

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **BC Chamber brings made-in-B.C. policies on TPP, resource infrastructure expansion, Canada – US Border Pact, and development of Clean Energy Sector to Canadian Chamber AGM**

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#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Vancouver, October 16, 2015** – At this weekend’s Canadian Chamber of Commerce AGM in Ottawa (October 17-18), the BC Chamber of Commerce will be calling for:

- a push to ensure the incoming federal government implement the recent Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), with focus on the next steps to expand Canada’s Trade relationship with the Asia-Pacific;
- continued federal support of a responsible framework for expanded oil pipeline infrastructure;
- harmonization of regulatory process to streamline traffic and trade with a renewed focus on Canada – US Border Pact;
- development and expansion of Canada’s Clean Technology and Renewable Energy Sector

“B.C.’s economy has a major stake in these national issues,” said Jon Garson, president and CEO of the BC Chamber of Commerce. “Opening up trade to Asia-Pacific markets by ensuring the TPP is implemented by the elected government, alleviating congestion by renewing Canada – US Border Pact to get our goods and people moving, and making sure infrastructure is set-in-place, to get not just our province’s resources, but the country’s resources to market – there is much on the table federally that is of great importance to British Columbia.”

Moving the dial, three made-in-B.C. policies are proposing:

- expand bilateral trade and investment agreements in Asia, and ensure the implementation of the TPP (See the policy, *Next Steps for Canada’s Trade Relationship with the Asia-Pacific*, [here](#))
- improve the movement of people and goods across all modes by fully resourcing and implementing programs identified by the Beyond the Border initiative. And work with the U.S. to implement the TPP agreement as a foundation for the North American trade with Asia (See the policy, *Renewing the Canada-U.S. Trade Relationship*, [here](#)).

- continue to support a responsible framework for resource development that understands, assesses, mitigates, manages and monitors all economic, social and environmental impacts and benefits (See the policy, *The Importance to the Economy of Expanded Oil Pipeline Infrastructure*, [here](#)).

Another made-in-B.C. policy proposes Canada establish ourselves as a global leader in developing clean and renewable technologies. Garson noted, there is a perceived dichotomy between resource development and green technologies, fact is B.C. and Canada needs both sectors to be competitive globally. (See the policy, *Clean Technology and the Renewable Energy Sector in Canada*, [here](#)).

*The BC Chamber is the largest and most broadly-based business organization in the province. Representing more than 125 Chambers of Commerce and 36,000 businesses of every size, sector and region of the province, the BC Chamber of Commerce is “The Voice of Business in BC.”*

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