



Infrastructure Agreements are Good for Provinces and Business

Windsor, NS (April 20, 2018) – The Atlantic Chamber of Commerce says the infrastructure agreements being concluded between the federal and Atlantic governments are good for communities and are good for business.

“The agreements with Ottawa, represent a positive step in rolling out promised funding to support revitalizing our infrastructure. With \$828 million for Nova Scotia and \$673 million for New Brunswick in infrastructure funding over the next decade, these agreements can contribute to economic development of the region,” said Chamber CEO Sheri Somerville.

“The long-term nature of the agreements will provide provincial governments flexibility to allow for investment in a wide range of projects that will benefit the region such as climate related disaster mitigation, culture and recreation infrastructure and will provide a needed boost to the quality of life in rural communities.”

The Chamber is further encouraged by the first funding announcement of support for upgrades at our smaller airports. The ACC has advocated for several years for a contribution to local national airport system airports that otherwise do not qualify for government funding.

“We encourage both levels of government to evaluate projects carefully and invest in developments that support the local and regional economies. Atlantic Canada needs a coordinated and long-term plan to focus on transportation efficiencies, investing in clean technology, and protecting our communities from the effects of climate change,” said Somerville. “A high priority will be to protect transportation, energy and trade links that cross the Tantramar Marshes and are extremely vulnerable to damage via sea level rise and flooding.”

The ACC looks forward to further funding announcements in Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador.

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About the Atlantic Chamber of Commerce

As the strong, credible and unified voice that influences an environment where business in Atlantic Canada succeeds, the Atlantic Chamber of Commerce (ACC) represents more than 16,000 businesses through its network of 93 chambers of commerce and boards of trade in the four Atlantic provinces. ACC is a catalyst to influence, educate and advocate on policy related issues to support business, deliver high-value services and opportunities to our members, and to support and promote initiatives that contribute to sustainable economic growth in the region.

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