

## Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce and Canadian Chamber welcome revised tax reforms and lower small business tax rate but remain concerned

**Port Alberni, BC, October 16, 2017** — The Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce welcome the government's plans to revise its proposed tax reforms and to reduce the small business tax rate as a result of the comments and concerns expressed through the national #ProtectGrowth campaign and in consultations.

"The Government has to listen to our voice and they are," said Bill Collette – Executive Director.

As Canadians celebrate Small Business Week, Chamber representatives congratulate the thousands of businesspeople who joined the mobilization and made their voices heard on this important issue affecting Canadian workers and employers.

The Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce also noted the Minister's call for further input from Canadian businesses, and intends to continue providing a voice to ensure the tax system is simpler and less of a burden on Canada's competitiveness.

"It is always more productive when government and business work together. We can only hope the government will listen as we provide advice on those areas where more remains to be done, and that they will propose concrete data to back up their claims. The Canadian Chamber will be working with the AVCOC and other chambers across the country for suggestions on reforms that can improve the competitiveness of Canada's tax system. Lowering the small business tax rate is one such measure, but there is still much room for improvement," Mr. Beatty said. "We must ensure that Canada, and with it Port Alberni, remain attractive places to do business. Although there is a great deal of work to be done, today's announcement is a positive first step, but we expect more and we will be vigilant on the next steps," he concluded.

The Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce representing more than 300 local Businesses is committed to speaking on behalf of the Business Community to ensure that Government Policy at all levels is fair and equitable to all of the area's hard working entrepreneurs.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce is the vital connection between business and the federal government. It helps shape public policy and decision-making to the benefit of businesses, communities and families across Canada with a network of over 450 chambers of commerce and boards of trade, representing 200,000 businesses of all sizes in all sectors of the economy and in all regions. News and information are available at [Chamber.ca](http://Chamber.ca) or follow us on Twitter [@CdnChamberofCom](https://twitter.com/CdnChamberofCom).

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