

WHEREAS the Commission Review Board on the Québec income taxation tabled its final report in March calling it: LOOKING TO THE FUTURE OF QUÉBEC.

WHEREAS the Québec Government is holding special consultations and public hearings on the Commission review report on the Québec income taxation.

WHEREAS generally, Chambers of Commerce and the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce are in favor of the proposals of the Commission Review Board.

WHEREAS the proposal of the Commission Review Board on the Québec income taxation is to reduce taxes on personal income of one billion dollars and increase the Québec sales tax of 1%.

WHEREAS besides the hearings, the Québec Finance Minister professed his intention that the proposal be implemented rapidly.

WHEREAS by its geographical position on the border of Ontario, the Outaouais region is very vulnerable to trade and tax leakage to the neighboring province.

WHEREAS tax leakage towards Ontario has a significant impact on tax revenues of the Québec Government.

WHEREAS the Québec Government, in its last budget, recognized the very particular border situation by adopting measures for mitigation the difference in taxation of the gas tax between Ontario and Québec rates specifically for the Outaouais region border.

IT IS RESOLVED to ask the Québec Government to recognize the particular geographical situation of the Outaouais region and include modulation measurements for the border areas in the proposed 1% increase to Québec sales tax .

IT IS RESOLVED to ask the Québec Government a complete analysis of the potential impacts of the proposed 1% increase to the Québec sales tax on the Outaouais economy and government tax revenues.