



AIRDRIE

*Chamber of Commerce*

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# **Airdrie Chamber of Commerce Advocacy Committee**

## **2019 Member Survey Summary**

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## Overview

The Airdrie Chamber of Commerce represents 500+ members and works as the voice of business to influence federal, provincial and municipal governments on issues that affect how our members operate their businesses.

This document is a summary of the results from a survey commissioned by the Advocacy Committee in March 2019. The goal of the survey was to better understand the concerns and priorities of our membership in order to advocate on their behalf.

## Advocacy Committee Members

- Glen Saskiw (Chair)
- Glen Smaha
- Ron Zuke
- Warren Keane

## Survey Questions

The survey contained four questions:

1. What issue at the local government level is most important to you?
2. What issue at the provincial government level is most important to you?
3. What issue at the federal government level is most important to you?
4. Is there another issue as or more important to you that doesn't fall under the above three categories?

## Local Issues Summary

Property Taxes (7)

Lack of affordable office/commercial Space (6)

Too much red tape, Permitting Problems (4)

Infrastructure (Highway Overpass, Traffic & Roads) (4)

Downtown Upgrade/Beautification (3)

Accessibility / Need for new services (2)

Water Conservation Bylaw (1)

Political Leadership (1)

Overcrowded Schools (1)

Property Crime (1) Car Theft

Affordable Housing for low wage earners (1)

Land Use & Secondary Suites (1)

Early Childhood (1)

Safety of our Businesses? (1)

Servicing of Annexed Land (1)

Building the local Economy (1)

Balanced Budget (1)

## Provincial Issues Summary

Pipeline Delays (7)

Minimum Wage Increase (6)

High Taxes (6)

Business/Corporate Tax (4)

Restrictive Labor Laws (4)

Carbon Tax (2)

Increased Spending (2)

Restrictive Mortgage Rules (2)

Healthcare (2)

Leadership Concerns, Indecision, Socialism (2)

Job Creation (1)

Better Climate for Small Business

Highway 2 Increased Access (1)

Economic Development (1)

Early Childhood (1)

Finance Minister (insurance) (1)

Transport (registry services) (1)

Train going through Airdrie (1)

## Federal Issues Summary

Lack of Support for Energy Sector, Pipelines (10)

Lack of Support Small Business / Abundance of red Tape (9)

Changes to Income Tax / Income Splitting Rules (4)

Taxation Burden (4)

Equalization Payments (4)

Fiscal Mismanagement (3)

Carbon Tax (3)

Overall Poor Economic Climate (3)

Poor Leadership (3)

Preoccupation with Quebec (2)

Mortgage Rules (1)

Loss of Investment (1)

Canadian Dollar (1)

Job Creation (1)

Spending outside Canada (1)

Political Correctness (1)

Lack of Workforce Training (1)

Lack of Direction & Support for Cannabis Industry (1)

Legalization of Cannabis (1)

Minimum Wage Increase (1)

Unsecure Immigration (1)

Early Childhood Development (1)