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SMALL BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE PROMOTES DISCUSSION

In June 2005, the government committed, under the leadership of Premier Gordon Campbell, to create a permanent Small Business Roundtable.

In October 2005, the permanent Small Business Roundtable was established to provide a platform for ongoing dialogue with small business owners and operators across British Columbia.

The roundtable, which has 24 permanent members, recently completed a provincial consultation process to help identify key priorities for small business.

Based on these consultations and its members' expertise, the roundtable will provide feedback and advice to government on ways to cut red tape and make it easier and less expensive to do business in British Columbia.

The roundtable supports government's goal to make British Columbia Canada's most small-business-friendly jurisdiction.

For the initial round of Small Business Roundtable sessions, the ministry contacted 300 independent small business stakeholders.

The most popular discussion topics participants raised, and the number of communities in which each topic was raised, are summarized below.

Topic	Number of communities
Recruitment and retention of skilled labour	18
Complexity of multiple levels of government and related regulatory requirements and taxes	18
Streamlining and simplifying provincial sales tax	17
Promotion of small business, entrepreneurship and trades in schools	17
Promote British Columbia as place to visit, live and encourage tourism growth	15
Access to financing	15
Continue government regulatory reform	15

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