

Fredericton Chamber of Commerce presents brief to City Council

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(Fredericton, NB) – The Fredericton Chamber of Commerce presented their 2013 municipal brief to city council on Monday, 27 May 2013 at council’s regular meeting.

Overall, the brief focused on long-term planning and the City’s continued engagement with residents and stakeholders. Specifically, the brief contained background information and recommendations on property taxes and assessments, infrastructure renewal, zoning, and economic development.

“The chamber has had an excellent working relationship with the City of Fredericton for many years,” stated Krista Ross, CEO of the Fredericton Chamber. “Our organizations communicate on a regular basis on many issues, but it is important for us to also correspond with all three levels of government more formally as well. Taking clear positions on relevant local business issues is a key part of our mandate that our members expect to see.”

The chamber intends to continue this process annually moving forward.

“Without as much business experience as one typically sees on city councils, we feel that the chamber can be their eyes and ears in the business community and a conduit to business opinions,” stated Mark MacKenzie, co-chair of the chamber’s Municipal Government Affairs Committee and presenter of the chamber’s brief. “Obviously, we are all pulling in the same direction, so it is a benefit to each organization to communicate regularly.”

The full-text of the chamber’s submission to city council can be found on our website at www.frederictonchamber.ca.

With more than 950 members, the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce is one of Atlantic Canada’s largest chambers of commerce. A dynamic business organization, the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce is actively engaged in policy development that affects the competitiveness of our members and of the Canadian business environment.

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