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**~ SPECIAL EVENT ~ NOT TO BE MISSED ~**

**Mississauga Board of Trade is pleased to announce that it will welcome Michael Ignatieff, Leader of the Official Opposition and Liberal Party of Canada, to discuss Canada's economic future at a luncheon to be held Tuesday, May 11, 2010**

The event, sponsored by TD Commercial Banking, will take place at Versailles Convention Centre (6721 Edwards Boulevard in Mississauga) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

"Given the current economic climate it is important that businesses in Canada's 6th largest city have an

opportunity to hear first hand from the Leader of the Official Opposition and one of our country's most influential political leaders on his and his party's proposed strategies to advance our economy," says Mississauga Board of Trade President & CEO Sheldon Leiba.

#### **Pricing & Contact Info:**

Cost to register for the luncheon is \$50 each or \$400 per table of eight. MBOT members can attend at a discounted member rate of \$40 each or \$320 per table of eight.

For more information about the event or to register, individuals can contact Irene Mukasa, Policy & Research Coordinator, at 905-273-6151 ext. 38 or [imukasa@mbot.com](mailto:imukasa@mbot.com).

Online registration available [here](#), or download a faxable registration form [here](#).

#### **About Michael Ignatieff:**

Michael Ignatieff is the Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, the Leader of the Official Opposition, and the Member of Parliament for Etobicoke-Lakeshore. Since first being elected to Parliament in 2006, he's travelled to every corner of the country, listening to Canadians and developing bold and innovative ideas to tackle the challenges we face. Before entering politics in 2005, Michael served as Director of the Carr Centre for Human Rights at Harvard University and taught at leading universities around the globe. He has been a proud contributor to international public policy for nearly four decades, as an author, broadcaster and advisor.

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## **FEDERAL NEWS & EVENTS**

### **Finance Minister Jim Flaherty unveils new credit and debit card policy**

After months of intense negotiations with retailers and small businesses, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty announced a tougher than expected voluntary code for Canada's multi-billion dollar credit and debit industry leaders. The code encourages choice for merchants in deciding what card networks to use that will best save them and their customers money.

The code also requires credit companies to be more transparent in their transaction costs to merchants, as well as bans co-badge cards which would allow credit card companies to piggyback on the national network of Interac and possibly increase debit card fees. Credit card and debit companies have been given till **May 17th** to voluntarily adopt the code, otherwise legislation will be forced upon them.

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### **Canada and Germany poised to advance historic trade relationship**

International Trade Minister Peter Van Loan recently complimented Canada on its **100-year anniversary** of free trade relations with Germany.

Trade relations with Europe are likely to become even stronger with negotiations on a comprehensive economic and trade agreement with the European Union underway. From trade and investment to science and technology, Canada's commercial relationship with Germany is firing on all cylinders.

Germany is the largest economy in the European Union and one of Canada's largest trading partners in Europe, with merchandise exports to Germany totaling \$ 3.7 billion in 2009. Canada has an ambitious trade agenda with Europe, its goal to create an economic partnership with the 27 country European Union. So far the trade negotiations have been successful with two rounds, and three more rounds planned throughout the remainder of the year.

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## PROVINCIAL NEWS & EVENTS

### Workplace Violence law comes into effect June 15

As of June 15, 2010, workplaces with five or more regular employees will be required to have all necessary policies, programs, measures and procedures in place in order to be in compliance with the recent amendments made to the [Ministry of Labour's Occupational Health and Safety Act](#) (Bill 168-Violence in the Workplace). Employers will be required to:

- Prepare a written policy with respect to workplace violence and harassment
- Assess the risks of workplace violence that may arise from the nature of the workplace, the type of work or the conditions of work
- Develop and maintain a program to implement workplace violence policy
- Take all reasonable precautions in the circumstances for the protection of the worker if a domestic violence situation would expose a worker to physical injury in the workplace
- Provide information, including personal information about a person with a history of violent behaviour
- Report and provide prescribed information on all workplace violence incidents to a joint health-safety committee

For more information on workplace violence laws, contact our MBOT member law firms:

Crawford Chondon LLP, Laura Williams: 905-874-9343

Pallett Valo LLP , Andy Balaura and Pamela Yudcovitch: 905-273-3300

RZCD, Gary Bennett LLP: 905-848-6100

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## MUNICIPAL NEWS & EVENTS

### Newcomer Centre of Peel holds Business Information Fair



The Newcomer Centre of Peel's Global Business Center will be holding a **Business Information Fair on May 6th** in the Great Hall at the Mississauga Civic Centre. The Fair will provide businesses with an opportunity to gain valuable information and resources regarding government services and regulations. The information fair will include:

- 12 back-to-back seminars, a business advisors corner and
- exhibitors from both government and community partners.

Participants include: Service Canada, Canada Business, Health Canada Regional Office of the Trade and Revenue Canada. [View detailed agenda here.](#)

For more information about the fair contact Kyu Kim at 905-306-0577 ext. 314.

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## Pearson Eco-Business Zone Green Office Consortium – Information Session

The Pearson Eco-Business Zone Green Office Consortium will be holding an event on **April 28th** at the Centre for Health and Safety Innovation, geared at helping businesses and organizations drive down their costs and speed up sustainability initiatives.

This morning networking session will include:

- an overview of Pearson Eco- Business Zone Green Office Consortium
- information on how organizations can become members
- ways to reduce costs and highlights of companies that are turning green into cost savings

For more information on this event contact Jennfier Taves at 416-661-6600, extension 5570 or e-mail [jtaves@trca.on.ca](mailto:jtaves@trca.on.ca). Individuals can also [register here](#).

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**Small Business Breakfast Club** event  
featuring Fran Tarkenton, NFL quarterback,  
via conference call.

Hosted by MBOT member Una Cherry (Group & Small Biz  
Specialist, PPL Legal Care of Canada) on **Thurs. Apr. 29 at 8 a.m.**

Location: Centre for Health & Safety Innovation  
5110 Creebank Road, Mississauga

Please RSVP: 1-866-753-3922 or [www.eventsrsvp.biz](http://www.eventsrsvp.biz)  
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