

## Canadian Chamber's 2019 AGM Wins Large Meeting and Convention of the Year in Saint John

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**OTTAWA, ON – November 12, 2019** – Hospitality Saint John, the voice of the hospitality industry in Greater Saint John, New Brunswick, recognized the Canadian Chamber of Commerce's 2019 Annual General Meeting and Convention (AGM) as the large meeting and convention of the year. The Canadian Chamber's AGM was held in Saint John from September 21 to 23.

The Hospitality Saint John Tourism Awards ceremony, held on November 7, honoured the Saint John region's most significant contributors in numerous categories. The Meeting and Convention of the Year Award recognizes the impact the Canadian Chamber's AGM had on the Saint John tourism sector, the involvement of partners within the local tourism industry as well as the success of the event. The Canadian Chamber's AGM, attended by more than 320 delegates, brought in an estimated half million dollars in economic benefits to the local community.

"Our AGM could not have been such a success without the tremendous support of the community. The Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce and Discover Saint John were key partners in helping see this convention to fruition and for that, we are most thankful and share this award with them," said the Hon. Perrin Beatty, PC, OC, President and CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

Holding the 2019 AGM in Saint John was very important for the Canadian Chamber network. This year marked two large milestones: the anniversary of the Canadian Chamber's first AGM, held in Saint John in 1926, as well as the 200th anniversary of the Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce. The East Coast has been instrumental in the fabric of the Canadian Chamber since its inception, which is why the Canadian Chamber welcomed the Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce's bid as host for the 2019 event.

"We are excited that the Canadian Chamber of Commerce has been recognized for their selection of Saint John as host city and for the economic benefits that resulted. We started lobbying seven years ago to bring this AGM and policy convention to Saint John as part of our 200th anniversary celebrations, and we could not be happier with the results," said David Duplisea, CEO of the Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce.

The annual event not only showcases and supports some of Canada's thriving business communities that are the backbone of the national economy, but also acts as the parliament for business by bringing together chambers of commerce from across Canada to present and vote on policy resolutions that will help shape the Canadian Chamber's advocacy for the upcoming year.

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