



## ADVOCACY UPDATE

### COVID-19 - Program Announcements Slowing

#### UPDATES FOR BUSINESS FROM GOVERNMENT

##### **Federal Government:**

##### **Commercial Rent Assistance Program - Now Open for Applications**

- The application portal for the **CECRA** - Canadian Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program is now open through CMHC. **APPLY HERE**.
- **NEWS RELEASE HERE**.

##### **Government Adds \$9.2M to Summer Student Funding in Ag:**

- Minister Bibeau announced today an injection of \$9.2M to fund additional supports for and student jobs in agriculture. See **NEWS RELEASE HERE**.

##### **Government Supports Small Business Hotline:**

- Minister Ng has announced that the federal government is supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs with financial planning advice through the **Business Resilience Service**.
- This support is meant to keep costs lower and affordable for small business owners trying to recover and re-open in the midst of the pandemic.
- Service will be bilingual, and will be available to non-profit organizations and charities also.
- See **NEWS RELEASE HERE**.
- 125 members of the Chartered Professional Accountants Canada will be available to provide the guidance for business.
- Phone # to call: 1-866-989-1080

##### **CEBA Updates for Farmers:**

- The federal government has announced updates to the **CEBA** (Canada Emergency Business Account) loan program specifically to assist farmers, who did not qualify initially, with issues like payroll requirements, etc.
- See the **[NEWS RELEASE HERE](#)**.

### **Provincial Government:**

#### **Park Stimulus Funding Announced:**

- Minister Gene Makowsky has announced \$10.3M in stimulus monies for renewal and development in Provincial Parks. See **[RELEASE HERE](#)**.
- Battlefords Provincial Park is scheduled to see some development in accessible campsites.

### **Other Announcements and Supports:**

#### Canadian Business Resilience Network (CBRN):

- The Canadian Chamber of Commerce has partnered (as noted above) to provide entrepreneurs and small business owners with guidance and assistance with financial supports. The **[Business Resilience Service](#)** is being offered 7 days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET.
  - A new Toolkit for Business has been released as A National Guide for Business. See the news release **[HERE](#)**. Find the **[GUIDE HERE](#)**.
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### **Advocacy work at the national, provincial and local level for businesses continues.**

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.

**The Canadian Chamber of Commerce together with Salesforce are offering \$10,000 grants to 62 companies from across Canada. Will you be one of them? See [INFO 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](#)**

#### **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 Media Release [here](#): Order extended on May 13th, 2020.

[CRA Website HERE](#)

[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](#)

**“When I realized my wellness program could be more than apples in the lunchroom.”**



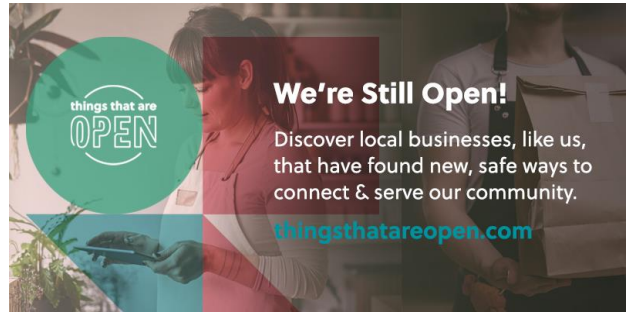
**Real Benefits for your business**

**Talk to your local advisor:**

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**Chambers Plan** has announced an extension on the adjustments of premium for May as well! Great news for plan members. 50% of Dental, 10% of Ext. Health. See your June 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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