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## Chamber Membership Endorses Business Resolutions

At their Impact 2009 Policy Session on April 18, the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce membership endorsed seven distinct business resolutions, which means the Chamber will be actively engaged in working with government to effect these membership-initiated changes.

Through these policies, the Chamber will work to improve the conditions for business to flourish and support a healthy community. One of the approved policies involves managing the social street scene. "This policy means that the Chamber will be actively lobbying for business-based solutions for crime & public safety in order to make Kamloops a safer place," states newly-elected Chamber President, Leslie Brochu.

John Winter, President and CEO of the British Columbia Chamber of Commerce responded to the Kamloops resolution by stating that, "The business community across BC has sent a clear message: crime and social disorder is having serious impact on business, communities, and visitors. He continues, "With the passage of this resolution the business community in Kamloops is taking a leadership role by recognizing that the solutions to this problem start with an investment in providing services to address the root causes of the issue rather than simply trying to cope with the symptoms."

The seven Kamloops policies include:

1. Managing the social street scene. The Chamber will actively lobby for business-based solutions for crime and public safety in order to make Kamloops a safer place.
2. Cabotage – a need to increase the number of empty containers available to Canadians. This policy will call for the opening-up of shipping opportunities for business instead of shipping empty containers back to the US.
3. Establishing allowable capital loss on in-kind pension contributions. This calls for capital gains and losses to be treated equally so that investors aren't penalized.
4. Navigable channel training of the Thompson River system. The Chamber will lobby government to adopt eco-responsible solutions to opening Kamloops waterways.
5. Registration, licensing and management of off-road vehicles. For the protection of the environment.
6. Relocation of federal government offices. To ensure that communities and business are well served and not disadvantaged because of relocation of government offices.
7. Abolition of the cumulative net investment loss. For a fair approach dealing with taxation of investment losses.

For more details on each of these policies, visit <http://www.kamloopschamber.ca/advocacy> or contact Rick Heney, Policy Chair at 250. 372.5542.