

# ADVOCACY

RESOLVING COMMON ISSUES  
AFFECTING BUSINESS

## Major priorities for 2015:

- Reducing COSTS
- Improving COMPETITIVENESS
- Developing a strong WORKFORCE

Successfully advocated a  
**30-day**  
Provincial  
Payment  
Policy



- Michael Chan, Ontario Minister of Citizenship, Immigration & International Trade
- Patrick Brown, Leader of Official Opposition and the Ontario PC Party
- Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario

TALKING TO  
GOVERNMENT

**5** Municipal meetings

**8** Provincial-level discussions

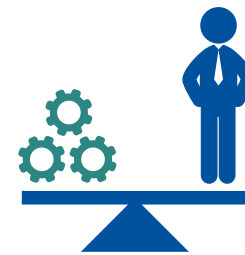
**3** Federal dialogues

**MINING**  
Ring of Fire  
*emerging STRONGER*  
**CAP & TRADE**  
Ontario Retirement Pension Plan  
*electricity*

**6** joint reports with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce



Worked to enhance  
**Economic Partnerships**  
between Business &  
Aboriginal Communities



# NETWORKING

CONNECTING BUSINESSES  
THROUGH EVENTS AND SHOWS

**>17,000**  
visitors attended

**4** Chamber trade shows

**9** After Business Events

**1,526**  
members attending

three hundred and twenty participants attended the first

**A | P | E | X**  
Aboriginal Partnership Exchange Conference

**Leaders Luncheons** with Derek Burney and NOSM



**12** DELEGATES FROM BUSINESS AND FIRST NATIONS ATTENDED THE **Osoyoos Trade Mission**

# EDUCATION & COMMUNICATION

KEEPING BUSINESS AWARE OF CURRENT EVENTS,  
SUPPORTING TRAINING & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT



CHOOSE  
**THUNDER BAY**  
FIRST

*Thunder Bay - Rainy River*  
*Thunder Bay - Superior North*  
**FEDERAL ELECTION**



The mission of the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce is to influence effective change and foster an environment where businesses and the community can prosper.

As the Voice of Business we strive to continue providing maximum opportunity to our members and advocating for business and community health, growth and economic prosperity.

View the full Annual Report online at  
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Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce

## 2015 Members Report

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NETWORKING  
COMMUNICATION  
EDUCATION



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June 16, 2015: Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne joined Chamber members and local MPPs for a discussion of issues related to manufacturing, natural resources, taxes, and labour force