



GREATER CHARLOTTETOWN AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Hon. Robert Mitchell
Leader of the Third Party
Hon. George Coles Building, 175 Richmond St.
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June 4, 2019

Dear Hon. Robert Mitchell,

On behalf of the Greater Charlottetown Area Chamber of Commerce's 1,000 members, congratulations on your recent election and new position as Leader of the Third Party.

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.

Earlier this year, the Chamber shared a series of policy recommendations in support of local economic development with the Liberal Party of PEI. We were pleased that several of our recommendations appeared in your party's election platform and campaign announcements. As such, we look forward to your support on the following:

- An increase of the Basic Personal Amount;
- A reduction of the small business tax rate;
- The allocation of training dollars to support evolving labour market needs;
- The development of the Partnership for Growth's economic action plan.

The Chamber also welcomes additional platform commitments in support of the private sector such as: economic infrastructure investments; an increase in the size of the Graduate Mentorship Program; support for initiatives that will open new markets; programs to encourage youth to enter the trades; fee and regulation cost reductions; a high-speed broadband initiative; population and community growth initiatives; and support for fishing, farming, tourism, creative industries and emerging sectors.

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

Sincerely,

Penny Walsh-McGuire
CEO

Dawn Binns
2019-20 President



CC: MLA Sonny Gallant, Third Party House Leader; MLA Robert Henderson, Party Whip; MLA Hal Perry; MLA Heath MacDonald; MLA Gord McNeilly, Stacie Tiffin-Wright, Legislative Assistant/Office Administrator

