



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Chamber Responds to the next steps of the PEI Potato Ban**

**Summerside - March 25, 2022** - The Greater Summerside Chamber of Commerce is pleased to hear there has been some movement in the right direction regarding the opening of the U.S. border to PEI potatoes. While there are more details to come the Chamber views this as a positive development in the fight against the export restrictions.

“The Chamber is pleased to learn of this latest progress,” said GSCC task force Chair Filip Hrga. “The upcoming details will be critical to understand the scope of the expected changes to the border measures, we hope and trust that science and reason will prevail. As with all important issues affecting our members, the Chamber will continue to advocate on their behalf.”

Last December the Chamber struck a task force in an effort to determine if and how it could help support the potato industry and the greater Summerside economy. In an attempt to advocate for it’s members, the Chamber’s task force engaged in discussion and dialogue with it’s business members and farmers alike to understand their concerns. Those concerns were then brought forward to MP Bobby Morrissey in early Jan.

To keep it’s members updated on the latest potato restrictions, the Chamber hosted and moderated a public Q&A session with MP Bobby Morrissey in February. This session addressed questions submitted by the membership and task force. A recording of this session can be found on the GSCC’s website ([www.summersidechamber.com](http://www.summersidechamber.com))

The Chamber would like to recognize the hard work and ongoing efforts of government officials at all levels who have been pushing to have this ban reversed. Until the ban is lifted, the Chamber will continue to monitor the situation and advocate for it’s members.

*About The Greater Summerside Chamber of Commerce*

*Established in 1900, the Greater Summerside Chamber of Commerce is a volunteer organization made up of business and professional people sharing a common goal — the economic development of the Greater Summerside area. Small and large businesses from virtually every sector and profession form the membership.*

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