



ADVOCACY UPDATE

COVID-19 - Key Programs and Service News

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.**

There continues to be a great deal of work getting done on this file. The Canadian Chamber together with the provincial Chambers are working with both levels of government to get this program right for both tenants and landlords.

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

The update on this program already has been very good, with over 300 calls per day since the launch on Monday. If you need advice, assistance or guidance, be sure to reach out.

Provincial Government: Water Services Investment Announced:

- The Water Security Agency has announced an investment of \$8.3M in Water Management Infrastructure and Programming in Saskatchewan. See **RELEASE HERE**.

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**.

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

CHANGE TO TIMING: Since the flow of key announcements and program initiatives has slowed from both the federal and provincial governments related to COVID-19, we will be making our **Advocacy Update** available only 1 time per week starting June 1st, 2020. Watch on Thursday's for the weekly updates. If an announcement is made is of an urgent nature, be assured we will get the news to you, but otherwise, we believe that a once a week **Advocacy Update** will continue to meet your needs.

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

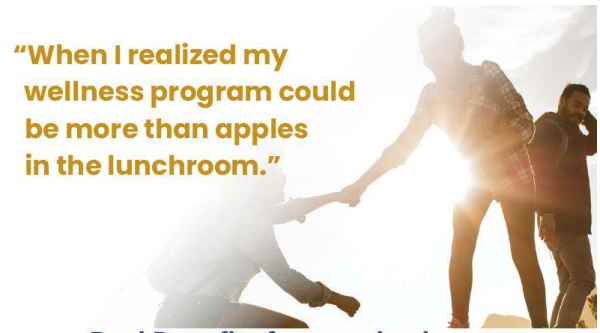
See the Chamber's new micro-website



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.

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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!



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