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HALIFAX CHAMBER ON EGG STUDIOS CLOSURE – GOVERNMENT MUST ACT

SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 - Halifax, NS – The Halifax Chamber of Commerce was profoundly disappointed to learn that one of its members, Egg Films, has decided close its doors, effective November 6.

“Egg Studios has produced wonderful work over the years and their departure from our creative economy is a major loss for our community,” said Robert Batherson, chair of the board of directors of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce. “Shutting down a business is in nobody’s interest. It hurts workers, business owners, our tax base that supports programs and services for all citizens and the Nova Scotia economy as a whole.”

The Halifax Chamber of Commerce opposed labour law changes in 2010 and 2011 that created a powerful new Nova Scotia Labour Board and put in place First Contract Arbitration. In the wake of Egg’s impending departure, it is worth considering whether the laws and regulations that govern collective bargaining in Nova Scotia are conducive to economic and business growth, particularly in light of the One Nova Scotia Report to make major changes to transform our economy for the better.

“We supported the provincial government’s recent changes that reduced some of the impact of first contract arbitration, but we feel more needs to be done,” added Batherson. “To be a successful city, we need common sense regulations for everyone – business, labour and everyday citizens. We urge Premier Stephen McNeil and Labour and Advanced Education Minister Kelly Regan to consider more labour law changes to strike a better balance for businesses that need help to grow and create jobs.”

Creating a positive business environment is one of the main goals of the Halifax Chamber’s 2013-2018 Strategic Plan. Championing common sense regulations is an important way of reaching our overall goal of Halifax becoming one of the top three economic growth cities in Canada by 2018.

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