

# CHAMBER ADVOCACY: MEMBERS IN ACTION



Member advocacy has a great impact on political decision makers.

Our members indicated the increasing cost of energy is making it harder for their businesses to remain profitable and competitive. The Chamber's Policy & Advocacy committee has been working in partnership with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) to get this message to the provincial government.

*Here's a snapshot of the progress we've made on energy:*

June 2015	Hosted a speaking event regarding Ontario's Energy Plan with Duncan Hawthorne, CEO of Bruce Power
July 2015	Partnered with OCC on the electricity report Empowering Business: Addressing Rising Electricity Costs in Ontario
September 2015	Partnered with OCC on a Cap and Trade report
June 2016	Hosted a business education event regarding the Darlington Refurbishment project with Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and OCC
August 2016	Participated in Northumberland Manufacturing Associations ENERGY FORUM
November 2016	Letter to MPP Lou Rinaldi regarding Chamber's concerns about the rising cost of energy and the effect on business
December 2016	Letter to Minister of Energy Glenn Thibeault regarding Chambers concerns about the rising cost of energy
February 2017	Hosted community round table discussion with Minister of Energy Glenn Thibeault



**ADVOCACY IN ACTION EVERY DAY!**

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