



**Nova Scotia Chambers of Commerce**

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With 2010 already here and the first month just about over, time seems to be moving faster than ever! The Nova Scotia Chambers of Commerce has been involved in several different initiatives over the past few months that are aimed at drawing attention to the issues our members are facing, as well as the organization itself. Whether it be through face-to-face meetings, letters to officials or through the planning of events to help our members, the Nova Scotia Chambers of Commerce has been working hard to ensure its voice is being heard and that those who should be are paying attention.

The first event that the Nova Scotia Chambers of Commerce has had a hand in creating and organizing for 2010 is the **“Population Forum”** being held on February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Old Orchard Inn near Wolfville. This event will bring together representatives from the NSCoC, the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) and the Nova Scotia Association of Regional Development Authorities (NSARDA) to discuss the issues this province faces in growing its population, as well as some of the potential solutions. The all-day event will bring together 50 representatives from each organization to hear from guest speakers and to share ideas. A facilitator will be taking notes during the entire session which will be compiled in a document and distributed throughout each organization, as well as with governments and others with a vested interest in increasing our population base. Chambers are invited to choose a representative to attend the event. To register, please call (902) 895-6329 or email [trish@nschamber.ca](mailto:trish@nschamber.ca). You will be asked to provide your name, the name of your organization and an email address which will be used to send out materials before and after the Population Forum. There is no charge to attend. For more information, please check the website for the population forum by going to [www.nsarda.ca](http://www.nsarda.ca) and clicking on the link.

The next event for 2010 will happen on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and is the premiere event for the Nova Scotia Chambers of Commerce. It is the Premier’s Breakfast and it will take place at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax from 7:30 to 9 am. The NSCoC has held this event yearly to give the premier the opportunity to speak to a business audience that spans the entire province, and to allow those in attendance to ask questions of the Premier. A ticket to the breakfast will include a full meal, with access to the Premier’s speech and the ability to ask questions. It is no coincidence that the breakfast is taking place only about a month before the next Speech from the Throne, which will include the government’s next budget. This is the Chamber Network’s chance to express its concerns with the direction to province is taking and to suggest potential solutions to those problems. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased by calling (902) 895-6329 or by emailing [trish@nschamber.ca](mailto:trish@nschamber.ca)

Directly after the Premier’s Breakfast wraps up, the Nova Scotia Chambers of Commerce will cross the hallway of the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax for its next quarterly member’s meeting. This will be the last NSCoC Quarterly Member’s Meeting before the Annual General Meeting and we’re hoping to see as many representatives from local chambers as

possible. To register for the quarterly meeting, please call 895-6329 or email [trish@nschamber.ca](mailto:trish@nschamber.ca).

Speaking of the Nova Scotia Chambers of Commerce AGM, The Strait Area Chamber of Commerce has agreed to be the host this year. While an exact date has not yet been set, the NSCoC AGM will coincide with the Annual Meeting of the Strait Area Chamber, which will likely be held at the end of April or the first of May. An AGM committee has been struck to determine the format of the yearly event. Once all details are finalized, members will be notified and the registration process will begin.

And last, but certainly not least, is a new Facebook page which has been created by the Nova Scotia Chambers of Commerce to allow staff at the local chamber level to network, share ideas and give each other advice. This is an excellent way for Chambers to keep in touch with each other and share best practices to ensure success. To join the page, and to start sharing ideas, simply click the link at the end of this paragraph. The success of this initiative depends completely on whether it is used. Please take the opportunity to join.

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/pages/Nova-Scotia-Chambers-of-Commerce/237708633041?ref=ts>

Thank you,

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