



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **National support solidified by Board on power issue**

The St. John's Board of Trade returned from Gatineau, QC with the national business community's support for a national approach to transmitting electrical energy. At the Canadian Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting this past weekend, the Board achieved support from the national body representing more than 300 Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade with more than 175,000 businesses in its membership.

"Internal trade barriers hurt Canada," said Derek Sullivan, Chair of the St. John's Board of Trade. "Not only allowing but enabling the transmission of electrical energy across provincial boundaries is good for Canada, and our Board is pleased that efforts will be made at the national level to have this constructive public policy argument made to the federal government, with the full support of the Canadian business community."

The Board received national support for the Canadian Chamber of Commerce to lobby the federal government to develop a clear, forward-looking national policy on Canada's electricity energy infrastructure needs in as timely a manner as possible and remove barriers to and actively encourage and facilitate inter-provincial/territorial trade and transmission of power.

"The St. John's Board of Trade will continue its efforts to see this beneficial public policy implemented in Canada, but is grateful for the support of our Board and Chamber counterparts across the country," said Mr. Sullivan. "The voice of tens of thousands of businesses representing millions of employees can and will be heard on Parliament Hill so that we can achieve national goals of energy security, lower electricity prices, and opportunities for development."

The St. John's Board of Trade is a non-partisan, business advocacy organization that is the principal voice of business for over 750 members in the St. John's area. Its mission is to improve the local business climate, enhancing its members' ability to do business through advocacy and member services.

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