

Fredericton Chamber of Commerce Hosting “Political Leadership Series”

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(Fredericton, NB) – The Fredericton Chamber of Commerce is organizing a “Political Leadership Series” throughout April. The chamber will host the leader from each of New Brunswick’s five registered parties on consecutive Wednesday mornings throughout the month at the Crowne Plaza Lord Beaverbrook Hotel in Fredericton.

All events will begin at 8:00 a.m. on the following schedule:

April 2nd – Kris Austin, People’s Alliance of New Brunswick
April 9th – David Coon, Green Party of New Brunswick
April 16th – Dominic Cardy, New Brunswick New Democratic Party
April 23rd – Brian Gallant, New Brunswick Liberal Party
April 30th – David Alward, Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick

“This is our first 2014 New Brunswick pre-election activity ahead of the vote on September 22nd,” said Krista Ross, chamber CEO. “Making our membership more politically informed is part of the service we provide through our advocacy efforts. We hope that hearing from each leader five months ahead of the election will kick-start discussions amongst our membership about what issues matter most to the business community, where we want to take our province and how we are going to get there.”

All sessions are free to attend and open to the general public.

“We want to make our pre-election activities as inclusive as possible,” added Joseph O’Donnell, the chamber’s First Vice President and co-chair of its Provincial Government Affairs Committee. “Obviously our first priority is to serve our members and their interests, but there is no more communal experience than an election so we hope the entire community takes an interest to get involved and informed.”

The chamber’s Provincial Government Affairs Committee is also in the process of putting together its top ten questions for the party leaders, which will be released subsequent to the speaker series.

“With over 900 members of all types and sizes it can be difficult to get consensus on what the most important business issues actually are,” said Cathy Pugh, chamber board member and the committee’s other co-chair. “So we are looking to include a mix of general and specific issues that will address as many concerns as possible.”

*With more than 900 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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