



2018 Canadian Chamber Policy Debates - ACC Summary

On September 23rd and 24th, 2018, 312 chambers from across Canada cast votes on more than 55 of the 63 policy resolutions proposed. Debate was sometimes lengthy and extended as various provinces attempted to amend the policy recommendations to more accurately reflect their interpretations of business and national interests.

VOTES SUMMARY (IN PERSON/PROXY)

Region	Count
Atlantic Canada	42
Quebec	12
Ontario	70
Manitoba	9
Saskatchewan	18
Alberta	106
British Columbia	49
Territories	6

ATLANTIC CHAMBER POLICY RESOLUTIONS SUMMARY

There were nine policy resolutions that were either sponsored or co-sponsored by an Atlantic Chamber.

Resolution	Chamber(s)	Vote
Attracting and Retaining International Students Through Canadian Work Experience	FREDERICTON	Passed 100%
Accelerate Twinning of Route 185	FREDERICTON, Atlantic, SJ, Moncton	Passed 83%
Consider Layered Costs of Government Policies	CALGARY, Saint John	Passed 67%
Funding Transparency for Special Interest Groups	ATLANTIC, SK	Passed 84.4%
Reforming the Canada Health Act to Achieve System Efficiencies	KITCHENER, Atlantic	Passed 98%
Addressing Entrepreneurial and Employee Mental Health	TRURO, Atlantic, Pictou, Strait, AV	Passed 93.6%
Protect Vital Infrastructure in the Isthmus of Chignecto	ATLANTIC, Truro, Amherst, Moncton	Passed 99%
Air Crew Hours Ensuring Safe, Affordable, Accessible Air Travel	THUNDER BAY, Fredericton	Passed 99.3%
Ensuring Fiscal Balance in Canada	EDMONTON, St. John's	Referred to CCC Board



OTHER SIGNIFICANT POLICY RESOLUTIONS

In addition to the resolutions from our region there were several others that provide chambers with policy directions on significant issues, including calling on the federal government to:

1. Suspend Bill C-69 until all aspects of environmental assessments will be addressed predictably and expeditiously
2. Let provinces decide on carbon taxes
3. Improving the Temporary Foreign Worker Program
4. Accelerate removal of interprovincial trade barriers
5. Adopt a national pharmacare plan with both public and private participants

The full compendium of results from the 2018 policy debates will be published on the Canadian Chamber website shortly and advocacy updates are provided semi-annually.