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## **CCGM to host luncheon with Minister of Finance Ernie Steeves to hear about the 2019-2020 budget and the government's economic plan**

The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Moncton, as part of its Deloitte Distinguished Speaker Series, will present a luncheon event called **2019-2020 Provincial Budget – What it means for taxpayers and businesses** with Finance Minister Ernie Steeves on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at the Hotel Crowne Plaza Moncton.

The CCGM, representing close to 800 members from the Greater Moncton area, urged the government in the past months to create conditions in which the private sector can lead growth.

Finance Minister Steeves will offer members of the Chamber and leaders of the Greater Moncton business community insight into the state of the economy of the province.

“Our province is at a crossroads. We cannot continue pushing decisions down the road and risk endangering the future of our province,” Steeves said during his budget speech. “We are taking the urgent action required to protect New Brunswick’s ability to provide essential programs and services, now and in the long term.”

The CCGM supports measures put forward by the government in its 2019-2020 budget tabled on March 19<sup>th</sup> to balance the budget -- this year and during the duration of this government’s mandate. All measures included in the budget will result in a surplus of more than \$23 million in the next year. The Higgs government will also repay \$49.2 million on the provincial debt.

“For our members, we see a government willing to make some tough decision and address one of the main concerns of the business community which is balancing the budget and reducing the debt of the province”, said John Wishart, CEO of the Chamber.

The Distinguished Speaker Series luncheon **2019-2020 Provincial Budget – What it means for taxpayers and businesses** with Ernie Steeves will be presented by Deloitte Canada on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at Crowne Plaza Moncton from 11:45 am to 1 pm. You can register at [ccgm.ca](http://ccgm.ca), [events@ccgm.ca](mailto:events@ccgm.ca), or by calling the CCGM at 506 857-2883.

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