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Saint John, NB, June 15, 2017 - The Canadian Chamber of Commerce, together with the Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce, Discover Saint John, and the Saint John Hotel Association, is pleased to announce that Saint John, New Brunswick has been selected to host its 2019 Canadian Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Convention, to be held in the fall of 2019.

"This is a very exciting opportunity for our community and region to showcase on a national stage," says David Duplisea, CEO of the Saint John Chamber of Commerce. "The event will bring approximately 400 delegates from across Canada to Saint John for three days in September 2019 and will be part of the Saint John Chamber's 200th anniversary celebrations".

Originally formed in 1819, the Saint John business organization has evolved over the years to better reflect the changing business dynamics of the region. It was once known as the Dominion Board of Trade, The Saint John Board of Trade, and 3 years ago formed a partnership with surrounding Chambers and business associations to become a single, rebranded organization known as The Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce, or, *the Chamber*.

"The Canadian Chamber of Commerce is excited to hold its annual general meeting and policy convention in Saint John, a community that deeply understands the importance of sustainable natural resource development for the Canadian economy," says Perrin Beatty, President and CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

"Saint John played an instrumental role in confederation and was the location of the very first Canadian Chamber AGM in 1926, we are delighted to join with the Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce and their members as they celebrate 200 years"

Victoria Clarke, Executive Director for Discover Saint John adds, "Saint John is an excellent choice to host this important event, with first class facilities, breathtaking scenery and our long history of working with The Canadian Chamber of Commerce. We could not be more delighted and we will show our guests an exciting and memorable experience".

The Canadian Chamber's AGM and Convention is the chamber network's must-attend event of the year. It is where member chambers of commerce get plugged into the latest developments, trends and issues that are important to the Canadian business community and develop solutions to break down the barriers that are holding Canadian businesses back, setting the Canadian Chamber's policy agenda for the upcoming year.

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