



## ADVOCACY UPDATE

### COVID-19 - News With The Masks Off!

#### Canadian Chamber of Commerce - Advocacy

##### Canadian Chamber: Why has the government blocked Parliaments's new law?:

- The Chamber issued a statement regarding the government's decision to stall the implementation of Bill C-208
  - "Parliament has spoken and made its desire clear to make the same of a small business to family members as easy as a sale to an unrelated buyer. B C-208 addressed thjis discriminatory tax policy, only to see the new legislation's implementation blocked."
- The decision to shelve the legislation of Bill C-208 is highly unusual and the government should reverse this decision immediately.
- This is all about tax fairness and succession planning for family businesses.
- The Canadian Chamber is calling for the government to immediately allow the legislation to come into effect.
- See **MEDIA RELEASE** Here.

### **Canadian Chamber: Jobs begin rebound “honeymoon” phase, but opportunities from labour market churn not yet felt:**

- The Chamber issued a statement regarding the recently released jobs numbers.
- The job numbers matched a widely expected rebound as lockdown restrictions continued to ease in key labour markets. The rebound phase could last well into the fall as vaccination percentages rise and restrictions unwind.
- The Chamber notes that when the shine of the increased numbers wears off, we'll still have a significant labour market gap to address.
- See **MEDIA RELEASE** Here.

### **UPDATES FROM GOVERNMENT**

#### **Federal Government:**

#### **Government Launches Jobs & Growth Fund**

- Applications can now be submitted for new fund supporting clean, inclusive recovery and long-term economic growth
- “By investing in our job creators and the organizations that support them, the Jobs and Growth Fund will help to create quality jobs, pursue inclusive and clean growth opportunities, and empower businesses and communities from coast to coast to coast. Our government has a plan to finish the fight against COVID-19—and ensure a resilient economic recovery that creates good jobs and growth for all Canadians. Today’s announcement is an important step forward in getting us there.” (Minister Melanie Joly)
- See **NEWS RELEASE** Here.

#### **Minister Carr Announces Shop Local Investment:**

- The investment of up to \$7.2 million will be going to Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta to encourage people to shop locally and support businesses in their community as they reopen. This will help businesses stay open so they can thrive as the economy recovers.
- This is part of a national investment of \$33 million to support Shop Local campaigns across the country announced by the Honourable Mary Ng, Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade, on June 21.
- See below for how you can participate and see value in this program!
- See **NEWS RELEASE** Here.

**PLEASE NOTE: Advocacy Updates**, like this one have been developed and sent to members each and every week (sometimes twice a week) since the beginning of the pandemic. As announcements of government programs slow, and to allow the Chamber staff some vacation time, we will only be sending the Advocacy Update out twice over the course of the summer, unless news of the day warrants another issue. So, watch your in-boxes **July 15th**, and **August 19th**, 2021 for the summer editions.

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## Lifting of the State of Emergency in Saskatchewan.

Lifting of the emergency health measures in the province brings more than just relief.

It also means an end to emergency layoffs.

Employers will have two weeks within which to schedule an employee who has been on a temporary layoff back to work, or provide pay instead of notice as required by The Employment Standards Regulations.

See [NEWS RELEASE](#) Here.



The **Battlefords Chamber of Commerce** is pleased to participate in this Canada Shop Local initiative (as reported above), and want to encourage members to take advantage of the opportunities. 2 ways to participate: (No charge to Chamber Members)

1. Be one of the first to book a professional video shoot for your business!
  - 2-minute videos will be produced at a value of \$1,795 each!
  - Available to you AND will be featured on the Chamber's social media & "Meet our Members" website section
2. You can book social media-friendly Virtual Shopping Tours:
  - Up to 1-minute in-store promotional videos of specific items, sales, or business promotions
  - Value of \$295 each

Videos available for all businesses— first come, first served!  
Call the Chamber office for more information, or to book your video production today!

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### ***RESOURCES YOU "Still" NEED***

**Canadian Chamber of Commerce:**  
**Business Led Recovery** 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**

**Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce:**  
**Resources for Business**  
**Website Here**

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## 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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## 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.



Email us today!

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.



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