



Media Release

Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce urges community to support Irving Oil HQ and help move it forward

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SAINT JOHN, NB – The Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce is working with business and community leaders to address a recent appeal before the Province’s Assessment and Planning Appeal Board, concerning Irving Oil’s proposed headquarters.

Both Irving Oil and City of Saint John staff have followed the proper processes in place for new developments within the city’s historic uptown. Delays such as this send the wrong message about Saint John’s willingness to do business and welcome new developments. The Chamber is grateful for the hard work of Irving Oil, the Heritage Review Board and City staff to move this development forward in a manner that respects Saint John’s history and will bring economic benefit to the entire region.

“We appreciate the process and the rights of individual citizens to express concern,” said David Duplisea, Chamber CEO, “but our members and the community as a whole support this important project.

“We strongly urge leadership to remove road blocks so that this project can move forward without further delay,” added Duplisea.

The Chamber is urging decision-makers to dismiss the appeal currently before the Assessment and Planning Appeal Board. Together, we must keep the interest of Saint John’s economic development and greater good in mind, ensuring we do not hinder both existing and future developments.

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The Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce is a nationally accredited business organization dedicated to fostering an economic climate that enhances growth, prosperity, and an improved quality of life in the community. With more than 800 member businesses, representing the interests of 37,000 people, The Chamber is a dynamic advocate and the principal voice for the business community of Greater Saint John. It offers a variety of programs, activities, services, and networking opportunities designed to enhance the business prospects of members and the overall business climate of the area.