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## **Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce AGM a success**

***Evening proves productive as delegates pass four motions and listen as Minister Bartolucci expresses the need for commitment in this 'new reality'***

Greater Sudbury, November 24, 2009 – This evening, nearly 200 people converged on the Holiday Inn to participate in the 114<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce (GSCC).

As is custom, members voted on a number of motions; this year they included approving the actions of the 2009-2010 Board of Directors, the audited financial statements and amendments to the constitution and bylaws. Attendees also enjoyed dinner and an address by the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Rick Bartolucci.

“While we accomplished some housekeeping items tonight, it was also an occasion to reinforce our commitment to our strategic directives,” said Steve Irwin, Chair of the GSCC. “As we move forward through the challenges of the past year, it’s important to recommit our efforts to serving our members and this evening allowed us to do that.”

In his keynote address, Minister Bartolucci provided a valuable perspective on the significant changes facing the government in the lead up to the 2011 provincial election.

“Today, we are in a new world and a new reality. Things have changed and in order to be viable, we need to be committed to changing with our circumstances - recognizing and meeting the challenges that change brings, so we can build a stronger community and province,” said Bartolucci.

The GSCC AGM is held every fall so that motions may be voted upon by the general membership. It also is an opportunity to highlight previous and future activities and actions of the Board.

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