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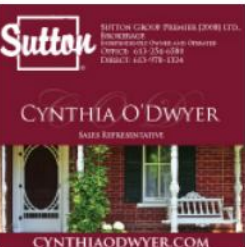
In its second appearance on Rogers TV "Experts on Ottawa" program, the Ottawa Taxpayer Advocacy Group (OTAG) welcomes the Canadian Federation For Independent Business (CFIB). Senior Policy Analyst Louis-Martin Parent, will discuss his organizations recent ranking of the city as well as CFIBs request that the city address Red Tape that consistently gets in the way of a productive small business. CFIB recently released its third Flagship report on Red tape, http://www.cfib-fcei.ca/cfib-documents/rr3282.pdf, Parent believes that if studied in the proper context the city could easily improve its national ranking, which according to its October report is at 73rd place. "There is a lot of great information in there, including the parts where we asked members about the most burdensome regulations at the federal, provincial and municipal levels. For the latter, "property tax and business tax", "building and renovation permits" and "property assessment" came in as the top 3 nationally. So improving those processes would be a great step forward." Parent said.

For its part, OTAG believes that a key avenue to reducing property taxes is by embracing the business community for the tax revenue they contribute as well as the job opportunities provided. Kevin MacDonald, President of OTAG points out that it's easy to forget the valuable role a flourishing business plays in a functional community. " If the ACME company sets up shop in downtown Kanata, the city collects business property tax,licensing and other fees, but when they set out to hire several dozen employees that need to buy homes the city wins the proverbial lottery."MacDonald said.

OTAGs program airs on Monday March 25th at 8.30 PM on Rogers TV channel 22.

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