



WHAT IT TAKES TO GROW

Priorities for Canada's next Parliament

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce's President and CEO, Perrin Beatty, issued the following statement on September 21st, on the actions that Canadians and the business community need to see from our next Parliament.

"The clear message from [the] election is that our politicians need to get back to work on the issues that matter. With an election that lacked a meaningful debate on the economy, it is critical for Parliament and the government to resume the business of governing the country. Canadians want less politics and more leadership from their elected officials.

Businesses and the millions of Canadians they employ need action on two critical issues: safely managing the fourth wave of the pandemic without further lockdowns and implementing a strategy to restore economic growth to address our urgent and growing fiscal challenges.

The recovery must be led by the private sector. We cannot borrow our way to prosperity, and we cannot confuse government spending with economic growth. We need to get very serious about growth if we are to have any hope of paying for our enormous pandemic debt and dealing with the coming costs of climate change.

Parliament should be convened at the earliest possible opportunity with a Speech from the Throne that clearly outlines how we will

finish the fight against COVID-19, address the economic fundamentals holding back our economy, and get our country ready for the opportunities of the future.

With public finances stretched to the maximum, it is critical we target our investments to achieve private sector-led growth. Growing businesses that hire more Canadians is the only path towards true recovery and sustainable economic growth. The next Parliament needs to prioritize helping businesses of all sizes do exactly that, and they can start by focusing on:

- extending the wage and rent subsidy programs past to ensure support for the hardest hit sectors;
- accelerating the deployment of a harmonized system of digital health credentials and providing legal certainty for companies on their rights and obligations;
- working with business to ensure we have a 21st century workforce;
- refocusing our efforts with the United States to defend Canada's trade interests; and
- creating a genuine partnership with businesses to reach Net Zero 2050.

Canadian businesses also want to see progress on other key structural economic issues like interprovincial trade barriers, targeted infrastructure investments, cybersecurity, tax

reform, and renewing privacy legislation to avoid creating a patchwork of laws across the country.

The Canadian Chamber looks forward to working with all Parliamentarians and government in delivering this agenda."

For more information about the Canadian Chamber's recommendations on *What it Takes to Grow*, go to: <https://chamber.ca/grow/>

About the Canadian Chamber of Commerce – Because Business Matters

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce helps build the businesses that support our families, our communities and our country. We do this by influencing government policy, by providing essential business services and by connecting businesses to information they can use, to opportunities for growth and to a network of local chambers, businesses, decision-makers and peers from across the country, in every sector of the economy and at all levels of government, as well as internationally. We are unapologetic in our support for business and the vital role it plays in building and sustaining our great nation.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING...?

Business Excellence Award recipients are leaders in their industry with a commitment to Customer Service, a concern for the Community, and a passion for Innovation. We all visit a business every day... even if it's our own! But seriously, we regularly walk into our favorite restaurant, market, dry cleaners, clothing store, nail salon, etc. Abbotsford, it's time for you to take a moment to help us honor these hard-working businesses!

There's a well-known saying: "winning isn't everything". Somehow that's where the quote often ends, but it doesn't. Vince Lombardi said it a couple of ways (according to Google), but one of them was, "Winning isn't everything, but wanting to win is". Isn't that SO true! I can guarantee that many, if not all businesses in Abbotsford would LOVE to win!

Lombardi goes onto say, "Winning is not a sometime thing; it's an all the time thing. You don't win once in a while; you don't do things right once in a while; you do them right all of the time. Winning is a habit. Unfortunately, so is losing." The businesses you support in your daily life, are they "getting it right"? We all make mistakes. But do your go-to businesses own them when they happen? Do they not only satisfy you but overwhelm you with how they fix them?

Abbotsford, we have many, many businesses that are getting it right. Let's celebrate them. Let's thank them. This year's categories for Business Excellence Awards are: home based business excellence, agriculture and agri-business excellence, consumer services excellence, entrepreneur of the



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year, nonprofit organization of the year and corporate responsibility.

Visit the calendar of events abbotsfordchamber.com/events to join us this year.

On behalf of the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce, thank you for supporting and celebrating local!

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NEW BUSINESSES:

Advanced Material handling
www.advancedmaterial.ca

4 Pillars Consulting Group
www.4pillars.ca

Lifted Counselling and Consulting Inc.
www.liftedcounselling.com

Whitetail Homes Ltd.
www.whitetailhomes.ca

Pacific North Wellness
www.pacificnorthwellness.ca

Anago of Vancouver
www.anagovancouver.ca

Abbotsford Canucks
www.abbotsford.canucks.com

Giesbrecht & Company
www.giesbrechtandco.com

Bore-Tech Solutions & Manufacturing Ltd.
www.boretechsolutions.ca

DIVERScity Community Resources Society
www.dcrs.ca

Fraser Valley Conservancy
www.fraservalleyconservancy.ca

Dreem Home
www.nationwiderealty.ca

Woody's RV World – Abbotsford
www.woodysrv.com

LWS Manufacturing & Welding
www.lwsmetalfab.com

WorkSafeBC
www.worksafebc.com

Randhawa Farms Ltd.
www.perpetualvegetable.com

MetCredit
www.metcredit.com

Re/Max Blueprint Realty
www.remaxblueprint.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, October 6
Business After Business
Accord Meeting and
Conference Rooms
4:00pm-6:00pm

Thursday, October 21
Chamber Luncheon
Natural Gas, Oil and Canada's
Economic Recovery
Sandman Hotel (Simon Ave)
11:30am-1:30pm

Thursday, November 18
25th Annual Business
Excellence Awards
Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre
4:00pm-6:00pm

Please visit www.abbotsfordchamber.com
for more information and registration.



CHAMBER'S 34TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



The Chamber's 34th Annual Golf Tournament was held on Friday, September 10th at Ledgeview Golf Club.

We take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to our event sponsors and prize contributors!

Congratulations to the winning foursome -

Trevor McBratney, Tom McBratney, Mal Hagan, and Kyle Gerard.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR NOMINATIONS.

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