

Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Fax completed survey to (905) 871-1561

1. Which industry sector best represents your business?

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Retail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Essential Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality/Tourism | <input type="checkbox"/> Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional |

2. How many years have you been in operation? _____

3. How many people does your company presently employ?

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 101 – 150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> 151 – 200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11 – 25 | <input type="checkbox"/> 201 – 300 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 26 – 40 | <input type="checkbox"/> 301 – 500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 41 – 75 | <input type="checkbox"/> 501 – 700 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 76 – 100 | <input type="checkbox"/> 700 + |

4. How did your company perform in 2008 compared to 2007? (circle one)

- | | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Much Stronger | Somewhat Stronger |
| About the Same | Somewhat Weaker |
| Much Weaker | Not Sure |

5. How do you expect your company to perform in 2009 compared to 2008?

- | | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Much Stronger | Somewhat Stronger |
| About the Same | Somewhat Weaker |
| Much Weaker | Not Sure |

6. What are your spending intentions for 2009?

- Remain the same
- Cutting back in some areas to maintain funding in others
- Reduce spending
- Increase spending
- Don't know

7. If you expect your company to increase spending in 2009, please tell us in which areas (choose as many as might apply):

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Expansion Plans | Research & Development |
| Hiring New Staff | Training/Professional Development |
| Investment in Computers, etc | Wages/Salaries |
| Capital Investments/Equipment | New Technology and Upgrades |
| Don't Know | |

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8. If you are projecting future growth and are planning to hire additional staff, where will you look for your talent?

- Within the local Fort Erie market Niagara Region Outside of local market

9. If you expect your company to **decrease** spending in 2009, please tell us in which areas (choose as many as might apply)::

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Across the board | New Technology and Upgrades |
| Expansion Plans | Research and Development |
| Expenses (Travel, Hospitality) | Training/Professional Development |
| Hiring Freeze | Wages/Salaries |
| Capital Investments/Equipment | Layoffs |
| Don't Know | |

10. Do you believe the business climate will be stronger or weaker in 2009 in:

	Stronger	Weaker	Not Sure
Fort Erie	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Region	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Province of Ontario	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canada	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. What are your business wants/needs:

- Employment Government Assistance Increase of Services
- Increase of Revenue Easy Means of Promotion Other

12. How has the mandatory minimum wage increases effected your business?

- Positively Negatively Not at all Not sure

13. Do you feel that the chamber provides enough support to your business? (Y / N)

If yes, how, and if no, what do you feel we should be doing differently or offering that can be of better assistance?

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14. Please indicate how each of the following factors affects the competitiveness of your business:

	Negatively	Somewhat Negatively	No Impact	Somewhat Positively	Positively	Not Sure
Aging Workforce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business Property Tax	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Competition from Other markets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost of Credit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost of Living	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Difficulty in Obtaining Credit/terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Downturn in Economy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fluctuating Energy Costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fluctuating Gas Costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Governance Model	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Higher Pension Costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loss of Manufacturing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low interest rates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum Wage Costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Passport requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Property Assessment Values	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provincial Corporate Income Tax	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Security & Border Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skilled Labour Shortage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stricter Environmental Regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Turbulence in Market	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Value of Canadian Dollar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>