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Perrin Beatty Announces He Will Leave the Canadian Chamber of Commerce

-Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Ottawa

Perrin Beatty has announced that he will leave the Canadian Chamber of Commerce on August 31, 2024. His announcement starts a process of leadership renewal on the cusp of the Chamber's 100th anniversary in 2025.

"This is an opportunity for both the Canadian Chamber and for me to focus on how we can contribute most in the years ahead. I've been grateful for every minute here," says Beatty.

Beatty is the longest serving of the Canadian Chamber's Presidents. During his 17 years as President and CEO, he has strengthened the organization, leaving a solid base for his successor to build upon.



The COVID-19 pandemic, during which the Canadian Chamber provided critical support for the business community and served as a key advisor to governments, led to a major rebuilding of the Canadian Chamber's mandate and structure. As the country emerged from the crisis, the Canadian Chamber focused on how the organization could best serve Canadians.

Chamber 2025, the strategic plan produced by this review, has driven the strongest growth in the organization's history.

"Chamber 2025 transformed our organization, making it more relevant and more successful than ever before," says Beatty. "Not only have we added new tools and services for Canadian businesses and chambers and boards of trade across the country, but we have grown substantially, doubling our revenues over just the last four years."

"Along the way, we have modernized our governance structure, built a skilled and respected team, strengthened our grassroots network of chambers and boards of trade and provided a strong and influential voice for Canada's business community."

It's important to keep the momentum going, says Beatty: "I'm proud of what our team has accomplished together, but we can't stop here. As we prepare to celebrate the Chamber's 100th anniversary next year, we need an unwavering focus on the future. The next CEO will bring a fresh perspective and renewed energy to that process."

Candace Laing, Chair of the Board of Directors, says the Board is grateful for Beatty's extraordinary record of service to both the Chamber and the country: "He is a relentless believer in the Canadian Chamber Network's power to act as a united voice to support success for every size and sector of business. And he's remarkable in his work with a huge range of stakeholders in that he always builds partnerships that will benefit not just business, but all of Canada."

Beatty is leaving the Canadian Chamber in a particularly strong position, says Laing. "The Board and the Chamber team take enormous pride in their work. Our new President and CEO will have the privilege of working with a very strong team to ensure a great future for Canadian businesses. And they'll be doing that at a time when the Canadian Chamber has more influence and greater impact than ever before."

A Special Committee of the Board will conduct the search for the next President and CEO using a recruitment firm. The Board's goal is a smooth transition. "This is an unparalleled opportunity to lead an agile organization that is transforming and growing to deliver more to its member," says Penny Wise, Vice Chair of the Board. "We're determined to harness the momentum to make the Canadian Chamber even more relevant to the next generation of business leaders."

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Saskatchewan Chamber Reacts to Provincial Budget Aimed at Economic Growth

-Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, Regina

The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce is pleased by the Government of Saskatchewan's 2024-25 budget which seeks to bolster Saskatchewan's economy. The Chamber has consistently urged the Government of Saskatchewan to adopt policies that would:

- foster a competitive taxation environment to stimulate investment,
- promote policies that support sustainable economic expansion,
- allocate government spending to critical areas such as healthcare and infrastructure; and
- implement measures to streamline government size and expenditures, ensuring efficiency.

The Government of Saskatchewan's 2024-25 budget introduces key initiatives and provides funding that aligns with the priorities of our members. We are particularly pleased to have the Government respond to our advocacy efforts in support of maintaining the small business tax rate at 1%. In addition, the Chamber is encouraged to see the following initiatives announced:

- The various new, extended, and expanded incentives across critical minerals, energy, innovation, and technology will serve as a catalyst for investment by leveraging Saskatchewan's natural advantages.
- The Saskatchewan Labour Market Strategy that outlines how Saskatchewan people will benefit from a growing economy and will help ensure Saskatchewan's job-creators have access to the workforce needed to grow.
- The improvement of over 1,100 km of highways and investment in strategic transportation routes will continue to support our province's export-driven economy.
- The allocation of funds towards enhancing Saskatchewan businesses' capacity to expand and connect with international markets.

The Chamber also welcomes new government spending on today's most pressing issues with increased investments in healthcare and infrastructure, along with an enhanced focus on natural resources, as these issues were identified as priorities by our members.

While no new taxes or tax increases were announced, the Chamber would further encourage the government to seriously consider a reduction of the PST in the future.

The Chamber is optimistic that these measures will create a robust foundation for enhanced business investment, entrepreneurship, and job creation across the province.

"This budget not only acknowledges the vital role of Saskatchewan's business community in driving economic growth but also lays down practical steps to support it," said Prabha Ramaswamy, CEO of the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce. "We are particularly pleased to see a focus on competitiveness, attracting investment, and prioritization of spending on what matters most to our business community."

As Saskatchewan prepares for the upcoming election, the Chamber remains committed to working alongside the government to ensure the continued prosperity of our province's economy and the well-being of its people.

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