

Chamber Requesting Federal Budget Input

In a continuing effort to better serve the business community the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce is soliciting your input into the upcoming Federal Budget.

The Budget is due to be presented to parliament January 27. It is the Chamber's understanding that all submissions must be received no later than January 7th giving business a short time frame to comment. The Chamber will be making it's submission to local MP's and to each of the finance critics of the federal parties by January 7th. The government is currently engaged in extensive cross-country consultations with provincial and territorial governments. As business leaders the Chamber is looking for input from the business community on what stimulus efforts you feel will strengthen our economy. Is it improvements in EI? Infrastructure spending on employments lands or increase in education and healthcare dollars? Send us your comments in 200 words or less along with your business name and contact information and we will attach them to the submission.

According to a survey conducted by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in the first week of December, businesses see major economic challenges in the coming year, and they want MP's to focus on getting an economic strategy in place as soon as possible. Seventy-four percent of respondents called for a comprehensive stimulus package to strengthen the economy. Over 4800 participated in the Chamber's survey from a wide range of businesses of all sizes and in all sectors.

Submissions need to be sent to info@oshawachamber.com by end of business January 7, 2009.