



The Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce looks forward to working with Mr. Gord Johns MP on Making our Region More Competitive

October 21, 2015 – Port Alberni, BC – The Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce congratulates Mr. Gord Johns on his election, and looks forward to working with him on key regional issues such as Transportation (Highway, Airport etc.), Port Alberni Transshipment Hub, Infrastructure Needs and Economic Diversity in the region.

Bill Collette – Executive Director of the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce) said: “I want to applaud local Member of Parliament Gord Johns on his election. The chamber and the businesses we represent look forward to working with Mr. Johns to put in place a context wherein local businesses can thrive and grow”.

“Our chamber also extends its congratulations to Prime Minister-designate Justin Trudeau and the Liberal team on winning a majority government. Having a stable majority government will permit the Liberal team to put in place a strong plan to promote Canada’s competitiveness. During the campaign, the Liberals set out their vision for our economy. Their plan to invest in new infrastructure, done strategically, will be positive for Canada’s economy. New transportation infrastructure will increase access to markets for Canadian businesses of all sizes.”

The Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce has been very active during the campaign to position the priorities of our local business community. Issues such as the Alberni Valley Regional Airport are very important to our community, and we look forward to presenting the issue to Mr. Johns.

“Many of the positions in the Liberal program align with our local priorities. Mr. Trudeau’s plan on *Investing \$40 million annually to create more co-op placements for students in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and business programs to help employers create new placement opportunities for students* will be beneficial for the economic development of our community. We are confident we can use the resolutions adopted during the Canadian

Chamber's annual general meeting last weekend to find common ground that will help grow the economy," continued Mr. Collette.

Canadian Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Hon. Perrin Beatty concurred: "When I looked across the room at our AGM over the weekend, I saw hundreds of chambers like the Alberni Valley Chamber, collectively representing over 200,000 businesses, all working together to make our economy stronger. The will to work together with other chambers across Canada is strong. We all welcome the prospect of working with the government on building a stronger, more competitive Canada; a Canada that wins."

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