

Ontario Chamber of Commerce seeks fairer tax structure

Accountability, less red tape and strategic tax cuts are part of the mandate given to the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) by its 57,000 strong membership at the 93 Annual General Meeting held in Sarnia last month.

Resolutions adopted included:

- Eliminating the Corporate Minimum Tax
- Creating a uniform Business Education Tax rate
- Twinning the Trans Canada Highway
- Investing in and seeking efficiencies for international border crossings in Ontario.
- Increasing funding for Post-Secondary Education

"The chamber network is strong and united – and that is great news for local business," said Norm Paget, President, Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce.

"The membership's message has been very clear – we need fair and competitive taxes, infrastructure that meets the needs of business and taxpayers, and a strong education system" said Len Crispino, President and CEO of the OCC. "We know that if the government provides business with the tools it needs to grow and to expand, the entire province benefits."

"We've always said that business needs to be part of the solution," said Crispino, "The message from our members is very clear – work with government to affect solutions. In the coming days and weeks, we'll be knocking on Premier McGuinty's door letting him know where our 57,000 members stand on the issues of the day."

A full version of the adopted policy resolutions can be found at www.occ.on.ca

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