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Kelowna Chamber and MP Ron Cannan Host Roundtable for Budget 2011

The Kelowna Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with local MP for Kelowna-Lake Country, Ron Cannan, will be co-hosting a Pre-Budget Roundtable on Thursday, January 20th from 12:30pm to 2:30pm at the Coast Capri Hotel.

This roundtable will provide Kelowna Chamber members with the opportunity to bring forth their thoughts and concerns on the next Federal Budget.

"The Government is looking for low cost solutions to create more jobs and has signaled it is not interested in any big program spending ideas," said Cannan. "It's been my experience that the best ideas are local ideas. If it works for Kelowna, it will likely work for the rest of the country," he said.

Guest speaker will be newly appointed Minister of State for Finance, the Honourable Ted Menzies who will be spending the day in Kelowna also meeting with various individuals and community groups gathering ideas for Budget 2011.

"At this meeting Kelowna's business community has a direct link to the federal budget process," says Kelowna Chamber President Wes Shields. "It's an opportunity to bring your ideas to the table and make your voice heard in Ottawa."

There is no charge to participate but registration is necessary. Anyone wishing to participate can register by going to the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce website at www.kelownachamber.org and clicking open January 20th on the calendar of events.

Ron Cannan will also be accepting input from constituents who may not be able to attend the roundtable and asks that constituents drop him a line before Friday January 28th at ron@cannan.ca with any ideas they may have for Budget 2011.

"As we head into the second year of the recovery we are seeing a positive but still tentative upturn," said Cannan. We want to keep that momentum going. We want to maintain confidence in our consumer and business sectors to shore up our local and national economy so that we can reach our goal of balancing the budget by 2015/16," he said.

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