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Earlier in the year the Chamber submitted an [Accountability Report](#) to City Council which outlined priorities for Chamber members. The major items included: taxation, transportation and governance. We have seen significant strides on these priorities and we commend the City for that.

The Chamber advocated for tax reform and seen it, we also advocated for a stronger transportation system and we are seeing that. The Chamber will continue to collaborate with the Strategic Joint Regional Transportation Committee to ensure that we support the importance of having an overarching city transportation strategy, with a clear vision statement.

We are also seeing a more cordial relationship developing between our City and Province which is crucially important to economic prosperity.

In addition, the Chamber has been working actively on the energy file. The Chamber's Energy Committee provided the City with recommendations on the importance of strong energy policies, and the City is listening, in fact, the Chamber is helping to shape the framework of our Community Energy Plan.

During the Regional Plan Review process and deliberations, we would like you to keep these priorities in mind, and continue to act on them.

Sincerely,
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