



## From the desk of the CEO

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### It's important for businesses to participate in federal pre-budget consultations

As the Liberal Government prepares for the next federal budget, we as business leaders, need to share our overall thoughts and concerns with them.

Over the last few years, we have seen the Federal Government use a significant amount of fiscal capacity to support Canadians while addressing the many issues the COVID-19 pandemic presented us.

As you know, these decisions resulted in substantial changes to Canada's budgetary balance and the country's overall debt load.

Looking forward to the upcoming Federal Government Pre-Budget consultations, it is imperative that your voice and concerns are heard. The small-to-medium business owners and entrepreneurs are the heart and soul of our country's economy and need to be consulted.

We need to ensure the government maintains fiscal sustainability and that their chosen investments enhance Canada's productivity while contributing to our long-term economic growth and job creation.



In 2023 we need to find strategic ways to contend with the challenges and impacts that global inflation, increased food and fuel prices and elevated interest rates will have on your business.

Sharing your suggestions and comments can assist in forming measures and investments in Budget 2023 that will help build an economy that works for everyone.

The Liberal government is inviting us to share our ideas as part of pre-budget consultations. They want your opinion on how to best support all Canadians, Canadian businesses and the overall Canadian economy.

You can participate by sharing your ideas at [LetsTalkBudget2023.ca](https://LetsTalkBudget2023.ca) until February 10.

According to our Federal government contacts, your feedback will be shared with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Minister of Tourism and Associate Minister of Finance, their Parliamentary Secretaries, and departmental officials.

They will consider your input along with the Department of Finance research to help inform decisions on the next Budget.

Make a difference for Regina business and visit [LetsTalkBudget2023.ca](https://LetsTalkBudget2023.ca).

Have a great day!

Tony

## UPCOMING REGINA CHAMBER EVENTS

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20**  
**THE 137TH CHAIR'S BLACK & WHITE**  
**INAUGURATION DINNER**  
DoubleTree by Hilton  
Reception: 6 p.m.  
Dinner & Program: 7 p.m.



**THURSDAY, APRIL 6**  
**23RD ANNUAL PARAGON AWARDS**  
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For more information or to register for these outstanding Chamber event click [HERE](#)

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in Treaty 4 Territory and the traditional lands of the nêhiyawak (Cree), Anihšīnāpēk  
(Saulteaux), Dakota, Lakota, Nakoda, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation."**

## Fireside Chat with Minister Eyre set for Feb. 1

The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Regina & District Chamber of Commerce, will host a Fireside Chat with Minister Bronwyn Eyre on Wed., Feb. 1.



Minister Eyre will share insight on the Saskatchewan First Act, which was introduced on Nov. 1, 2022. The Act is intended to confirm Saskatchewan's autonomy and exclusive jurisdiction over its natural resources.

Currently the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Minister Eyre has been the MLA for Saskatoon Stonebridge-Dakota since 2016.

The event will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton, beginning at 11:30 a.m. with a buffet lunch and networking. Minister Eyre will have a presentation at 12 noon with the fireside chat beginning at 12:10 p.m. A question and answer session will follow with the event concluding at 1:30 p.m.

For more information or to register for the event, click [HERE](#). Members of the Regina & District Chamber of Commerce can use the promo code **ReginaChamber** to receive member pricing for the event.



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## LeMoine to speak on employee attraction & retention

The Swift Current & District Chamber of Commerce is kicking off its 2023 events schedule on Wed., Jan. 11 with a free virtual event featuring keynote speaker Eddie LeMoine.

The presentation by LeMoine, an award-winning speaker and best-selling author, will focus on attracting and retaining a skilled workforce. Labour market challenges are an issue locally, provincially and nationally and LeMoine will provide some insights and ideas that can help.



To register for the event, which is sponsored by the Government of Saskatchewan's Ministry of Immigration and Training, click [HERE](#).

## PCSR online meeting scheduled for Jan. 12

Dr. Asim Amjad will be presenting information on new diagnostic and treatment tools in

Saskatchewan at the Prostate Cancer Support  
Regina group meeting on Thurs., Jan. 12.

Dr. Amjad is a Radiation Oncologist for the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency and an Assistant Professor for the College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan. Trained in Ireland and the United Kingdom, Dr. Amjad has been working at the Alan Blair Cancer Centre in Regina since 2008 and has a special interest in breast, prostate and cervical cancer. He is the Prostate Cancer Lead Physician for Regina, specializing in prostate brachytherapy.



The online meeting will include a Q&A session after the presentation, followed by peer-to-peer sharing.

Additional information is available on the PCSR [website](#).

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