



ADVOCACY UPDATE

COVID-19 - Still More News and Notes

UPDATES FOR BUSINESS FROM GOVERNMENT

Federal Government:

Government Announces Extension to CEWS:

- Prime Minister Trudeau announced an extension to December, 2020 of the CEWS program, the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy. The announced extension will likely add an additional 16 weeks to the program to run thru December 19th, 2020.
- However, there is not yet any new information on how the program may change, what businesses will still qualify, or what the extension may look like, etc. So, stayed tuned!

Canadian Chamber of Commerce responds to announcement of CEWS Extension. See the **NEWS RELEASE Here**. They see it as a positive step, but have some considerations for government moving forward.

Support for Restart of the Provincial and Territorial Economies:

- The federal government has announced a \$19B agreement to support the provinces and territories in an economic rebound from the pandemic. Several news outlets are reporting the increase in the agreement initially announced as \$14B.
- There are specific uses for the money, including:
 - Stockpiling of PPE
 - Boosting testing capacity
 - Advancing municipal transportation.
- See **NEWS STORY Here**.

Provincial Government:

Jobs Growth Rate in June Strong:

- Saskatchewan businesses added 30,300 jobs in June, making the job growth in Saskatchewan, one of the strongest rates in Canada
- See **[NEWS RELEASE Here](#)**.

Saskatchewan Provides News Guidelines:

- The province has announced new guidelines for several categories of events and specific business types, including:
 - Temporary Food Vendors
 - Racing & Rodeos
 - Banquets and Conferences
 - Car Shows & Trade Shows
- See **[NEWS RELEASE Here](#)**.

Eviction Suspensions to be Lifted:

- The government has announced that commencing August 4th, it will allow the process of evictions to start again through the Office of Residential Tenancies.
- See **[NEWS RELEASE Here](#)**.

Phase 4 Part 2 Now Up and Operating:

- Casinos, Bingo Halls, Pools, Rinks, Sports Facilities, etc., were all allowed to open in Phase 4 Part 2 of the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan commencing the week of July 6th, 2020.

Other Announcements:

CBRN Site:

Open Letter to Heads of State:

- World business leaders, including the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, have sent a letter to world leaders encouraging governments to come together to find creative and innovative solutions to the pandemic and its challenges.
- See the **[LETTER Here](#)**.

StatsCAN & Canadian Chamber - Business Survey Results:

- Businesses are adapting to a new phase of business. A second survey of business conducted by StatsCan and the Canadian Chamber shows many businesses adapting, while others are struggling to make ends meet.
 - **[NEWS RELEASE Here](#)**

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

Canadian Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Perrin Beatty, released some thoughts on the Economic Snapshot released by the federal government early in July. See the [News Release Here](#).

As well, the Canadian Chamber has outlined key areas of Supply Chain Resiliency that will be key moving forward. Here are the [Recommendations](#). (Here is the [News Release](#), also)

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.

**Have you submitted your business 'fun' video yet?
We want to promote business and the Battlefords, so join in the fun!**

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](#): New order in place July 7th, 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.

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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.



Email us today!



"Thanks for **STICKING** with us, while staff have been on a short vacation."

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