



ADVOCACY UPDATE

COVID-19 - New CEWS Calculator Available

UPDATES FOR BUSINESS FROM GOVERNMENT

Federal Government:

Government Launches Updated CEWS Calculator:

- The government announced an updated tool is available for businesses to assist in calculating the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) particularly in light of upcoming changes in the program.
- There is a section for small and large employers to utilize the tool best suited to their situation.
- The next round of applications for CEWS commences August 17th, and employers may apply for Period 5 - July 5th to August 1st, 2020.
- The plan for this calculator is to assist businesses in making decision perhaps to rehire employees and bring them back to the workplace.
- See the **NEWS RELEASE** Here.

P.S. The new calculator was easy to access and fill in information to retrieve the required data for our upcoming application. (Battlefords Chamber of Commerce)

Indigenous Business & Communities

- The government has announced an additional \$305M to support Indigenous peoples and communities through the Indigenous Community Support Fund.
- Funds can be used for a number of projects, including supports for Elders and vulnerable community members, as well as addressing issues like food insecurity, mental health and education needs of children.
- In March the Fund received an initial investment of \$380M, and today with the additional \$305M, the government has invested \$685M thus far in their support.
- See **NEWS RELEASE** Here.

Indigenous Business & Communities in Sask. to see \$895,000 in Investments:

- Western Economic Diversification Canada announced that \$895,000 in funding will support initiatives that aim to bring culturally-relevant programming for Indigenous peoples to fully participate in the economic growth of Saskatchewan.

- Two specific projects have been identified, including job creation and training programming. One is specific to the far north, where a slowing down of the mining industry is impacting many residents, and secondly, Gabriel Dumont Institute will focus on entrepreneurship training with Metis entrepreneurs.
- See the [NEWS RELEASE](#) Here.

Provincial Government:

Government Invests \$35M in Tourism Industry:

- Saskatchewan has introduced its program to support the Tourism Industry, one of the hardest hit sectors by COVID-19.
- It calls for grants of between \$10,000 to \$50,000 for large event facilities and the accommodation sector, while tour, attraction and event operators can apply for grants of between \$7,500 and \$15,000.
- Applications will open August 24th, at 2 p.m., and will close October 1st, 2020.
- No details of application criteria was released.
- \$5M will be earmarked for support marketing and increasing demand for tourism experiences in the province.
- See [NEWS RELEASE](#) Here.

BattlefordsNOW has prepared a story with comments from Destination Battlefords on their marketing plans: See the [NEWS STORY](#) Here.

Rental Housing Project in North Battleford Gets the Green Light!

- The province together with the City of North Battleford, the federal government and the local CMHA branch officially broke ground on a new rental housing project in North Battleford August 12th, 2020.
- The project will house 8 units with 2 single level four-plexes in the Kramer Place neighborhood of North Battleford.
- See [NEWS RELEASE](#) Here.

Job #'s in Saskatchewan Continue to be Strong:

- Job numbers in Saskatchewan remain strong and are showing the resilience of Saskatchewan among the best in the country related to job #'s.
- Saskatchewan is back to 94.9% of the pre-pandemic job #'s which is highest in the country.
- See Saskatchewan [JOB NUMBERS](#) Here.

Other Announcements:

CBRN Site: 5 Minutes for Business: The Costs of Complacency:

- See [5 MINUTES FOR BUSINESS](#) Here.

Job Numbers Positive, But Focus is Needed on Spur Real Job Growth:

- Canadian Chamber reacts to the recently announced job numbers with an article as shown [HERE](#).

Local:

Wal-mart Requires Masks To Be Worn:

- If you are planning on making a trip to the North Battleford Wal-Mart, or any Wal-Mart store in Canada, you will now be required to wear a face mask. (As of August 12th, 2020)
 - See [NEWS STORY](#) Here.
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City of North Battleford Public Notice

If you are planning to appeal your recent Property Assessment, you have until August 17th, 2020 to provide your appeal forms and submit your application fee payment to the City of North Battleford. See the **Public Notice** Here.

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](https://www.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 the **New Public Health Order** in place August 6th, 2020.

Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce:

Resources for Business
Website Here



Canadian Business Resilience Network - Resources You Need

Get the most up-to-date information on **Re-Opening the Economy; Tips and Advice; Financial Support; 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](#)



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.

The Canadian, Saskatchewan and Battlefords Chambers of Commerce are working overtime to ensure that all of the key information, policy initiatives and business issues and solutions are at your fingertips. Call if you have any questions or require a referral # or contact.



Email us today!



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