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#### **CAPITOL BANCORP LTD**

CIK: **840264** | IRS No.: **382761672** | State of Incorporation: **MI** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**  
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SIC: **6021** National commercial banks

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Washington, D.C. 20549

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### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 29, 2008

## CAPITOL BANCORP LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Michigan**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-31708**

(Commission File No.)

**38-2761672**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

### Capitol Bancorp Center

**200 Washington Square North, Lansing, Michigan 48933**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(517) 487-6555**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On August 29, 2008, Capitol Bancorp Ltd. and Northstar Financial Group Inc. mutually agreed to the termination of the definitive agreement regarding the proposed sale of four affiliate banks to Northstar which had been announced earlier in 2008.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**CAPITOL BANCORP LTD.**

(Registrant)

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_ Cristin \_\_\_\_\_ K.

Reid \_\_\_\_\_

Cristin K. Reid

Corporate President

Date: August 29, 2008

