



ADVOCACY UPDATE

COVID-19 - News & Notes for Apr 30th

UPDATES FOR BUSINESS FROM GOVERNMENT

The Commercial Rent Assistance Program, or **CECRA - Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance** is going to be administered by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. They have information on their website about the application process that can be found [HERE](#).

Re-opening the Economy:

The First Minister's released a **Joint Statement** on the shared public health approach to re-opening the economy. It includes an agreement to focus on:

- protecting the health of Canadians;
- easing restrictions gradually;
- protecting high-risk groups (e.g., those vulnerable due to age, underlying health conditions, remote location, close living spaces, and temporary or unstable living spaces);
- ensuring our public health capacity remains strong to prepare for, and respond to, any future waves of the pandemic, including through enhanced testing and contact tracing; and,
- supporting a broad range of economic sectors.

To that end the Canadian Chamber has also released 5 Keys to Re-opening the Economy. [READ HERE](#). Trevin Stratton, Ph.D., Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist writes about the key considerations to any move forward.

Other Announcements and Supports:

Canadian Chamber of Commerce

- The Canadian Chamber of Commerce, together with StatsCanada, released the results of the Canadian Survey of Business Conditions. Read the release [HERE](#).
- Perrin Beatty, President and CEO of the Canadian Chamber has released a new blog entry (video) with guest: James Scongack, Executive Vice President of Corporate Affairs and Operational

Services with Bruce Power. Watch the [video blog HERE](#). The presentation is on Health and Safety during COVID-19.

- Here is a copy of an open letter sent to Ministers re: Infrastructure Projects as a means to generate jobs for Canadians. Read the [LETTER Here](#).

Advocacy work at the national, provincial and local level for businesses continues.

PPE in the Phase 2 workplaces was still a hot topic of discussion at the provincial chamber network. However, several businesses in the Battlefords have been offering / advertising items for sale. Please be sure to check them out, or call the Chamber office to connect to them (306-445-6226).

Also, the government has listed several items of information for entrepreneurs and owners to consider. See the government website [HERE](#), or contact the Business Response Team (coordinates below) to get your questions answered.

We are working for you! If you require additional information or need support to connect, please call the Chamber office in North Battleford at (306)445-6226.

The Canadian, Saskatchewan and Battlefords Chambers of Commerce are in close contact with the federal, provincial and municipal governments on many issues. We will do our best to keep you informed and up-to-date. Stay tuned, and follow the Chamber network.

Add your business to the growing list of Battlefords businesses who are using the website thebattlefords.thingsthatareopen.com

Be sure to update the site regularly, should you change your hours, availability, etc. Let's be sure to let residents know how, where and when to reach you during this pandemic. Sign up today.

RESOURCES YOU NEED

Canadian Chamber of Commerce:

CBRN micro-site has all the information, tools and resources businesses need to manage through COVID-19 pandemic.

Government of Canada:

Department of Finance website:
Finance Dept. [Here](#)

CRA Website [HERE](#)

Government of Saskatchewan:

Visit Saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus here!

The "Business Response Team". Contact them by phone or email. Phone # 1-844-800-8688
Website

For information on the **State of Emergency in Saskatchewan.**

See Media [Release here](#): Extended for an additional 2 weeks.

Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce:

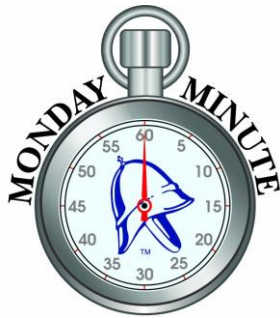
Resources for Business
Website [Here](#)



Canadian Business Resilience Network - Resources You Need

Get the most up-to-date information on **Containment Measures;**
Business Continuity;
Support for Business;
Recovery

See the Chamber's new micro-website



Monday Minute

Monday Minute provides up-to-the minute information on key Chamber of Commerce activities, advocacy and events. Recorded each Monday, it is distributed to Chamber members via email, and is available on the Chamber's website.

Visit our website! or Click [HERE](#)



1. Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance - **rebates** are being prepared for all plan holders - 50% of Dental Premiums and 10% of Extended Health Premiums. Watch for that change / reduction on your next statement.



Chamber Network Working for You!



As a valued member of the Battlefords Chamber of Commerce, you have access to the chamber network. The Canadian and Saskatchewan Chambers of Commerce and of course our local resources are here to support you. Stay up-to-date on COVID-19 and other key business issues.

We will be working reduced hours, but will still be available to members and organizations who require assistance.



Email us today!



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