



# Aurora Chamber of Commerce

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**AURORA, ON, May 14, 2018 –**

### **Concerns of Business Cannot Be Ignored this Election Campaign: Aurora Chamber of Commerce and Ontario Chamber of Commerce**

*Ontario's Business Advocate mobilizes around election priorities in 135 communities across the province*

**Aurora, May 14–** The Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) and the Aurora Chamber of Commerce are mobilizing this election to bring their recommendations in *Vote Prosperity* to political leaders and local candidates across the province. Over the course of the campaign, local chambers and boards of trade will be boldly pushing the *Vote Prosperity* message through local debates, events and stakeholder meetings.

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce and local chambers and boards of trade across the province have been advocating tirelessly with local candidates and elected officials, highlighting business priorities for this election. During this election campaign, we will continue those efforts, calling on our local candidate's political party leaders to adopt our economic plan that will help strengthen businesses competitiveness, foster job creation, build healthy communities and improve government accountability.

Since October, the OCC and the Aurora Chamber of Commerce have been meeting with local candidates, elected officials at Queen's Park and senior public policy leaders, to advocate for the recommendations for a strong Ontario outlined in *Vote Prosperity*. As leaders in their communities, during the campaign period local chambers and boards of trades will be hosting all candidates debates and events, with a focus on the *Vote Prosperity* message. **The Aurora Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a *Vote Prosperity* Focus on Business Candidate Discussion Luncheon May 16, 2018 at the Royal Venetian Mansion from 11:30 to 2:00 pm. [Tickets are now available online.](#)**

With industry feeling the impacts of the increasing cumulative burden, the OCC and the Aurora Chamber of Commerce have also warned that Ontario's next government must be committed to taking bold action in providing pro-growth policy solutions.

"Ontario has the foundation for sustainable and equitable growth. But, bold action and leadership will be required of the newly elected Government of Ontario, whether it is Liberal, PC or NDP," added Rocco Rossi, President and CEO, at the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.



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*Vote Prosperity* is based on four pillars for Ontario:

1. **Strengthen business competitiveness:** Rising input costs, especially those costs deriving from government regulation and policy, are the most common and acute concern of the business community in Ontario.
2. **Foster Job Creation:** A robust labour market consisting of good jobs is essential to prosperity for all Ontarians.
3. **Build Healthy Communities:** Building strong communities through adequate and affordable housing, sustainable health care, and good infrastructure also supports business prosperity and growth, which supports those communities.
4. **Improve Government Accountability:** Poor implementation of government initiatives can result in resource waste, political frustration and disruption for ordinary citizens, as demonstrated by a series of policy failures under governments of all political stripes.

The platform provides eighteen unique recommendations that will help bolster Ontario's long-term economic future, while also addressing the pressing issues the province currently faces.

The full list of recommendations in *Vote Prosperity* can be found at <http://www.occ.ca/vote-prosperity2018/>

[Learn more](#) about the Aurora Chamber of Commerce.

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The Aurora Chamber of Commerce is a politically independent, membership-based, volunteer-driven, not-for-profit organization. Our mission is to lead and serve the Aurora business community. Our goal is to build, drive and positively influence the economic landscape of Aurora. The Aurora Chamber acts as an advocate for the 1,400 plus businesses in our community, while facilitating opportunities for businesses to promote themselves locally and regionally, do business with one another, enjoy savings and value through various benefit programs, and gain knowledge through dozens of events and seminars each year.