



May 15, 2023

Hon. Dennis King

Premier of Prince Edward Island

Sent via email

Dear Premier King,

On behalf of the Greater Charlottetown Area Chamber of Commerce and our over 1,160 members, congratulations on being re-elected Premier of Prince Edward Island and to you and your colleagues for forming a majority government.

In March, the Chamber shared [a series of policy recommendations](#) in support of local economic development, based on feedback from our membership.

We were pleased that several of our recommendations were similar to those that appeared in your party's election platform and campaign announcements. As such, we look forward to the implementation of the following:

- Increasing the Basic Personal Exemption Amount to \$15,000 over the next four years.
- Re-evaluating the provincial income tax bracket model to be more competitive and leave more money in the pockets of Islanders, especially low-income Islanders.
- Creating a \$10 Million Dollar Upskilling and Re-Skilling Fund
- Funding sector and industry groups to develop online training platforms for professional development, upskilling, and to allow for quicker onboarding of new graduates and employees into critical roles
- Reducing building permit wait times down to a maximum of 30 days by the end of 2023

The Chamber also welcomes additional platform commitments in support of the private sector such as: modernizing procurement policies to prioritize local products and services; increasing the Housing Challenge Fund by \$50 million; and continuing to support Partnership for Growth with the industry-led project *Workforce 2030*.

In the coming weeks, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with your government to brief on issues our members are facing and discuss how we could collaborate.

We look forward to working with your government to ensure the best possible chance for prosperity for our business community and province as a whole. We will build a stronger PEI by moving forward together.

Sincerely,



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