

2015 Policy Resolution Activity Update

FINANCE AND TAXATION			
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Resolution	CCC Actions Taken	Planned CCC Actions	Government Actions to Date
Canada Revenue Agency Impact on Small Business	Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue, and Hon. Bardish Chagger, Minister of Small Business and Tourism Feb/15 - Meeting with Minister Chagger's Chief of Staff (Susanna Cluff-Clyburne)	Meetings with Members of House Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology Briefed CRA when we hosted roundtables for their "Serving Canadian Better" initiative.	
Fair Tax Process for Small Business	Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance, and to Hon. Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue, and Hon. Bardish Chagger, Minister of Small Business and Tourism Feb/15 - Meeting with Minister Chagger's Chief of Staff (Susanna Cluff-Clyburne)	Meetings with Members of House Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology Briefed CRA when we hosted roundtables for their "Serving Canadian Better" initiative.	
Federal Fiscal Policy	Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance	These recommendations were included in the Chamber's pre-budget submission	
Increasing Rental Inventory Through Fair Tax Treatment	Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance		
International Online Sales: An Important Shortfall for Governments	Dec./15 - Letters to Hon. Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance; Hon. Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science & Economic Development; and to Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Minister of International Trade		
Non-Residents Performing Services in Canada Policy - Waivers from Withholding Obligations Under Regulations 105 and 102	Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue	Briefed CRA when we hosted roundtables for their "Serving Canadian Better" initiative.	

Road Travel Rebate Incentive Program for Increased Tourism Revenue	Dec./15 – Letter to Hon. Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance, and to Hon. Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue		
Simplification of the Taxing Statutes	Dec./15 – Letter to Hon. Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance	Briefed CRA when we hosted roundtables for their “Serving Canadian Better” initiative.	
Strengthening Canada’s Workforce through Tax Indexing	Dec./15 – Letter to Hon. Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance	Briefed CRA when we hosted roundtables for their “Serving Canadian Better” initiative.	

INDUSTRY

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Canadian Nuclear Innovation	Dec./15 – Letter to Hon. Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science & Economic Development	Meetings with Members of House Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology	
CanNor and Territorial Businesses	<p>Dec./15 – Letter to Hon. Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science & Economic Development</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>March 7: Provided to/discussed with Earl Dreeshan, MP (House Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology)</p> <p>March 10: Provided to/discussed with MPs Alex Nuttall and Majid Jowhari, (House Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology)</p> <p>July 29: Meeting with Shaun Govender, Minister Bains’ office</p> <p>August 5: Meeting with Janet King, President, CanNor/Jan. 25/17: Meeting with Virginia Poter, VP, CanNor</p>	Meetings with Members of House Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology	<p>SINED has been renewed for 2 years pending an evaluation of whether it’s meeting its objectives. CanNor says is it trying to streamline its approval processes (which still end in the Minister’s office) by requesting expressions of interest for project funding in priority areas (green tech, economic development and economic diversification) rather than being totally reactive as it has been to date.</p> <p>One of CanNor’s 2017 priorities is one of the issues discussed is to clarify its role in supporting private-sector economic development in the territories and, once done, how to communicate it. V. Poter has committed to report back to Canadian Chamber in mid-2017 with a progress report.</p>
Capitalizing on Growth Opportunities in Canadian Auto Parts Manufacturing	Dec./15 – Letter to Hon. Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science & Economic Development and to Hon. Chrystia Freeland	Meetings with Members of House Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology	

Counteracting the Growing Productivity Gap: Call for the Public Debate	Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science & Economic Development	Meetings with Members of House Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology	
Developing a National Bioeconomy Strategy	Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science & Economic Development	Meetings with Members of House Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology	
Financial Protection for Canada's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Industry	Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Mar / 17 - Meeting with Matthew Mann, Director of Parliamentary Affairs for Minister MacAulay	Meetings with Members of House Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology Follow-up meeting with Matthew Mann in April 2017	
Increasing Technology and Productivity in Canadian Food Manufacturing	Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food	Meetings with Members of House Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology	
Restoring Business Competitiveness to Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation	Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science & Economic Development Engagement in lack of Constitutional merit of the law	Meetings with Members of House Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology Engagement with CRTC on enforcement approach	
Strengthen the Knowledge-Based Economy	Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science & Economic Development	Meetings with Members of House Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology	
Support Biotech in Agriculture	Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food	Meetings with Members of House Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology	
Timely, Reliable, Comparable Government Data for Canada's Businesses	Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. Scott Brison, President of the Treasury Board & Hon. Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science & Economic Development	Meetings with Members of House Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology	Nov./15 - Minister Brison's mandate letter includes direction to "Accelerate and expand open data initiatives and make government data available digitally, so that Canadians can easily access and use it."

	<p>March 7: Provided to/discussed with Earl Dreeshan, MP (House Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology)</p> <p>March 10: Provided to/discussed with MPs Alex Nuttall and Majid Jowhari, (House Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology)</p>		<p>Oct/16 - John Knubley, DM, ISED, said a U.S.-style SBIR program is being considered.</p> <p>Nov/16 - Same message communicated by Randal Cripps, Assistant Deputy Minister, Procurement</p>
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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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Canada Border Services Agency – Customs & Immigration Programs	Dec. 15 – Letter to Hon. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness		
Collection of Duty and Taxes at Canada/US Border	Dec./15 – Letters to Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Minister of International Trade; Hon. Stéphane Dion, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Hon. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness		
Elimination of Border Re-Inspections & Associated Fees on Canadian Meat Exports into USA	Dec./15 - Letters to Hon. Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food; Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Minister of International Trade; Hon. Stéphane Dion, Minister of Foreign Affairs May 26, 2017: Discussed progress achieved and plans for the Regulatory Cooperation Council following its move from the Privy Council Office to the Treasury Board Secretariat, with Mr. Robert Carberry, Assistant Secretary, Regulatory Cooperation Council Secretariat. July 29, 2016: Discussed Canada-US Regulatory Cooperation, noting the importance of aligning regulatory processes on both sides of the border with The Hon Scott Brison.		Bill C-23, the Preclearance Act, proposed.
Increasing Canadian Agri-Food Exports	Dec./15 - Letters to Hon. Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Minister of International Trade		
Next Steps for Canada’s Trade Relationship with the Asia-Pacific	Dec./15 – Letters to Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Minister of International Trade and Hon. Stéphane Dion, Minister of Foreign Affairs Feb 26, 2016: The Hon Perrin Beatty, President and CEO of the Canadian Chamber of		

	Commerce, gave testimony at the House of Commons Committee on International Trade, on the benefits of the Trans Pacific Partnership.		
Renewing the Canada-U.S. Trade Relationship	Dec./15 - Letters to Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Minister of International Trade and Hon. Stéphane Dion, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Hon. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness		

HUMAN RESOURCES

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<p>Make Significant Changes to Address Issues in Foreign Worker Programs</p>	<p>Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. MaryAnn Mihychuk, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour</p> <p>Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship</p> <p>Jan./16 - Phone call between Minister Mihychuk and Perrin Beatty</p> <p>Feb./16 - Meeting between the Chief of Staff to Minister Mihychuk and Sarah Anson-Cartwright (CCC)</p> <p>Feb./16 - Meeting between the Policy Advisor to the PMO on TFWP (and other files) and Sarah Anson-Cartwright (CCC)</p>	<p>Request to meet Minister Michychuk.</p> <p>Request to meet Minister McCallum.</p> <p>Plans to inform and help the Chamber network appear and participate in the parliamentary review of the TFW Program. Dates TBC.</p>	<p>Feb /16 - Minister Mihychuk has stated public that she would like a parliamentary committee to review the changes to the Temporary Foreign Worker Program. No date has been set yet for a review.</p> <p>Feb16 - Minister Mihychuk replied to Perrin Beatty's letter of Dec./15. She notes in particular that Service Canada is continuously reviewing the LMIA application and processing procedures to find efficiencies and improve the service it provides to employers.</p>
<p>Citizenship and Immigration Canada Regional Settlement</p>	<p>Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship</p>	<p>Request to meet Minister McCallum.</p>	<p>The Immigration Minister and his department have been preoccupied with the Syrian Refugee Initiative. That said, the focus on resettlement efforts affords a good opening to engage on regional settlement needs.</p>
<p>Creating Pan-Canadian Training and Certification Standards</p>	<p>Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. MaryAnn Mihychuk, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour</p>		<p>Feb /16 - Minister Mihychuk replied to Perrin Beatty's letter of Dec./15, noting ESDC's work with provinces and territories and with the Red Seal program.</p>
<p>Federal Support for Transition in the Food Processing Industry</p>	<p>Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. MaryAnn Mihychuk, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour</p> <p>Feb./16 - Meeting between the Chief of Staff to Minister Mihychuk and Sarah Anson-Cartwright (CCC)</p>		<p>Feb /16 - Minister Mihychuk replied to Perrin Beatty's letter of Dec./15. In the letter, she notes that she has heard the concerns of the industry and has instructed departmental officials to examine them further, including undertaking a thorough analysis of the labour market.</p>

	Feb./16 - Meeting between the Policy Advisor to the PMO on TFWP (and other files) and Sarah Anson-Cartwright (CCC)		
Supporting Canadian Students' Transition to Employment Through Work Placements	<p>Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. MaryAnn Mihychuk, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour</p> <p>Feb./16 - Meeting between the Chief of Staff to Minister Mihychuk and Sarah Anson-Cartwright (CCC)</p> <p>Feb./16 - Meeting between the Policy Advisor to the PMO on employment (and other files) and Sarah Anson-Cartwright (CCC)</p> <p>Feb./16 - Conversation between Senior ADM, Skills and Employment Branch, ESDC and Sarah Anson-Cartwright (CCC)</p>		Feb /16 - Minister Mihychuk replied to Perrin Beatty's letter of Dec./15. In her reply, she notes the government is committed to working with employers and the post-secondary education system to create more co-op placements for students.

NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT

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Accelerating Domestic Styrofoam Reuse and Remanufacture for Environmental and Economic Gain	Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change	A meeting has been requested with Minister McKenna and Mr Beatty.	
Clean Technology and the Renewable Energy Sector in Canada	Dec./15 - Letters to Hon. Jim Carr, Minister of Natural Resources; Hon. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change; Hon. Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science & Economic Development; and to Hon. Stéphane Dion, Minister of Foreign Affairs	June 10/16 -The Canadian Chamber hosted a clean tech roundtable to develop advocacy on this area.	The Canadian Government pledged \$1 billion over the next few years as part of its contribution to Mission Innovation to support clean technology and the national climate change strategy.
Does Our Water Abundance Mask a Potential Challenge? The Need for a National Water Framework	Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change	A meeting has been requested with Minister McKenna and Mr Beatty.	
Energy Productivity: A Win-win for Canada's Economy and Environment	Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. Jim Carr, Minister of Natural Resources		
Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Reduction through Economic Instruments	Dec./15 - Letters to Hon. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change; and to Hon. Stéphane Dion, Minister of Foreign Affairs	<p>A meeting has been requested with Minister McKenna and Mr Beatty.</p> <p>The Canadian Chamber Natural Resource and Environment Committee has held a series of briefings with ECCC/Finance Canada officials and ministerial staff on the development of carbon pricing.</p> <p>Canadian Chamber staff participated in three consultation session on the Pan-Canadian Framework for Clean Growth and Climate Change in Summer of 2016.</p>	December 2016 - The Prime Minister announced the Pan Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change along with 8 provinces and the territories.

<p>Preserving Economic Benefits under the Extractive Sector Transparency Measures Act</p>	<p>Dec./15 - Letters to Hon. Jim Carr, Minister of Natural Resources; and to Hon. Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance</p>		
<p>Support for TransCanada's Energy East Project</p>	<p>Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. Jim Carr, Minister of Natural Resources</p> <p>The Canada Resource Cities Initiative, a program to share the messages of the Partnership for Resource Trade through a speaker's tour with Jean Charest, a tour of Alberta's energy industry and a series of infographic brochures.</p>	<p>The Canadian Chamber will participate in the NEB's public consultation process on the pipeline project.</p> <p>The Canadian Chamber is partnering with five local chambers to submit into the National Energy Board Expert Panel process.</p> <p>The 2016 Program for Resource Champions included a day of action on May 26, additional infographics and supporting materials for local chambers.</p>	<p>Jan 2017 - The federal government has launched an expert panel to review the National Energy Board process.</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>
<p>Support Future Mineral Exploration and Mining in Canada</p>	<p>Dec./15 - Letters to Hon. Jim Carr, Minister of Natural Resources; and to Hon. Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance</p>	<p>Oct 31 2016- Mr Beatty met with Minister Carr</p>	
<p>Supporting Canada to Become a Leader in Global Mining Innovation</p>	<p>Dec./15 - Letters to Hon. Jim Carr, Minister of Natural Resources; Hon. Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science & Economic Development; and to Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Minister of International Trade</p>	<p>Oct 31 2016- Mr Beatty met with Minister Carr</p> <p>June 8 2016 - The Canadian Chamber held a clean tech roundtable with ISED and NRCan staff to discuss issues related to this resolution.</p>	

SOCIAL POLICY

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Addressing the Pension Issue - Enhancing the Canadian Pension Plan	Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance		

SPECIAL ISSUES

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Alignment of Federal and Provincial Liens Policies	Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. Scott Brison, President of the Treasury Board; and to Hon. Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue		
Developing a National Urban Policy for Canadian Cities	Dec./15 - Letter to Hon. Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities		

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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Resolution	CCC Actions Taken	Planned CCC Actions	Government Actions to Date
<p>Harmonizing Transportation of Oversized Shipments Across Canada</p>	<p>Dec. 10/15 Letter to Hon. Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport</p> <p>Apr/16 Testimony before Senate Committee on Banking Trade and Commerce re: Internal Trade</p> <p>May/16 Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Meeting with Minister Garneau</p> <p>Jan/17 Meeting with Chief of Staff to Minister Bains re: new internal trade deal</p> <p>Mar/17 Testimony before Senate Committee on Banking Trade and Commerce re: study on the concept of a national transportation and utility corridor</p>	<p>Board Meeting with Minister Garneau in March 2017</p> <p>Continued engagement with ISED political and departmental officials on the potential of a new internal trade deal</p>	<p>Jun/16 Premiers agreement-in-principle for a new Canada Free Trade Agreement</p> <p>Sept/16 Creation of a federal-provincial-territorial task force to look into interprovincial truck-related regulations to harmonize regulations wherever possible</p>
<p>Moving the Goods: Transportation of Canada's Natural Resources</p>	<p>Dec./15 Letters to Hon. Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport; and to Hon. Jim Carr, Minister of Natural Resources</p> <p>Apr/16 Meetings with MPs on the House Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure and Communities</p> <p>Oct / 16 Submission to Transport Canada on the future of Canada's Transportation System</p> <p>Oct/16 Submission to Infrastructure Canada on Phase 2 of the Federal Infrastructure Plan</p> <p>Mar/17 Testimony before Senate Committee on Banking Trade and Commerce re: study on the concept of a national transportation and utility corridor</p>	<p>Board Meeting with Minister Garneau in March 2017</p> <p>Continued engagement with MPs and Ministers</p>	<p>Nov/16 - \$10.1B in new infrastructure funding announced for Trade and Transportation Infrastructure</p> <p>Positive Environmental Assessment for the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Expansion</p>
<p>Rail Service Issues in Canada</p>	<p>Dec. 10/15 Letter to Hon. Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport</p> <p>Apr/16 Meetings with MPs on the House Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure and Communities</p>	<p>Board Meeting with Minister Garneau in March 2017</p> <p>Continued engagement with MPs and Ministers</p>	

	May/16 Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Meeting with Minister Garneau		
Regulating Unmanned Aerial Vehicles in Canada	Dec. 10/15 Letter to Hon. Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport May/16 Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Meeting with Minister Garneau	Board Meeting with Minister Garneau in March 2017	Dec/16 - issued two new UAV exemptions for non-recreational for work or research to conduct lower-risk operations without having to apply for a Special Flight Operations Certificate (SFOC). Announced they will introduce regulations for small drones operated within visual line-of-sight in Spring 2017 with objective of facilitating innovation, while addressing safety concerns that will have comment opportunities for interest parties.
Strategic Public Infrastructure for a Competitive Canada	Dec./15 Letters to Hon. Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities; and to Hon. Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance May/16 Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Meeting with Minister Garneau May/16 Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Meeting with Minister Sohi Oct/16 Testimony before Senate Committee on National Finance re: federal infrastructure programs Oct/16 Submission to Infrastructure Canada on Phase 2 of the Federal Infrastructure Plan Nov/16 Board Meeting with Minister Sohi	Board Meeting with Minister Garneau in March 2017 Continued engagement with MPs and Ministers	Mar/16 -Budget 2016 earmarked \$120B / 10 years of infrastructure funding with a focus on social, transit and green infrastructure Nov/16 - increased federal commitment to \$180B / 11 years adding \$2B for rural and remote infrastructure and \$10.1B for Trade and Transportation Infrastructure
The Importance to the Economy of Expanded Oil Pipeline Infrastructure	Dec. 10/15 Letter to Hon. James Carr, Minister of Natural Resources Oct/16 Testimony before Senate Committee on National Finance re: federal infrastructure programs Oct/16 Submission to Infrastructure Canada on Phase 2 of the Federal Infrastructure Plan Mar/17 Testimony before Senate Committee on Banking Trade and Commerce re: study on the concept of a national transportation and utility corridor	Continued engagement with MPs and Ministers	Positive Environmental Assessment for the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Expansion

