

Winnipeg forecasted to add 7,000 jobs in 2018

Conference Board numbers show city's 2017 economic growth highest in 20 years

MARCH 20, 2018, Winnipeg – This past week the Conference Board of Canada [released their 2018 outlook for 13 major Canadian cities](#). Noticeably, Winnipeg's economy expanded by 3.7 per cent in 2017 – the highest rate in close to 20 years.

Winnipeg is also forecasted to create over 7,000 jobs in 2018, with its economic growth slowing to 2.2 per cent. Though lower than 2017 – in part due to moderations in the construction sector and slower consumer spending growth partially caused by higher interest rates – that growth rate is still largely in line with the forecasted rates for other Prairie cities.

“It's good to see the story of wider Canadian economic success over the past year reflected in Winnipeg,” says Loren Remillard, President & CEO of The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, whose organization will soon host the final State of the City Address before Winnipeg's next civic election. “How we channel the benefits of that good year as a business community is critical, especially as we plan for more moderate years ahead in a province coping with debt.”

The Conference Board also predicts Winnipeg will grow by over 50,000 people in the next five years. While we are still [decades away from being a city of a million plus people](#), it is imperative we plan for that growth now.

About The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce

The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, founded in 1873, is the largest organization representing the voice of business in Winnipeg. Our mission is to foster an environment in which Winnipeg business can prosper.

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