



TILLSONBURG DISTRICT
Chamber of Commerce

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TILLSONBURG DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

INPUT TO JANUARY 23RD 2019 MINISTRY OF FINANCE 2019 BUDGET CONSULTATION WITH THE HONOURABLE VIC FEDELI, MINISTER OF FINANCE

THE TILLSONBURG DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE INPUT ON HOW TO MAKE ONTARIO BETTER.

RED TAPE REDUCTION

- SIMPLIFY THE ONTARIO BUILDING CODE INCLUDING REMOVING BURDENOME ACCESSIBILITY & GREEN INITIATIVES
- REMOVE MUNICIPAL BYLAWS THAT CONTRADICT PROVINCIAL POLICY SUCH AS THE MINIMUM SIZE OF HOUSING UNITS
- IMPLEMENT THE ONE YEAR MAXIMUM TIMELINE FOR RESPONSES FROM ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (AS PREMIER FORD EXPLAINED DURING HIS CAMPAIGN)
- GOVERNMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS AND REPORTING ARE VERY ONNEROUS. EXPLORE OTHER INCENTIVES SUCH AS SHORTENED AMORTIZATION PERIODS AND REDUCED TAX RATES.
- ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDIES AS WELL AS OTHER STUDIES ARE MANDATED TOO OFTEN, AND OFTEN PREVENTS INVESTMENT IN THE PROVINCE
- WE HAVE ATTACHED IN OUR WRITTEN SUBMISSION "**THE RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES ACT POLICY**" THAT HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE ONTARIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (OCC) THAT URGES CHANGES TO THE ACT TO MAKE THE SYSTEM MORE EQUITABLE AND TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT IN AFFORDABLE AND ATTAINABLE HOUSING
- ALSO ATTACHED IS OUR WRITTEN SUBMISSION "**PROVINCE OF ONTARIO WIDE LOAD PERMIT POLICY**" ALSO ENDORSED BY THE ONTARIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (OCC) THAT RECOMMENDS CHANGES TO ONTARIO'S WIDE LOAD PERMIT SYSTEM.

IMPROVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE DELIVERY

- DEVELOP THE SINGLE PORTAL SYSTEM FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES

MORE MONEY IN PEOPLES POCKETS

- CONTINUE TO APPEAL THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S CURRENT CARBON TAX AND/OR A CAP AND TRADE SYSTEM
- CARBON IS A GLOBAL PROBLEM NOT AN ONTARIO PROBLEM
- EXPLORE OPTIONS TO UTILIZE CANADIAN SCRUBBING TECHNOLOGY IN COUNTRIES STILL USING COAL AS FUEL SOURCE.

HYDRO MESS

- RENEGLIATE GREEN ENERGY CONTRACTS THAT ARE AFFORDABLE TO THE PROVINCE BY INCENTIVISING THE VENDORS TO EXTEND THE TERM AT MORE AFFORDABLE RATES
- OVERHAUL THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD (OEB) TO CUT COSTS TO RUN LDC'S

CREATING / PROTECTING JOBS

- CONTINUE TO KEEP ONTARIO COMPETITIVE BY REDUCING CORPORATE INCOME TAX TO ATTRACT NEW INVESTMENT
- ADJUST SECONDARY AND POST SECONDARY CURRICULUMS TO ALIGN WITH JOB MARKET NEEDS

WASTE AND MISMANAGEMENT IN GOVERNMENT

- GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT NEEDS A TOTAL OVERHAUL
- GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS NEED TO BE ON THE OPEN MARKET WITH A BETTER SYSTEM TO ENSURE VALUE FOR OUR TAX DOLLARS

HOSPITAL WAIT TIMES

- ENHANCE PRIMARY CARE ACCESS BY IMPLEMENTING THE NURSE PRACTITIONER Led CLINIC (NPLC) TEAM-BASED SALARY MODEL OF CARE IN MORE COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY WHERE THERE IS A PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE
- USE NURSE PRACTITIONERS TO THEIR FULL SCOPE OF PRACTICE, TO HELP REDUCE THE STRESS ON HOSPITALS AND DOCTORS' OFFICES

SUMMARY

WE URGE THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO RUN ONTARIO LIKE A BUSINESS THAT HOLDS EVERY DEPARTMENT AND MINISTRY ACCOUNTABLE FROM HYDRO TO HEALTHCARE.

Matt Esseltine
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