



GREATER CHARLOTTETOWN AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Hon. Peter Bevan-Baker
Leader of the Official Opposition
Hon. George Coles Building, 175 Richmond St.
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Dear Hon. Peter Bevan-Baker,

On behalf of the Greater Charlottetown Area Chamber of Commerce's 1,000 members, congratulations to you and your colleagues on forming the Official Opposition for our province.

The Chamber welcomed the spirit of collaboration expressed throughout the past provincial election campaign. We echo this sentiment and believe our economy is stronger and Islanders' lives are made better, when public 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 that several of our recommendations appeared in your election platform and campaign announcements. As such, we look forward to your support on the following:

- The relaunch of the Charlottetown Area Development Corporation;
- The development of the Partnership for Growth's economic action plan;
- A reduction of the provincial small business tax rate.

We welcome a discussion on the details of these items, particularly on our calculations of a reduction in the provincial small business tax rate, as determined by our volunteer tax specialist.

The Chamber also notes and appreciates additional platform commitments that focus on the private sector such as support for local food producers; a micro-loan fund for small businesses; increased tourism marketing; support for creative and cultural industries; programs to encourage solar energy installations on small business buildings; and rural broadband services.

We wish you well in your new role and look forward to working with you and your caucus over the course of your mandate.

Sincerely,

Penny Walsh-McGuire
CEO

Dawn Binns
2019-20 President



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