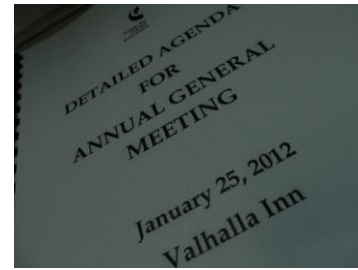


Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce

AGM 2012 – With Special Keynote Speaker, Phil Fontaine



January 25, 2012 The Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce was pleased to host their 47th Annual General Meeting held at the Valhalla Inn.

The evening began with a business meeting reviewing the **Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce 2012 Annual Report** with an attendance of 49 members. The meeting covered all of the events and initiatives that the Chamber has championed over the past year.

The event continued with recognition of the many people that assist in giving the Chamber a voice for business – Thunder Bay Chamber Board of Directors, Chamber members and the devoted staff. The program included the formal swearing in of Michael Nitz as our 2012 Chair of the Board by Jack Masters. Arleene Mapledoram was recognized as with a Honourary Membership for her 22 years of dedication heading up the Chambers Show Department and her continued enthusiasm even after 9 years of retirement to volunteer when needed. Larry Westlake received the Chair of the Board Award for his involvement in Chamber activities and committees. Larry joined and continues to sit on the Education Committee since 2008 and the Small Business Committee since 2009.

The Chamber concluded the evening with a special Keynote Speaker, Phil Fontaine. Mr. Fontaine offered an inspiring and captivating speech with a message of collaboration with the First Nations as it will set the tone for a successful year for the Chamber's Aboriginal Opportunities committee.

The evening would not have been a success without the generous support from our Sponsors. We would like to give a special *Thank You* to

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