



Ontario Chamber Network mobilizes businesses to put shared prosperity, economic development front-and-centre in upcoming election

Milton, Tuesday, February 13, 2018 – Today the Milton Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC), launched a major province-wide letter writing campaign urging businesses to encourage their local provincial candidates to support the OCC’s election platform, *Vote Prosperity*. To ensure economic prosperity is at the forefront of the 2018 provincial election, the OCC has developed 18 recommendations that will help bolster Ontario’s long-term economic outcomes.

This letter-writing campaign is the next phase of this advocacy effort, building on ongoing government relations activities. We are calling on our local candidates to read *Vote Prosperity* and engage with our local business community to ensure business priorities are heard.

“The upcoming provincial election provides our business community with an opportunity to ensure that our businesses are being heard by our future elected officials,” said Scott McCammon, President & CEO, Milton Chamber of Commerce. “*Vote Prosperity* provides political parties with tangible solutions to address the challenges businesses are currently facing and to ensure that Ontario is building a prosperous economy that supports local business in our community and across the province.”

Over the next 12 weeks, the Ontario Chamber Network will be advocating *Vote Prosperity* with local provincial candidates across the province through meetings, social media activation and with the letter writing campaign. *Vote Prosperity* is built around four fundamental pillars to support a strong economy in Ontario: strengthening business competitiveness, fostering job creation, building healthy communities and improving government accountability.

“We are calling on all political leaders to read *Vote Prosperity* and consider our recommendations as we aim to make Ontario the best place to start and grow a business,” said Rocco Rossi, President and CEO, Ontario Chamber of Commerce. “It’s simple, when you choose prosperity, Ontario wins.”

The OCC released *Vote Prosperity* in October 2017, ahead of most of the major political parties’ platform development. Some of the recommendations from *Vote Prosperity* include:

- Allow Ontario businesses to purchase surplus electricity at rates equal to or better than the exported price to other jurisdictions;
- Allocate resources to focus support on high growth firms and those with high growth potential, by delaying taxation on corporate income growth to overcome Ontario’s scale-up challenge;
- Focus on strategic growth policies by ensuring that land use planning and development regulations are aligned, to increase density and create more housing stock;
- Create a meaningful plan to tackle the debt and move towards balanced or surplus budgets.

[Read more about the Vote Prosperity platform](#), and [send a letter in support](#).

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