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MONCTON (**NEW BRUNSWICK**) – The GMCC drew nearly 200 people to their Distinguished Speakers Breakfast featuring Premier Alward.

The Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce hosted a very well attended Distinguished Speakers Breakfast last week. The guest speaker, none other than New Brunswick's very own Premier David Alward drew nearly 200 people early on a Monday morning. The subject of his presentation being "Leadership for New Brunswick families and jobs".

"Our members have a vested interest, they want to keep New Brunswick families together. They want to provide good jobs right here in our Greater Moncton Area", says Carol O'Reilly CEO of the GMCC. Premier David Alward has been touring the province spreading his message of hope for new jobs in conjunction with the pipeline project. Premier Alward addressed the room and empathized with those who are trying to raise a family in these tough economic times. Alward says he understands the challenges facing our province, but he is fiercely optimistic about the opportunities ahead. CEO, Carol O'Reilly is optimistic as well. "We have such a booming economy here in our tri-community area. Yes, we too are feeling the economic pressures but our region is still growing, still moving forward, still rising to the challenge."

The Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce believes the province of New Brunswick needs to embrace change in order to capture the much needed economic lift potential that exists in the value of our natural resources. This would include the potential to utilize natural gas, in an environmentally friendly manner, so that employment from this sector and many spin off ventures can boost our economic wealth. The west to east pipeline, although ending in Saint John, will provide significant needed jobs across our province and we will see those economic spinoffs here in Dieppe, Moncton and Riverview and the surrounding area. There is also potential to attract other investment and industry, as a result of this impending economic opportunity.

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The Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce is the voice of the business community for more than 800 businesses representing more than 30,000 members in Moncton, Dieppe and Riverview and the vicinity.

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