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## Kingston Chamber impacts provincial Meeting

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**Kingston** ~ The Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce delivered and co-sponsored 2 policy papers that received support from the delegates at the Ontario Chamber AGM this past weekend. They are now official Ontario Chamber policy, which will be presented and advocated on behalf of all members to the ministries and MPP's of Ontario.

The Kingston Papers included:

- **Addressing the Growing Labour Force Disconnect** - includes creating a mandatory grade ten introduction to Business and Commerce course from the existing business and family economics curriculum (civics) and designate it as a compulsory credit to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- **Promoting the Skilled Trades** - Ensuring clear pathways are created for interprovincial and international skilled tradespeople and to continue eliminating the barriers that encourage the underground economy and confirm companies are in good standing through a public registry for tradespeople.

Karen Cross, Executive Director at the Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce remarked, "This opportunity to work closely with other Chambers and Boards of Trade, to provide a voice for our members on directing provincial business policy is invaluable. These adopted policies showcase the work we do behind the scenes to support our local businesses: - we support them in cutting red tape, promoting growth and creating the best business environment we can through thoughtful ideas and suggestions".

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