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MBOT and Mayor McCallion meet with businesses to discuss the local economy

Mississauga, Ontario (August 27, 2009) - Today, Mississauga Board of Trade hosted one of a series of roundtable meetings that Mayor Hazel McCallion, along with Mississauga Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) and MBOT, is holding with owners of local small to mid-sized businesses regarding the economy.

"I want to learn what issues the local business community has and see if there are ways that we as a city and the board of trade can be of help," said Mayor McCallion.

"We fully support Mayor McCallion's effort to reach-out to the local business community and we hope to assist local businesses that may be facing challenges in this time of economic uncertainty," said MBOT chair Ellen McGregor.

To further gauge impacts on the local economy, a survey of Mississauga-based businesses was conducted in July by EDAC along with MBOT and Sheridan College Corporate. The survey showed that working capital, the economy and government regulations are top issues of concern.

The full survey results will be presented to Mississauga City Council on September 16th.

Two more roundtable meetings are scheduled to take place in the next month and are open to all interested small businesses. For further information, please contact Heidi Brown, manager, Mississauga Business Enterprise Centre, at 905-615-3200, ext. 3388 or heidi.brown@mississauga.ca.

As the voice of business since 1976, Mississauga Board of Trade is a private-sector, not-for-profit business organization representing approximately 1,500 businesses, employing 65,000 people in Mississauga. MBOT is well positioned to meet the needs of business by using its considerable influence at all levels of government. As the forum for business, MBOT works together to influence public policy and promote a better understanding of the marketplace among policy makers, media and the general public.

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