 2L4

Hours: Monday to Friday 8 am - 4 pm

Description: • workshops on self employment • help to identify solutions and develop a step-by-step action plan

Ontario Works Employment Resource Centre Durham Region Social Services Department

Phone: 905-432-2929

Web Site: www.durham.ca

Office: 200 John Street West, 2nd floor, Oshawa, ON

Hours: Monday to Friday 9 am - 4 pm

Description: • self-employment program for those interested in establishing and maintaining their own business

ServiceOntario - Ontario Ministry Of Government Services

Phone: 416-326-1234

Toll Free: 1-800-267-8097

TTY: 416-325-3408 / 1-800-268-7095

Website: www.cbs.gov.on.ca

Office: 590 Rossland Road East, Whitby, ON L1N 9G5

Hours: Monday To Friday 8:30 am - 5 pm

Description: • access to Ontario Business Connects terminals or web site to register/renew business name, conduct a business name search, make applications for retail sales tax permit, employer health tax number, register with the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board • information & brochures including Business In Durham Region kit

Town of Whitby - Community & Marketing Services Department

Phone: 905-430-4312

Web Site: www.whitby.ca

Office: 575 Rossland Road East, Whitby, ON L1N 2M8

Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Description: • economic development, investment attraction, marketing, industrial land and building inventory, industrial directory, community profile, business assistance programs, small business resource information, tourism, promotion