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Canada and the Sunshine State: Partnering for Prosperity

Tampa, Fla. – The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce hosted the Honourable Perrin Beatty, president and CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce on April 18 for a lunch at the University Club of Tampa. The event was sponsored by Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick and featured a speech from Mr. Beatty that was titled “Canada and the Sunshine State: Partnering for Prosperity.” He spoke about the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and trade issues in the context of the important Canada-Florida partnership.

Mayor Bob Buckhorn of Tampa, along with other business leaders attended the event and got further insight into the economic impact that Canada has not only in Florida but in the Tampa Bay region. The discussion focused on the partnership that Canada and Florida have and the business success that both countries have provided for one another, with hopes of continuing that partnership.

The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce will take 100 business leaders to Toronto in October for the Annual Benchmarking Trip. It will be the first benchmarking trip outside of the U.S.

About the Canadian Chamber of Commerce

Since 1925, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce has connected businesses of all sizes, from all sectors and from all regions of the country to advocate for public policies that will foster a strong, competitive economic environment that benefits businesses, communities and families across Canada. With a network of over 450 chambers of commerce and boards of trade, representing 200,000 businesses of all sizes in all sectors of the economy and in all regions, we are the largest business association in Canada, and the country’s most influential. The primary and vital connection between business and the federal government, our views are sought after and respected by government, business leaders and the media thanks to our well-researched reports, analyses, position papers and policy resolutions that reflect a broad business perspective.

About the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce is committed to serving our members and enhancing our community by building business success. The Chamber provides a greater return on investment and involvement by providing innovative leadership, inside access, influential advocacy and increased opportunities. For more information on the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, please visit www.tampachamber.com.

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