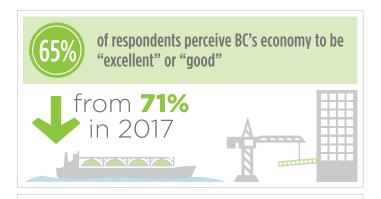
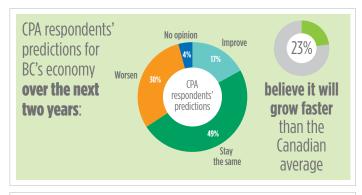
HIGHLIGHTS FROM CPABC'S 2018

Business Outlook Survey

CPABC's annual *Business Outlook Survey* measures members' perceptions of the current and future economic climate and asks members to weigh in on the challenges for business success in BC. A total of 2,121 members responded to the 2018 survey.







- 1 Ability to attract and retain highcalibre employees/skilled labour
- 2 Government red tape
- 3 Personal taxation level

BC's TOP economic issues: 1 Housing prices 2 Barriers to trade 3 Current value of CAD vs. USD

3 ways

the Employer Health Tax will affect BC businesses:

- 1 Increase costs of doing business
- 2 Reduce other employee benefits
- 3 Shift from full-time employment to contract/ temporary hiring

TOP

3 actions

to minimize the impact of the Employer Health Tax on BC businesses:

- 1 Postpone implementation until 2020
- 2 Apply a base exemption
- 3 Create a fairer split between businesses and individuals

1/3

of respondents think BC's tax rates and incentives are competitive

Significantly lower

than in 2017 (47%)

TOP

4- priorities to improve BC's economy:

- 1 Invest in infrastructure
- 2 Improve regional economic development
- 3 Reduce government red tape
- 4 Increase skills training opportunities

More results from CPABC's 2018 Business Outlook Survey are available at bccpa.ca/outlooksurvey.