

**HALIFAX CHAMBER AND NSBLEC IN THE CHRONICLE HERALD**

**April 28 2020 - Halifax, NS** – Today the Halifax Chamber of Commerce and the Nova Scotia Business Labour Economic Coalition (NSBLEC) would like to announce their support of the wrap around Halifax’s Chronicle Herald. The front page reads “We shall never rebuild Nova Scotia unless everybody works together” and will be distributed to over 200,000 homes in Nova Scotia in the coming days.

The NSBLEC was founded in mid-March to become a point of contact for government as they make rapid decisions, to advocate for business and their employees at this challenging time, to ensure all Nova Scotians are heard and supported, and to eventually assist in the development of a recovery plan. Halifax Chamber of Commerce President & CEO, Patrick Sullivan, chairs the NSBLEC meeting three times per week. This group is comprised of businesses, not-for-profits, The NS Federation of Labour, and represents over 1,000 organizations and 200,000 employees.

We have had several guests join the NSBLEC call including The Honourable Melanie Joly, The Honourable Mary Ng, MP Andy Fillmore, MP Sean Fraser, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, Mayor Mike Savage, and more.

“The Halifax Chamber is pleased to bring together these stakeholders to keep our members and the larger business community informed,” says Patrick Sullivan, President and CEO, Halifax Chamber of Commerce. “We are advocating, informing and assisting government at all levels as they create policy in real time. We will continue to work for Halifax, and we will be there when it’s time to recover and rebuild.”

Through our discussions with our government representatives and country-wide advocacy this coalition has succeeded on numerous fronts in the deferral of municipal property tax payments, take-out liquor sales for restaurants, increase in the federal wage subsidy from 10% to 75%, and more.

“Over these next months, we have to move quickly to balance the serious medical issues with the equally dire economic conditions in our community,” says Gavin MacDonald, Incoming Chair of the Board, Halifax Chamber of Commerce. “The Chamber is dedicated to working with all levels of government on policies that restore jobs and enhance local prosperity.”

Representing 1,750 businesses and over 65,000 Members, the Halifax Chamber of Commerce is committed to advocating for the conditions in the economy that enhance our members’ prosperity.

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