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Harold G. Shipp to be awarded MBOT Inaugural Lifetime Business Achievement Award

Mississauga, ON (April 7, 2009) – Mississauga Board of Trade is pleased to announce that its inaugural *Lifetime Business Achievement Award*, which will be presented at MBOT's upcoming Chair's Gala this May, will be given to prominent Mississauga business person and philanthropist, Harold G. Shipp, Chairman of Shipp Corporation.

Gala honouree Jake Dheer, 2008 MBOT Chair, is thrilled with the selection of the award's first recipient. "I am happy to share the spotlight on May 7th with such a deserving individual, who has influenced our great city in so many positive ways," he emphasizes.

The prestigious award was established to recognize a great Canadian business leader for his/her exceptional business success and community contributions.

"Harold is a well-known business and community leader and for good reason," states MBOT President & CEO Sheldon Leiba, "Shipp Corporation has been a successful business for over 50 years, that has played a very prominent role in developing Mississauga, and Harold has been an outstanding corporate citizen, supporting many invaluable community groups, programs and services that enhance the quality of life in the city."

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: Media are invited to attend MBOT's *Good Morning Mississauga* event happening tomorrow (April 8, 2009 – 7:30 a.m.) at Playdium (99 Rathburn Road West, Mississauga, ON) where a formal announcement about the award and its recipient will be made. Harold G. Shipp will be in attendance, as well as Jake Dheer and Sheldon Leiba.

For details or to confirm, please contact Sheldon at 905-273-3527 or sleiba@mbot.com.

The *Lifetime Business Achievement Award* will be presented at Mississauga Board of Trade's Annual Chair's Gala ceremony, happening on Thursday, May 7, at Mississauga Convention Centre. Harold G. Shipp, along with other recognizable members of Mississauga's business community will be in attendance. The gala will welcome approximately 400 individuals from across Mississauga and the GTA. Event details, including ticket information, can be found on mbot.com.

About Harold Shipp:

In an outstanding career that began 64 years ago, philanthropist and Mississauga Citizen, Harold G. Shipp has been a foremost contributor to industry and community. Mr. Shipp and his family have lived in Mississauga since 1953 and the Shipp Corporation Limited is the longest continuing builder and developer in Mississauga, having operated here since 1951. Throughout his career as a respected industry leader, Mr. Shipp has also served his community through membership on numerous Boards and Associations and has received many awards for community service.

In his career, Mr. Shipp has been:

- Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Shipp Corporation Limited,
- Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Shipp Corporation, Inc. of Fort Lauderdale, Florida,
- (1959-2001) President, Applewood Holdings Inc. (Applewood Chevrolet Oldsmobile Cadillac, Mississauga) and
- President, Applewood BMW Inc. (Mississauga) 1987 – 1995.

Community Involvement

- 2003- Co-Chairman of Trillium Health Centre's Capital Campaign and Honorary Chairman of Trillium Health Centre Foundation Board
- 2000-2002 Chairman of the Moose and Goose Club Dinner, fundraiser for Muscular Dystrophy Association
- 1990 Campaign General Chairman for the Campaign for Queensway General Hospital
- 1978 Past Chairman, Annual Community Festival in Mississauga
- 1977 General Campaign Chairman, United Way Peel Region
- 1971-2003 Charter Director & Honorary Chairman of Board, The Mississauga Hospital Foundation (now Trillium Health Care Centre Foundation)
- 1971-1995 Director, Honorary Member and former Vice-Chairman, Board of Governors, Queensway General Hospital
- 1964 Helped to found Kiwanis Club in the Caribbean
- 1960 President, Kingsway Kiwanis Club (Lt. Gov., Division 4A, Eastern Canada and Caribbean District), a member for nearly 60 years.
- 1944 Had a Lancaster Bomber fly over the football field in fall of 1944 for the Field Day to raise money for first stands. In 2008 was recognized by having artist paint mural along Dundas St. in Islington Village.

- Founding Member, Advisory Council, Etobicoke School of the Arts
- First Honorary President, Canadian Red Cross Society, Mississauga Branch
- Member, Board of Regents, Victoria University
- President, The Family Enterprise Foundation
- Director, Canadian Association of Family Enterprise (CAFE)
- Chairman of Board and Trustees, First United Church, Port Credit
- Member, Board of Directors, Desert Ministries, Inc, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Honorary Chairman of Trillium Health Centre Foundation

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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