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A letter sent from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce President and CEO to business leaders late in August.



With the current state of Canada-U.S. trade talks and the potential implications, we find ourselves in new and uncharted territory in the trade relationship and as a country overall. We are ready to lead as a strong, united front through a time of crisis and potential transformation.

As we shared in our most recent statement:

"Canadian businesses have shown remarkable resilience under immense pressure, and they will not relent now. This will get tougher, but we know Canada can navigate it, if we're united. The reason our economy has been so strong is in no small part because of the choices businesses

have made in the last year and a half. As Canada's largest business association, we will be mobilizing our network of businesses in all regions and all sectors to brace for impact and make the best of a bad situation."

Our Prime Minister shared details regarding the breakdown of talks in the last day of negotiations. While we anticipate an eventual path that concludes in a review of CUSMA and constructive discussions on our broader shared interests, it is not in our immediate interest to return to the bargaining table. As such, the Canadian Chamber and our Network are already focused on our response, which most importantly includes proactive and protective measures for our businesses, workers and families.

The Prime Minister's Canada-U.S. Economic Relations Advisory Committee was convened over the weekend, and we also met with the Honourable Mélanie Joly to discuss our next steps. Our Chamber Network is being asked to play an important role in ensuring the supports offered reach the businesses that need it. We have done this before and proven, such as during the pandemic, that we are not only highly capable but well situated as a national network of chambers of commerce and boards of trade to deliver high value in a time like this. Stay tuned for more information and communication.

As always, it's leaders on the front lines that are champions in national crises. Thank you for your tireless efforts to keep our economy moving, even as events impact the businesses, we have worked so hard to build and sustain. We're with you as you collaborate with your teams and workers to keep Canada strong.

Sincerely,
Candace Laing
President & CEO, Canadian Chamber of Commerce

The Battlefords & District Chamber of Commerce staff participated with provincial Chamber managers for the 2026 Chamber of Commerce Executive of Saskatchewan (CCES) for the annual provincial conference.

The staff attended from August 24 to August 26, 2026, for professional development sessions, networking with Chamber managers, and to visit local chamber members within Prince Albert. The staff are excited to apply the knowledge gained to continue to support the local membership in the Battlefords and to continue to be the "voice" for the local businesses.

Staff enjoyed networking and tours of the Lake Country Leisure Centre, BMI Group Mill Site, Phantom Light Distillery, and Prince Albert's historic downtown. Group dinners, a paint night and a Microsoft 365 Learning session were also highlights.



GET CONNECTED IN 2026!

Upcoming Event Calendar



Chamber on Tap
Thursday, September 24th, 2026
Location: To be announced
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sponsor: **Swift-Net.ca**



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Meet the New Chamber COO

My name is Gregory Kwong and I recently started with the Battlefords & District Chamber of Commerce as the Chief Operating Officer.

I'm proud to have an opportunity to serve the Board of Directors of the Battlefords & District Chamber of Commerce and to represent the Chamber members.

Being from the Battlefords, I am excited to support the local business community in growing and being sustainable for many more years to come.

I look forward to advocating for their needs as the "voice" for businesses and to promote the local business interests in the Battlefords & District.

