

Toward Prosperity
Metro Halifax Chamber of Commerce Consultation

10th floor Boardroom
Maritime Centre

12 - 1pm
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Notes:

Next Steps

- C Have mentioned what will happen at the Deputy Minister's level, what is going to happen between then and now?

Role for Government

- C Must be careful not to try to cater to too many special interests.
- C Need to address the red tape issue.
- C Government needs to be able to say "no."
 - C In the case of InNOVAcorp, that was facilitated by clear guidelines and principles.
- C The various departments and agencies of government need to support each other in this effort, we gain nothing by embarrassing each other.

Business Climate

- C The underlying value of B2B e-commerce is in the goods and services transactions it facilitates - someone somewhere is actually producing something for sale.
- C The success stories are of those who are willing to change
 - C We need to encourage that kind of entrepreneurship.
 - C What we hear in the news and what monopolizes the House is due to people who don't want to change.