

2013 Policy Resolution Activity Update

FINANCE AND TAXATION

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Resolution	CCC Actions Taken	Planned CCC Actions	Government Actions to Date
<p>Fiscal Policy</p>	<p>Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>Feb. 11/13 - The resolution's recommendations pertaining to personal income tax rates and tax simplification are the focus of the tax section in the Chamber's <i>Top 10 Barriers to Competitiveness</i> document.</p>	<p>Have requested a meeting with the Minister of Finance.</p>	<p>Oct 16/13 - The Speech from the Throne reiterated the government's commitment to balance the budget by 2015. It also stated that it will reduce the debt-to-GDP ratio to pre-recession levels by 2017. The government said it will introduce balanced-budget legislation, requiring balanced budgets during normal economic times and concrete timelines for returning to balance in the event of an economic crisis. Regarding spending, the government said it will continue to reduce the size and cost of government to ensure that taxpayers get value for money. As part and parcel of this, it will freeze the overall federal operating budget, will make further targeted reductions to internal government spending and will reform the way the federal system manages spending.</p> <p>Nov 12/13 - The <i>Update of Economic and Fiscal Projections</i> put an emphasis on responsible fiscal management to ensure the government is on track to balance its books by 2015 and on freeing up additional assets to invest in priority areas. Going forward, the government will continue its policy of continuously examining departmental spending and examining whole-of-government initiatives to ensure that federal programs are managed efficiently and aligned with taxpayer priorities. The debt-to-GDP ratio is expected to fall below 30% by 2016-17. The government's commitment to strong public finances is consistent with the resolution's recommendations.</p> <p>Dec 11/13 - The House of Commons Finance Standing Committee recommended in its report "<i>The Future We Want: Recommendations for the 2014 Budget</i>" that the</p>

			<p>federal government remain focused on its plan to return to balanced budgets in 2015; ensure competitive personal income tax rates; explore ways to simplify the <i>Income Tax Act</i> to reduce the complexity and inefficiency of its administration; undertake a comprehensive review of the tax system and ensure its fairness, as well as its neutrality.</p> <p>Feb 11/14 - The 2014 federal budget noted that the government has controlled direct program spending through the implementation of both targeted savings actions and broad-based reviews focused on reducing spending without compromising the delivery of priority services to Canadians. Among others, initiatives include targeted departmental spending reductions, a government-wide operating budget freeze, and better alignment of federal employee compensation with that offered by other public and private sector employers. Departmental spending reduction measures have been augmented by initiatives designed to protect and improve the integrity, fairness and neutrality of the tax system.</p>
Interest on Overpaid Taxes	<p>Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of National Revenue Kerry-Lynne Findlay.</p>	Have requested a meeting with the Minister of Finance.	Sept 23/13 - CRA announced that effective Q4/13, the prescribed annual interest rates that will apply to any amounts owed to the CRA will increase from 5% to 6% and to any amounts the CRA owes to individuals and corporations from 1% to 2%. The difference remains four percentage points.
Payroll Remittance Frequency Rules	Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of National Revenue Kerry-Lynne Findlay.		<p>Feb 11/14 - To reduce the tax compliance burden, Budget 2014 proposes to reduce the frequency of remittance of source deductions. In particular, Budget 2014 will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase the threshold level of average monthly withholdings at which employers are required to remit up to two times per month to \$25,000 from \$15,000; and • increase the threshold level of average monthly withholdings at which employers are required to remit up to four times per month to \$100,000 from \$50,000.

			This measure will apply in respect of amounts to be withheld after 2014. The proposed changes will mean that over 50,000 small and medium-sized employers will see their maximum number of required payments on account of source deductions cut in half, eliminating the requirement for more than 800,000 payments.
Increase the GST/HST Filing Threshold	Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.	Have requested a meeting with the Minister of Finance.	
The Treatment of Financial Services Under the GST	Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.	Have requested a meeting with the Minister of Finance.	Finance Canada is doing an overall review of the GST treatment of financial services, and it is our understanding that they are aware of, and are trying to address the issues in the resolution.
Eliminate or Simplify Sales Tax Rebate Process to Motivate Non-Resident Tour Operators and Meeting Planners to Sell Canada	Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty. Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of National Revenue Kerry-Lynne Findlay.	Have requested a meeting with the Minister of Finance.	
Controlling the Canada-U.S. Price Gap *Contact: Mary Anne Carter, mcarter@chamber.ca	Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty and Minister of International Trade, Ed Fast. February 19, 2014 - meeting with Phil Harwood at PMO to address tariff and customs issues that pose barriers to price convergence. March/15 - Participated in industry roundtable with departmental and political staff	Have requested a meeting with Ministers Flaherty and Fast.	Oct 16/13 - The Speech from the Throne noted that Canadians should not be charged more in Canada for identical goods that sell for less in the U.S., and that the government will take further action to end geographic price discrimination against Canadians. Feb 11/ 14 - The 2014 federal budget announced that the government intends to introduce legislation to address price discrimination that is not justified by higher operating costs in Canada, and to empower the Commissioner of Competition to enforce the new framework.
Extending Advice Privilege to Qualified Non-Lawyer Tax Professionals	Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty. Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of National Revenue Kerry-Lynne Findlay.	Have requested a meeting with the Minister of Finance.	

<p>Fair Tax Treatment of Limited Liability Companies (LLCs) by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)</p>	<p>Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p>	<p>Have requested a meeting with the Minister of Finance.</p>	
<p>Innovation in Canada: Preserve and Strengthen the Scientific Research and Experimental Development Investment Tax Credit Program</p>	<p>Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of National Revenue Kerry-Lynne Findlay.</p> <p>Feb. 27/14 Submission to Minister of State for Science and Technology public consultation process.</p>	<p>Have requested a meeting with the Minister of Finance.</p> <p>September 2014: Entrepreneurs' issues with/ the Canadian Chamber's policy regarding SR&ED cited in the report <i>A Path Forward for Entrepreneurship in Canada</i></p>	
<p>Applying the Accelerated Capital Cost Allowance (ACCA) for Oil Sands, Upgrading, the Mining and Petrochemical Industries</p>	<p>Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p>	<p>Have requested a meeting with the Minister of Finance.</p>	<p>Dec 11/13 - The House of Commons Finance Standing Committee recommended in its report <i>"The Future We Want: Recommendations for the 2014 Budget"</i> that investigate the cost and feasibility of expanding the accelerated capital cost allowance to encourage the construction of domestic infrastructure in relation to downstream activities in the oil and gas sector, such as transportation, refining and upgrading, and projects like the Kitimat Clean Refinery.</p> <p>Feb 11/14 - The 2014 federal budget proposes to expand (Class 43.2) eligibility for the accelerated capital cost allowance for clean energy generation equipment to include water-current energy equipment and a broader range of equipment used to gasify eligible waste.</p>
<p>A No-nonsense Credit Card Processing Approach</p>	<p>Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p>	<p>Have requested a meeting with the Minister of Finance.</p>	<p>Oct 16/13 - The Speech from the Throne noted that Canadians are tired of hidden fees and that they deserve to know the real cost of paying by debit or credit card. It stressed that the government will empower consumers by requiring disclosure of the cost of different payment methods.</p> <p>Oct 17/13 - The government's convened a special meeting of the FinPay Committee – a</p>

			<p>consultative body on payments issues that includes representatives from consumer, small business and retail groups, as well as the credit card industry.</p> <p>Feb 11/14 - The government announced in Budget 2014 that it intends to strengthen the Code of Conduct for the Credit and Debit Card Industry to further improve business practices. This will be done in consultation with stakeholders.</p>
Employment Insurance (EI) Reform	Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.	Have requested a meeting with the Minister of Finance.	Feb 11/14 - Counter to the resolutions recommendation to remove the social-program aspects of EI from the regular premium structure, Budget 2014 enhances access to EI sickness benefits for claimants who receive Parents of Critically Ill Children and Compassionate Care benefits.
Deferral of Capital Gains Taxation	Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.	Have requested a meeting with the Minister of Finance.	
Tax Provision Threshold Indexing	Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.	Have requested a meeting with the Minister of Finance.	Feb 11/14 - Budget 2014 proposes to increase the maximum amount of eligible expenses to \$15,000 per child for 2014. This maximum amount will be indexed to inflation for taxation years after 2014. Also, to ensure that tobacco taxes retain their real value in the future, the excise duty rates on tobacco products, including the “duty free” rates, will be indexed to the Consumer Price Index and automatically adjusted accordingly every five years. The first inflationary rate adjustment will be effective December 1, 2019.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

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Resolution	CCC Actions Taken	Planned CCC Actions	Government Actions to Date
Support Enbridge Pipeline's Proposal to Reverse Line 9B	<p>Jan 31/14 - Letter to Minister Oliver</p> <p>The Chamber was one of the founding members for the Partnership for Resource Trade in 2014. Our work continued in 2015 and 2016 as our Canada's Resource Champions Initiative.</p>	<p>The 2016 Program for Resource Champions will include a day of action on May 26, additional infographics and supporting materials for local chambers.</p>	<p>March 6 2014 - NEB approved the Line 9B reversal, which will allow Canadian crude to be transported to Eastern markets.</p>
Electricity in Canada – Power for our Future Competitiveness	<p>Jan 31/14 - Letter to Minister Oliver</p> <p>The Chamber was one of the founding members for the Partnership for Resource Trade in 2014. Our work continued in 2015 and 2016 as our Canada's Resource Champions Initiative.</p>	<p>The The 2016 Program for Resource Champions will include a day of action on May 26, additional infographics and supporting materials for local chambers.</p>	<p>August 30 2014 - BC and Quebec joined the Council of the Federation Energy Strategy Initiative, which includes an increased focus on electricity trade. The strategy will be finalized in advance of 2015 meeting.</p>
Domestic and Industrial Reclaimed Water Use	<p>Jan 31/14 - Letter to Minister Aglukkaq</p>		
Endorsement of a West-East Pipeline	<p>Jan 31/14 - Letter to Minister Oliver</p> <p>The Chamber was one of the founding members for the Partnership for Resource Trade in 2014. Our work continued in 2015 and 2016 as our Canada's Resource Champions Initiative.</p> <p>In 2015, we organized a number of activities including a speaking tour by Jean Charest, a Chamber leader tour to Alberta's Energy sector and another to BC's export infrastructure, and the Resource Cities infographic series.</p>	<p>The 2016 Program for Resource Champions will include a day of action on May 26, additional infographics and supporting materials for local chambers.</p>	<p>Jan 17 2016 - Ministers Carr and McKenna announce an extended consultation process for energy east.</p> <p>Feb 11 2014 - Budget 2014 allocated \$28 million to supporting the review process for energy pipelines</p> <p>May 2014 - Minister Rickford announced new measures to enhance Canada's pipeline and marine safety systems.</p>
Supporting Canada's Steelmaking Coal Industry	<p>Jan 31/14 - Letter to Minister Oliver</p> <p>The Chamber was one of the founding members for the Partnership for Resource Trade in 2014. Our work continued in 2015 and 2016 as our Canada's Resource Champions Initiative.</p>		

Water for Sustainability – A National Water Strategy	Jan 31/14 - Letter to Minister Aglukkaq		
Pine Beetle Management in Canada	Jan 31 - Letter to Minister Oliver		Feb 11 2014 - The 2014 Budget included \$18 million over four years to preventatively fight the Spruce Budworm in Quebec and Ontario.

INDUSTRY			
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Pharmaceuticals – Life Sciences as an Economic and Competitive Driver	Dec. 10/13 – Letter to Industry Minister James Moore.	Have requested meeting with Minister Moore. Meeting is scheduled for April 28/14. Will focus on patent utility concerns.	Government has made commitments to patent term restoration and right of appeal as part of the Comprehensive Economic and trade Agreement.
The Digital Economy Strategy: Ensuring Canada’s Economic Success using Information and Communications Technologies	Dec. 10/13 – Letter to Industry Minister James Moore.	Have requested meeting with Minister Moore. Meeting is scheduled for April 28/14.	Government has announced in the 2014 Budget that a comprehensive digital economy strategy is imminent.
Improved Transparency and Due Process at the Competition Bureau *Contact: Mary Anne Carter, mcarte@chamber.ca	Dec. 10/13 – Letter to Industry Minister James Moore. June/14 – Competition Bureau Publishes New Bulletin on Communication during Inquiries. April/15 Competition Bureau releases its <i>Action Plan on Transparency</i> recognizing the importance of developing a more cost-effective, efficient and responsible agency.	Proposed Roundtable with the Bureau.	Began consultation process. April/15 - Applauded the Competition Bureau’s release of its <i>Action Plan on Transparency</i> .
Opposition to neutral packaging, an unacceptable expropriation of private trademarks	Dec. 10/13 – Letter to Industry Minister James Moore. Dec. 12/13 – Joint letter with CME to Trade Minister Ed Fast. Jan. 21/14 - Raised the issue as part of a meeting with Minister of Public Safety Steven Blainey. Jan. 30/14 – Spoke to Chambers Ireland to raise concerns about Irish government’s planned plain packaging law		
Facilitating Structural Change in Canadian Manufacturing	Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.	Have requested a meeting with the Minister of Finance.	
Creating a New Pharmaceutical	Dec. 10/13 – Letter to Industry Minister James Moore.		

Industry in Canada - The Thebaine Opportunity	Feb. 22/14 - Letter to Health Minister Rona Ambrose.		
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Common-Sense Approach to Livestock Product Identification and Food Safety	<p>Dec. 10, 2013 - Letter to Minister Fast and Minister Ritz.</p> <p>May 27, 2014 - Meeting with Minister Fast</p>	Requested meeting with Ministers Fast and Ritz	<p>June 7, 2013 - Ministers Fast and Ritz announced list of U.S. imports for possible retaliation.</p> <p>Oct. 2, 2013 - WTO panel established to assess compliance of new US COOL measures.</p> <p>Fall 2013 to present - Canadian government lobbying U.S. lawmakers to address COOL in farm bill.</p> <p>August 22, 2014 - WTO Panel rules in favour of Canada & Mexico in COOL dispute</p>
Streamlined Visa Process Required to Boost Visitation to Canada from Emerging Economies	<p>Dec. 10, 2013 - Letter to Minister Alexander and Minister Fast.</p> <p>May 14, 2014 - International Trade Day 2014 panelists argue for removal of visa requirement for Mexican visitors</p> <p>May 27, 2014 - Meeting with Minister Fast</p>	Requested meeting with Minister Alexander.	Feb. 3, 2014 - Government announces automatic consideration of applicants for multiple-entry visa in order to boost number of people eligible to visit Canada.
A Canadian Services Strategy	<p>Oct/ 2013 Letter to Minister Fast and Minister Moore</p> <p>Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>May 2014- Meeting with Chief Statistician</p> <p>May 27, 2014 - Meeting with Minister Fast</p> <p>June 2014- Meeting with Minister Moore's office</p> <p>Spring 2014 Various meeting with senior representative from Stats Canada and Industry</p>		<p>Dec. 2013 Response from Minister Moore including a commitment to further discuss the need for better services metrics.</p> <p>May 2014 Stats Canada Roundtable on Services Metrics. Commitment to produce a white paper on data needs.</p>

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SOCIAL POLICY

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<p>Standardized Licensing and Accreditation Requirements Across Provinces for Professions</p>	<p>Nov. 22, 2013 – Letter to the Minister of Employment and Social Development, Jason Kenney.</p> <p>Jan. 13, 2014 – Meeting with Minister Kenney.</p>	<p>A subsequent meeting has been requested with Minister Kenney; it is likely to be scheduled in April or May.</p> <p>Canadian Chamber staff will meet with ESDC officials on Feb. 27, 2014 to learn about their work on implementing chapter 7 of the Agreement on Internal Trade.</p>	<p>Budget 2014 reiterates the government’s commitment to address barriers to internal trade. There is no explicit reference to the issues raised in this resolution.</p>
<p>Enhancing the Working Holiday Visas is Part of the Solution to Canada’s Labour Shortage</p>	<p>Dec. 10, 2013 – Letter to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Chris Alexander.</p> <p>April 30, 2014 – Meeting with Minister Alexander.</p>	<p>A meeting has been requested between Minister Alexander and Perrin Beatty. This will likely take place in spring 2014.</p> <p>Canadian Chamber staff are also working with the resolution’s sponsoring, Whistler Chamber of Commerce, about advocacy in support of the resolution during 2014.</p> <p>Canadian Chamber staff were in regular contact with CIC officials regarding their plans to revisit the agreements underlying the working holiday visas.</p>	<p>On June 20, 2014, the government announced major changes to the TFW program including the division of the program into two parts, with the newly named International Mobility Programs to be administered by CIC. A new fee and compliance system were introduced for these programs. Due to concern about the lack of reciprocity (i.e. too few Canadians going abroad, relative to foreign students coming and working in Canada), the government will review each mobility agreement on a country by country basis.</p>
<p>Reverse Negative Changes to the Temporary Foreign Worker Program</p>	<p>Nov. 22, 2013 – Letter to the Minister of Employment and Social Development, Jason Kenney.</p> <p>Dec. 20, 2013 – Meeting with Minister Kenney’s policy advisor.</p> <p>Jan. 13, 2014 – Meeting with Minister Kenney.</p> <p>May 1, 2014 – Meeting with Minister Kenney.</p> <p>May 15, 2014 – Roundtable with Minister Kenney.</p>	<p>A subsequent meeting has been requested with Minister Kenney; it is likely to be scheduled in April or May.</p> <p>The Canadian Chamber has invited Minister Kenney and he has accepted to attend and speak to our entire membership at the AGM on Sept. 27-28.</p>	<p>On June 20, 2014, the government announced major changes to restrict the use and increase the cost of the Temporary Foreign Worker Program. The Labour Market Opinion (LMO) application fee has increased from \$275 to \$1,000 per workers requested. Employers are now subject to a cap on low-wage TFWs they cannot exceed. A new policy denies applications for low-wage TFWs for accommodation, food services and retail trade positions in areas of unemployment at 6 per cent or higher. For high-wage TFWs, employers will need</p>

	<p>June 24, 2014 - Subsequent to the government's announcement on June 20, the Canadian Chamber has mobilized and worked with its provincial and territorial counterparts to raise the concerns with Minister Kenney. The CCC asked our entire chamber network to join in our advocacy in reaction to the punitive changes of June 20th.</p> <p>June 25, 2014 - Discussion with Minister Kenney at the national skill summit.</p> <p>July 23, 2014 - Meeting with the Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister.</p> <p>Sept. 3, 2014 - Meeting with the Deputy Chief of Staff in the Office of the Leader of the Official Opposition, Tom Mulcair.</p>		<p>to provide transition plans to train Canadian workers or help TFWs become permanent residents.</p> <p>In Budget 2014, the government had proposed to invest \$11.0 million over two years and \$3.5 million per year ongoing "to further strengthen the Labour Market Opinion process by realigning the application streams to better identify vulnerable temporary foreign workers and improve processing times for certain applications; limiting the use of the program in high-unemployment regions; and ensuring that employers transition to a Canadian workforce through better prevention, detection and response to employer non-compliance."</p>
<p>Addressing economic immigration in the new Expression of Interest (EOI) system</p>	<p>Oct. 21, 2013 - Meeting with the director of policy in the office of the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.</p> <p>Dec. 10, 2013 - Letter to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Chris Alexander.</p> <p>Dec. 12, 2014 - Meeting with Minister Alexander's director of policy.</p> <p>Feb. 18, 2014 - Meeting of the Employer Technical Reference Group, including a CCC rep. The group is advising CIC on the design and implementation aspects of the EOI system.</p> <p>April 30, 2014 - Meeting with Minister Alexander.</p>	<p>A meeting has been requested between Minister Alexander and Perrin Beatty. This will likely take place in spring 2014.</p> <p>Canadian Chamber staff will continue its regular meetings and contact with CIC officials regarding the design and implementation plans for the EOI system.</p>	<p>In Budget 2014, the government proposes to provide \$14.0 million over two years and \$4.7 million per year ongoing to launch the Expression of Interest system – in January 2015.</p> <p>The Canadian Chamber raises the recommendations in this resolution at every occasion with CIC officials. They have indicated their expectation that Provinces and Territories may use the EOI system for their Provincial Nominee Programs. There has also been concrete discussion of accommodating third parties such as recruitment firms.</p>
<p>Territorial Minerals Workforce Development Strategy</p>	<p>Dec. 10/13 - Letters to the Ministers of Employment and Social Development Canada, Jason Kenney, and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, Bernard Valcourt</p> <p>Dec. 17/13 - Included in the policy report: Opportunity Found: Improving the participation of Aboriginal peoples in Canada's workforce</p> <p>July/15 - Included in the policy report Our National Competitiveness and Canada's Territories</p> <p>Feb./15 - Raised with Minister Bennett's (INAC)</p>		

	Director of Policy		
Renew Federal-Provincial Labour Market Agreements Instead of Implementing the Canada Job Grant	Nov. 6, 2013 – Meeting between the Minister of Employment and Social Development, Jason Kenney, and members of the chamber Task Force (as established subsequent to the resolution).		March 28 to Sept. 4 – The government signs agreements with each of the Provinces and Territories to renew the labour market agreements, now called the Canada Job Fund agreements. In Budget 2014, the government had noted its continuing work with provinces and territories toward the implementation of the Canada Job Grant and the renewal of the Labour Market Agreements.
Accepting the List of Designated Programs for the Federal Government’s Educational Institution Eligibility Policy Framework	Nov. 22, 2013 – Letter to the Minister of Employment and Social Development, Jason Kenney.	A meeting has been requested with Minister Kenney; it is likely to be scheduled in April or May.	
Reducing Labour Shortages by Expanding Options for Canada’s Private Educational Institutions	Nov. 22, 2013 – Letter to the Minister of Employment and Social Development, Jason Kenney.	A meeting has been requested with Minister Kenney; it is likely to be scheduled in April or May.	
Acknowledgement of the Base Principles of Pension Reform	Dec. 10/13 – Letter to the Minister of State, Finance: Kevin Sorenson		
Addressing Homelessness in Canada	Dec. 10/13 – Letter to the Minister of State (Social Development), Candice Bergen		
Creating and Amending Protocols for Economic Recovery From Disaster For All Businesses	Dec. 10/13 – Letter to Minister of Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness, Steven Blaney		
Allow the Provinces to Decide on Single Sports Betting	Oct. 17/13 – Meetings with Senators Mercer, Greene, Runciman with M. Marchand (Windsor-Essex Chamber) Dec. 3/13 – Letter to all senators Dec. 10/13 – Letter to Minister of Justice: Peter MacKay May/15 – Letter to all senators August/15 – Bill C-290 dies in the Senate		

<p>Another Approach to Reducing Crime in Canada</p>	<p>Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of Justice: Peter MacKay</p>		
<p>Small Business Training Challenges</p>	<p>Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of Employment & Social Development (ESDC), Jason Kenney February 18/14 - SME Policy Committee discussion with ESDC officials May 1/14 - Meeting with Minister Kenney.</p>	<p>A meeting has been requested with Minister Kenney; it is likely to be scheduled in April or May. The SME Policy Committee will explore next steps with ESDC officials, further to the discussion on Feb. 18.</p>	<p>March 28 to Sept. 4 - The government signs agreements with each of the Provinces and Territories to renew the labour market agreements, now called the Canada Job Fund agreements. The Canada Job Grant program. Regarding the Canada Job Grant, small businesses have the potential to count wages as part of the employer contribution. In Budget 2014, a few training measures were targeted at small business, including a reallocation of monies to place 1,000 interns in small businesses, and in the Canada Job Grant program, there will be flexibility for small business to claim wages as part of their employer-required contributions.</p>

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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Resolution	CCC Actions Taken	Planned CCC Actions	Government Actions to Date
Protecting Canada's Infrastructure (Asset Management)	<p>Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>Feb 12, 2014- meeting with Jeff Moore, ADM Infrastructure Canada.</p> <p>Regular Speeches and meetings on the importance of infrastructure investment and asset management plans.</p>	<p>Feb. 12/14 - meeting scheduled with Yazmine Laroche, Associate Deputy Minister, Infrastructure Canada</p> <p>Have requested a meeting with the Minister of Finance.</p>	<p>2014 Budget Commitment</p> <p>2014 Building Canada Plan</p>
Infrastructure Investment Essential to Mining Sector Growth	<p>Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of Natural Resources Oliver.</p>	<p>Potential participation in an Ontario Chamber of Commerce initiative to support the ring of fire.</p>	<p>May 2014- The Ontario government has pledged up to \$1 billion to support road and other infrastructure to support the Ring of Fire development. To date the federal government has not announced financial support for infrastructure development, although it remains in support of the project.</p>
Air Transportation Infrastructure in Canada's Territories	<p>Dec. 2013 Letter to Minister Lebel</p> <p>Feb 12, 2014- meeting with Jeff Moore, ADM Infrastructure Canada</p> <p>September 2014 - Letter to David Emerson regarding Transportation Act Review</p> <p>January 2016 - Discussed with/sent to François-Philippe Champagne, PS to the Minister of Finance by NWT Chamber (Pre-budget consultations)</p>	<p>Submissions on the Transportation Act Review</p>	
Improving Air Access for the Benefit of the National Economy	<p>Dec. 2013 Letter to Minister Raitt</p>	<p>Submissions on the Transportation Act Review</p>	
Canadian Air Transport Funding – Security	<p>Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty & Minister Blaney</p> <p>January 2014- Meeting with Minister Blaney</p>	<p>Submission on the Transportation Act Review</p>	
Mitigating the Impact of Community	<p>Dec. 2013 Letter to Minister Lebel & Minister Raitt</p>	<p>Submission on the Transportation Act Review</p>	

Development on Transportation Activity	Feb 12, 2014- meeting with Jeff Moore, ADM Infrastructure Canada		
Proposed National Marine Conservation Area – Strait of Georgia	Dec. 10/13 - Letter to Ministers Shea and Aglukkaq		
The Need for Trade Enabling Infrastructure: The Critical Importance of Canada’s Gateways	Dec. 2013 Letter to Minister Lebel & Minister Raitt	February 12- meeting scheduled with Yazmine Laroche, Associate Deputy Minister, Infrastructure Canada Submission on the Transportation Act Review	Building Canada 2014 created the \$4 billion National Infrastructure Component (NIC). The NIC will support projects of national significance and will be determined by project merit, guided by federal priorities.
Rural and Small Transit – The Missing Piece in Canada’s Transport Plans	Dec. 2013 Letter to Minister Raitt Feb 12, 2014- meeting with Jeff Moore, ADM Infrastructure Canada	Submission on the Transportation Act Review	Building Canada 2014 create the Small Communities Fund which will provide \$1 billion in funding for municipalities with fewer than 100,000 residents.
Capital Funding Stability for Canada’s International Airport	Dec. 2013 Letter to Minister Lebel & Minister Raitt	Submission on the Transportation Act Review	