

Provincial Affairs Committee Work Plan – Updated as of September 2009

Committee Mandate

- To develop policy and approach on issues of importance to our members within the purview of the Provincial government; this includes, but is not limited to, provincial budget matters, regulatory review, etc.
- To develop and maintain relationships with key decision makers within the Provincial government structure and communicate Chamber policy to those decision makers and to the Chamber membership.

Summary of Recent Initiatives

- Preparation of 2009-2010 Pre-budget Submission
- Preparation of 2009-2010 Budget Report Card
- Ongoing participation on Nova Scotia's Better Regulation initiative
- Reviewing Nova Scotia health reform process for possible involvement

2009 Work Plan Outline

- **Fiscal Responsibility** – assigned to Henry House Committee
 - Communication in Business Voice
 - Pre-budget submission and Annual Issues Note
- **Energy**
 - How government can encourage development of the sector
 - Regulation – how it can be improved
- **Health Reform**
 - Corpus Sanchez follow up meeting and request for status report
 - Push for efficiencies in the system (administration, purchasing, Health Infoway)
- **Innovation**
 - How can Nova Scotia create a niche and attract investment dollars.
- **Tax Structure**

Plans to support advocacy priorities

Chamber priorities, as approved by the Board in September 2009 include:

1. Economic Development
2. People
3. Competitive Positioning
4. Health Care
5. Sustainability - encompasses all of the above four priorities.

List of Current Committee Members

Chair: Gavin MacDonald, Cox & Palmer

Leo Van Dijk, Merck Frosst Canada Ltd.
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Mike Uberoi, Melford Terminal
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Peter Allen, Bank of Montreal
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