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The Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce Reacts to Maclean's article "Can anything save New Brunswick?"

Maclean's Magazine may have popped by New Brunswick to make assumptions but our business community is alive and well.

There is no doubt people are feeling the weight of the economy but it is not all doom and gloom.

A recent survey conducted by the GMCC shows over half our members feel positively about the current economic conditions. They realize the global economy impacts them and are willing to face that head on.

In many cases, the deep desire for success comes from "the people" of this province, at a grassroots level. The ones who live here and want to make a life here. Actually, make a "great life" here. The Maclean's article did get one thing right, Greater Moncton is a highlight for this province.

There have been some highly favourable reports released putting Greater Moncton on the map as a diamond in the rough. The Bank of Montreal, reported Greater Moncton as one of "Canada's Best Cities to Find a Job". A few years ago, the answer to this question might have been Alberta, however that is no longer the case. We rated #4 on the list, ahead of Vancouver and Toronto. Statistics Canada also released a report that shows Greater Moncton is the 8th fastest growing metropolitan area in Canada.

The entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well. Especially among our newcomers and young entrepreneurs and the established business community. These entrepreneurs are making jobs for themselves doing work they are passionate about.

The suggestion, that there is nothing happening here is just wrong. There is a lot happening and being humble New Brunswickers, we are so busy building success stories we just don't have time to stop and talk about it.

Don't take our word for it, come and visit and you'll feel our communities' vibe too.

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The Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce is the voice of the business community for more than 825 businesses representing more than 35, 000 members in Moncton, Dieppe and Riverview and the vicinity.

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