

GREATER SUDBURY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Committees and Task Force Mandates and Outcomes 2018-2019

Provincial Advocacy Committee

MANDATE

The Provincial Advocacy Committee (PAC) will provide leadership in addressing provincial issues of importance to the Greater Sudbury business community. It will attempt to identify, communicate, and remove barriers to doing business in the province and enhance the overall economic prosperity of Northern Ontario. The committee will pay particular attention to:

- the cost of doing business;
- energy prices;
- labour and employment laws; and
- Highway 69.

OUTCOMES

The Cost of Doing Business:

1. Monitor the cumulative regulatory burden (red tape) on local businesses as pertaining to provincial regulations.
2. Advocate for greater transparency with regards to provincial policy development.
3. Develop recommendations for improvement/progress and communicate them to appropriate provincial decision makers, including participating in any relevant consultation invitation by the provincial government.
4. Share with our members and the broader business community our positions, if and when feasible.

Energy Prices:

1. Research and advocate for policy addressing energy-related challenges and barriers to doing business in Northern Ontario, such as by consulting and partnering with other Northern Ontario Chambers of Commerce.
2. Monitor the status of the dispute between the provincial and federal governments with regards to a carbon tax, and advocate for greater transparency and predictability, if and when feasible.
3. Share with our members and the broader business community our positions, if and when feasible.

Labour and Employment Laws:

1. Partner with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce to campaign for a full repeal of Bill 148.
2. Continue efforts to educate the local business community on the impacts of Bill 148, the Pay Transparency Act, and other changes in labour and employment laws.
3. Share with our members and the broader business community our positions, if and when feasible.

Highway 69:

1. Continue to communicate to the provincial government the importance of Highway 69, and continue to advocate for the complete four-laning of the highway.
2. Share with our members and the broader business community our positions, if and when feasible.

Other:

1. Work in partnership with the OCC on policy issues it is addressing through its pipeline and, where appropriate, provide input or collaboration on these matters. Communicate the outcomes with our members and other appropriate stakeholders (media, government, etc.).
2. Develop at least one original policy resolution for submission to the OCC or CCC AGM; consider ways to collaborate with northern chambers to co-sponsor any resolutions.
3. Monitor other provincial issues identified in the public policy survey and respond as necessary.
4. Share with our members and the broader business community our positions, if and when feasible.