

Robert Youden elected Chair of the Board of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce

St-John's, Newfoundland and Labrador - September 20, 2011. Robert Youden, Partner, Savarin Consulting from Quispamsis, New Brunswick, was elected volunteer Chair of the Board of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce for 2011-2012 at its Annual General Meeting in St-John's today (biography attached).

"The Canadian Chamber's greatest strength has always been the power of the chamber network and the ability of businesses of all sizes and from everywhere across Canada to speak with one voice," said Robert Youden, Chair of the Board of Directors. "As the most influential business association in Canada, the Canadian Chamber is the primary and vital link between business and the federal government. We have a demonstrated impact on public policy and decision-making to the benefit of business and for all Canadians."

"Robert Youden is a well respected and committed executive who brings with him over 30 years of progressive business management and leadership experience" said Perrin Beatty, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. "He will be an outstanding Chair for the Canadian Chamber."

Robert Youden is joined on the Canadian Chamber leadership team by:

Perrin Beatty, *President and CEO*, Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Ottawa, Ontario

David Paterson, *First Vice Chair*; Vice President, Government Relations and Public Policy, Research in Motion (RIM), Waterloo, Ontario

Pat Horgan, *Second Vice Chair*; Vice President, Manufacturing, Development & Operations, IBM Canada, Markham, Ontario

Richard Payette, *Third Vice Chair*, National Firm Development Partner, BDO Canada LLP, Montreal, Quebec

John Jacobsen, *Treasurer*; President, Tower Group of Companies, Iqaluit, Nunavut

Elyse Allan, *Immediate Past-Chair of the Board*; President and Chief Executive Officer, GE Canada, Mississauga, Ontario

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce is the vital connection between business and the federal government. It helps shape public policy and decision-making to the benefit of businesses, communities and families across Canada with a network of over 420 chambers of commerce and boards of trade, representing 192,000 businesses of all sizes in all sectors of the economy and in all regions. News and information are available at www.chamber.ca or follow us on Twitter [@CdnChamberofCom](https://twitter.com/CdnChamberofCom).

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