



GREATER CHARLOTTETOWN AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Dear Premier King,

On behalf of the Greater Charlottetown Area Chamber of Commerce's 1,000 members, congratulations on being elected Premier of Prince Edward Island.

The Chamber welcomed the spirit of collaboration demonstrated throughout the election campaign. We echo this sentiment and believe our economy is stronger when government and private sector efforts align.

As you may recall, in March the Chamber shared a series of policy recommendations in support of local economic development. We were pleased to see several of our recommendations appear in your platform and campaign announcements. As such, we look forward to the implementation of the following:

- A reduction of the small business tax rate from 3.5% to 1% by January 2020, making it the lowest rate in Atlantic Canada.
- Improved affordability for Island families and workers by increasing the Basic Personal Amount to \$12,000 over the next three years and tying further increases to the Consumer Price Index.
- A commitment to work with organizations such as the Greater Charlottetown Area Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Charlottetown Inc. to evolve regional economic development.

The Chamber also welcomes additional platform commitments in support of the private sector such as: the private retail sale of alcohol; high-speed internet for all Island communities; support for the tourism industry; and interest-free loans for young entrepreneurs.

We look forward to working with you and your government over the course of your mandate. On the short-term, we welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss these action items and other issues of importance to the local business community.

Sincerely,

Penny Walsh-McGuire
CEO

Dawn Binns
2019-20 President



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