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Starr, Ron



Photo by Dave Burnett

The gavel was passed last Thursday evening as Ron Starr (far left) become the 1990 president of the Mississauga Board of Trade. Shown with him (from left) are Board of Trade executive director Lois Gibson, guest speaker Deputy Prime Minister Don Mazankowski, Mayor Hazel McCallion, and 1989 board president John Stark.

# Starr vows proactive stance

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Incoming president of the Mississauga Board of Trade, Ron Starr, has promised that his 3,000-member association will become a force in the shaping of the city in the next decade.

Starr, speaking at the annual Board of Trade President's Dinner, held last Thursday in the Verdi Banquet Hall, said his first initiative would be to form a group called Forum 2001. This would be composed of representatives from the Board of Trade, the several levels of government and other groups and organizations.

He said the aim will be to draw

up a blueprint for the city and its quality of life as "we prepare to step into the next millennium."

Starr said the board will build on the advocacy role the board has established in the past year and make the board a factor in the decision making as it affects the business community.

"We will renew our co-operations with all levels of government," he said.

Starr said it is also important in the next decade for the Board of Trade to include the family when setting policy and coming to the fore on issues that pertain to qua-

lity of life in this city.

To that end, he said, the board must recognize and champion the environment with the board playing a leading role in that regard.

Starr praised outgoing president John Stark, who he said had accomplished much in his 12-month term.

The banquet was one of the most successful since the founding of the board in 1974. More than 550 people attended the black tie event.

Guest speaker was federal Deputy Prime Minister Don Mazankowski.