



Updates from our Chamber and Partners in Prosperity

Hello Everyone –

Could you hear me singing...could you feel the dancing? This Friday will be a day of celebration for many. While I caution opening too soon as safety is priority, I am certain that this will be widely embraced by proprietors and consumers alike. While Chatham-Kent establishments can open – without dancing – there is plenty of reason to raise a glass and toast to Stage 3. I think only positive thoughts for our neighbours in Windsor-Essex and Sarnia-Lambton to gain the same success in their 4 week data, and receive the same hopeful news very soon.

When child care facilities expand capacity later in July, employers will be welcoming back employees that have been caring and home schooling for many months. This will be a transition that both parties should work together to find the needed balance, comfort zones and required safety measures.

The good fight is not over, precautions remain mandatory. As I watch what is happening in our neighbouring country and across the globe, I hope that Chatham-Kent, Ontario and Canada can prove how we can come out the winner. The physical and emotional side of this is daunting, yet COVID-19 can be beat if we do this right. Financially, this will be a long battle for some. As individuals, and as business owners, managers and employees - everyone has varied levels of comfort. It is our responsibility to take care of one another, support our local businesses as they maneuver through the challenges and show respect to all as we advance to next stage.

Federal government has again extended the wage subsidy program, now until December. This is good news for many who will feel these pains for many more months. Thursday is the last day to apply for the Municipal Economic Recovery Grant. Our Chamber continues promotion of the Recovery Activation Program, open – at no cost – to all Chatham-Kent businesses. Links to all of these, and more, are below.

During all of this pandemic, other significant situations have come to the forefront. It is saddening to note how these came to be, yet we are now forging to a place that needed attention. Our Chamber Values have been, and continue to be: Integrity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accountability. We are here for Members, Citizens and Community and trust will listen and respect All. Our Vision and Values Statement is attached.

Use the information below, in full or in part. Share. Please stay safe, stay distanced, stay neighbourly. Take care of yourself and our community.

Yours in Prosperity,

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SHOP MEMBERS – SHOP LOCAL FIRST!

Nearly All Businesses to Reopen in Stage 3

Ontario will be increasing social gathering limits to 100 for outdoor and 50 for indoors. Gathering limits are subject to physical distancing requirements.

Businesses allowed to open include restaurants & bars for indoor dine-in, gyms, fitness studios, and community centres and more with restrictions effective Friday, July 17 at 12:01 a.m.

Framework of Stage 3 found here: <http://ow.ly/mRlv50Ax8nK>

Do you have questions? For questions on restrictions that will remain in place during Stage 3, review the Stage 3 [Emergency Order](#) on the emergency information portal or call the Stop the Spread Business Information Line at 1-888-444-3659.

Update from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce

Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) To Be Extended Until December

This morning the Government of Canada announced its intention to extend the CEWS program until December. Details on the extension are expected to be released later this week. We commented that news of the extension was positive, but a successful CEWS update must also expand revenue eligibility and provide absolute clarity and consistency about the criteria for eligibility. Too many businesses are still uncertain about their ability to qualify for the program. [Read Our Statement](#)

Policy Update Following Fiscal Snapshot

Emergency measures introduced to assist Canadians and businesses because of the COVID-19 pandemic have come at a great cost. The total bill, which still is not known, must be monitored closely and transparently moving forward. With diminishing fiscal capacity, the country must begin retooling its economic fundamentals. Canada needs a clear plan to restore private sector growth, starting with a tailored strategy and timetable for safely reopening. We have prepared a 51-point Roadmap to Recovery to help policymakers with the important and challenging work they have ahead. [Read More](#)

Governments Of Ontario And Canada Provide Additional Insurance Coverage For Farmers

Ontario farmers, already enrolled in an eligible production insurance plan, who suffer from crop losses due to labour disruptions during the 2020 growing season will have access to further insurance coverage through Agricorp. The added insurance coverage will include:

- Inability to attract sufficient on-farm labour due to COVID-19
- Illness or quarantine of on-farm labour and the producer due to COVID-19

Farmers will be expected to notify Agricorp as soon as possible if they experience COVID-19 related labour disruptions that are having an impact on their crops

[More Information](#)

Update from the Federal Government

This week, the Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers [met for a virtual Cabinet retreat](#) to discuss how we move forward as Canadians from this global pandemic. They spoke about the concrete actions they will take to fight racism in Canada, prepare for a potential second wave of COVID-19, and how to safely restart and rebuild the economy.

The path forward will continue to focus on the health and safety of people, while we continue to support hardworking business owners and entrepreneurs like all of you.

We will get through this as one Team Canada.

WEEK IN REVIEW

Wednesday, July 8th

On Wednesday, Minister Morneau [provided](#) an economic and fiscal snapshot – showing Canadians where we are now and our plan to stabilize and rebuild the economy in the weeks and months to come.

Our government made the decision early on to step up and help all Canadians through this time of need. Our support has meant millions of Canadians have been able to put food on the table, keep a roof over their heads, and support their families.

Nearly 3 million Canadians have kept their jobs because of the wage subsidy, almost 690,000 business owners have benefitted from the \$40,000 interest-free CEBA loan, and over 8 million Canadians (including entrepreneurs and self-employed people) have been supported by the Canada Emergency Response Benefit.

Watch Minister Ng's [video](#) on how our supports are directly helping Canadians.

Thursday, July 9th

On this day, Minister Bibeau [announced](#) that our government, in partnership with the Government of Quebec, will together invest over \$1 million to provide targeted support to fish farmers in the province as they navigate the challenges of COVID-19.

Friday, July 10th

On Friday, Minister O'Regan [announced](#) that our government will provide up to \$30 million to help cover the additional safety measures costs that small and medium-sized businesses in the forestry sector have incurred as a result of COVID-19. Faced with the challenges of both maintaining the manufacturing of essential products and ensuring seedlings are planted on schedule amid COVID-19, federal, provincial, and territorial governments – together with industry – worked collaboratively to quickly put in place measures to protect workers and communities.

Also on this day, Ministers Bains and Anand [visited](#) the GM Factory in Oshawa. GM was among the many companies that raised their hands and offered to retool their operations, and started producing #MadeinCanada PPE like surgical masks to help Canadians and our frontline healthcare workers fight against COVID-19.

Update from the Ontario Chamber of Commerce

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY EXTENDED TO JULY 22

- In consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ontario government has [extended](#) the provincial Declaration of Emergency under s.7.0.2(4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* to July 22, 2020.

CANADA'S ECONOMIC AND FISCAL SNAPSHOT 2020

- On **July 8**, the federal Minister of Finance presented an economic and fiscal snapshot following Canada's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and delaying the 2020 federal budget in March.
- The federal deficit is projected to hit \$343.2 billion this fiscal year, comparable to spending during the Second World War. The federal debt will exceed \$1.2 trillion by the end of the fiscal year.
- Since the start of the pandemic, the federal government has spent more than \$231 billion on aid packages and health and safety measures for Canadians.
- Encouraging signs show the worst of the economic shock is behind us as the economy gradually reopens. While there is a major deficit, Canada is still expected to maintain its low debt advantage among G7 countries. More details [here](#).

NO EXTENSION OF CURBSIDE PICK-UP & DELIVERY FOR CANNABIS RETAILERS

- The Ontario government has not made permanent the emergency order to authorize cannabis retail stores to offer curbside pick-up and delivery of products purchased online or over the phone.
- Ontario should have a competitive market for cannabis curbside pick-up and delivery should be made permanent to allow the private sector the necessary tools to compete against the illicit market, while creating jobs and economic growth.
- [Read the OCC's statement](#).

ADDITIONAL UPDATES

- Today on **July 9**, the Ontario Government announced they are expanding access to reliable broadband and cellular service in underserved and unserved parts of the province. The application for the \$150 million *Improving Connectivity for Ontario* program (ICON) opens today. [Learn more](#).
- On **July 8**, the Ontario government introduced the [COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act](#). Click [here](#) for more details on this announcement.
- On **July 7**, the Ontario government passed [Bill 171, the Building Transit Faster Act, 2020](#), which enables the province to expedite the process of building Ontario's four priority transit projects. The four projects include the all-new Ontario Line, the Yonge North Subway Extension to Markham and Richmond Hill, the improved three-stop Scarborough Subway Extension, and the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension to Pearson airport. [Learn more](#).

- On **July 3**, the Ontario government invested \$3 million to provide free online health and safety training to Ontarians. Up to 100,000 job seekers can now take free online workplace health and safety training through Employment Ontario. [Learn more.](#)
- On **July 3**, the Ontario government issued a new emergency order and amended another under s.7.0.2 (4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, which will allow municipalities to quickly pass temporary bylaws for the creation and extension of patios and allow covered outdoor dining areas to serve customers. [Learn more.](#)

The Ontario government will spend more than \$2.6 billion on highway construction projects this year. [Learn more.](#)

UPCOMING WEBINARS

[Taking Action Against Anti-Black Racism in Corporate Canada](#)

Wednesday, July 15 | 12:00 pm - 1:15 pm

Join the Ontario Chamber of Commerce for an In-Conversation with Founder and Chair of the Council and BlackNorth Initiative, **Wes Hall**, ICD.D, Executive Chairman and Founder of Kingsdale Advisors and Co-Chair, **Rola Dagher**, President and CEO of Cisco Canada.

[Register now](#)

[From Far And Wide: Canada's Accelerated Technology Landscape, Hosted By Global Public Affairs](#)

July 15, 1:00 p.m.

Beyond just a surge of innovation, the tech sector in Canada is accelerating in growth and stature. Some of Canada's fastest-growing and largest organizations are technology companies. Many of our legacy companies are adapting to digitization, and the need for this transition is even more urgent since the pandemic.

[Register Now](#)

[Preparing For The Second Wave: An Invitation To A B20 Virtual Event](#)

July 16, 9:00 a.m.

This virtual session will bring leaders from business, government, international organizations and civil society together in dialogue.

[Register Now](#)

[Foreign Interference Risks For Canadian Businesses, Briefing With Canadian Security Intelligence Service \(CSIS\)](#)

July 16, 11:00 a.m.

Canadian companies need to remain competitive to both sustain our domestic capacity to produce innovative products and to be a leader in global supply chains. However, in a competitive global environment, significant risks exist for Canadian companies as countries with hostile intents seek to undermine Canada's economic security. Although espionage and foreign interference are not new, the global pandemic has changed the dynamics of the threat environment. [Register Now](#)

[In Conversation With Ontario's Mayors: Municipalities in a Post-COVID World](#)

Friday, July 17 from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Join the Ontario Chamber of Commerce for a candid discussion with three of Ontario's most influential mayors: Mayor of Toronto **John Tory**, Mayor of Mississauga **Bonnie Crombie**, and Mayor of Peterborough **Diane Therrien**. [Click here to register.](#)

[How To Support Employees' Mental Health And Well-Being During COVID-19 And Beyond](#)

July 20 | 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

In a recent survey by Sun Life, over half (56%) of Canadians surveyed said COVID-19 is negatively affecting their mental health. Join Carmen Bellows, Registered Psychologist and Director, Mental Health Solutions at Sun Life Financial to learn how to develop and maintain a positive mental health environment in your organization.

[Register Now](#)

Free online workplace health and safety training is available through Employment Ontario for up to 100,000 job seekers, with topics such as infection control, conducting health and safety incident

investigations, ladder safety, slips, trips and falls prevention. Contact an Employment Ontario [service provider](#) in your area to enroll.

Are You Looking for Resources that Will Help Your Business Recover from the COVID-19 Shutdown?



SCALE UP INSTITUTE | RAP RECOVERY ACCELERATION PROGRAM
TORONTO

RAP IMMERSIVE:
HARNESS TECHNOLOGY TO DIGITALLY TRANSFORM AND GROW YOUR BUSINESS.

Industry leaders will assist and enlighten during this highly interactive four-week program.

Learn More >

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This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario.

Canada Ontario

Sign up today: <http://supportbusiness.bot.com/RAP>

Chatham-Kent Small Business Recovery Grant Program

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent has established the Small Business Grant Recovery Program to provide a grant of up to \$5,000 to immediately assist small businesses who have been adversely affected in their revenue streams by the COVID-19 pandemic. Chatham-Kent Municipal Council and Administration recognizes the intense and severe financial hardship that has crippled small businesses due to the need for Public Health restrictions to slow the spread of COVID-19.

This Recovery Grant is intended to assist small business owners in their immediate needs to prepare their small business, store or restaurant in order to protect employees and staff members as they reopen for business. The grant fund pool is \$200,000 with available grants for businesses of up to \$5,000. Depending on the demand for this grant, amounts may be lower but equal for all successful applicants.

Applications will be accepted until Thursday, July 16th, 2020.

[Eligibility Info Here](#)

[Apply Here](#)



CHATHAM-KENT CHAMBER of COMMERCE
74th Rural Urban Dinner & Awards

Nominations are Open!

Submit your nomination today!
Deadline for nominations is Tuesday, July 28th at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 25th, 2020
Chatham-Kent John D. Bradley Convention Centre

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Award Categories:

Agriculturist of the Year
Agriculture Innovator of the Year (Individual)
Agriculture Innovator (Business/Organization/Group)
Friend of Agriculture

Nomination Form



Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020

Willow Ridge Golf & Country Club

10 AM Registration

11 AM Shotgun Start

a day of

for only

golf \$ 120



includes *golf, cart, lunch, dinner & a prize for everyone too!*

Design your day your way!

The entire day is based on your time, budget and choice

PLAY

18 holes of fabulous golf (includes cart) with lunch on the turn \$105(+hst)

PLAY & STAY

18 holes of fabulous golf (includes cart) with lunch on the turn followed by delicious steak dinner \$120 (+hst)

CONNECT

Not golfing but would like to network over a delicious steak dinner \$45(+hst)

Sponsorship Opportunities Available! 18 hole tournament. Shotgun Start.

Register online at www.chatham-kentchamber.ca

Deadline to register is Wednesday, September 16th.

For further information contact (519) 352-7540 or info@chatham-kentchamber.ca



**Annual Golf Tournament
Willow Ridge Golf & Country Club
Wednesday, September 23, 2020**

ARE YOU LOOKING TO PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS, GAIN EXPOSURE & SUPPORT THE CHAMBER THROUGH A FUN VENUE?

Here are some great ways!!...

Looking for Hole Sponsors, Player Prize Donations, Goodie Bag Giveaways And...**GOLFERS!**

Registration Sponsor Cost: \$500

Directional signage to 'Registration' accompanied with your company logo

Preferred recognition as our exclusive 'Registration Sponsor' with branded signage at registration, and extending opportunity to further promote utilizing your company tent, banners and/or pop up banners

Preferred recognition on customized scorecards

Preferred recognition on pre & post promotion through Chamber social media, website and e-broadcast

Hole Sponsor Cost: \$165



Your business will be recognized as a sponsor with hole signage, on customized Scorecards, pre & post event promotion on Chamber Social Media through website, e broadcast, Facebook and Twitter.

Enhanced Hole Sponsorship Cost: \$350
Your business hosts the hole with 1 – 2 of your representatives.
Set up a table (& tent, if you choose). Consider a giveaway!

Your business will be recognized as a sponsor with hole signage, on customized Scorecards, pre & post event promotion on Chamber Social Media through website, e broadcast, Facebook and Twitter.

Player Prize Donations
Opportunity to donate a prize for the prize table. Minimum value: \$25
Your business will be recognized as a prize donator on the prize table as well as on the Chamber website and Facebook.

Goodie Bag Giveaways
Cost: Provide 125 fun/unique promotional items
Your business will be recognized within the goodie bag as a goodie bag sponsor as well as on the Chamber website and Facebook.

GOLFERS – Do you like to golf, have fun, build business & network?
Then this tournament is for you!!! **Register Today!**

SUPPORT THE CHATHAM-KENT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Resources:

Local

[Public Health Information on COVID-19](#)

[Workplace Information](#)

[Chatham-Kent Economic Development](#)

[Community Futures CK](#)

[Community Futures CK - Regional Relief and Recovery Fund](#)

[Business Credit Availability Program](#)

Provincial & Federal

[Support For Your Business](#)

[Canadian Business Resilience Network](#)

[Government of Canada Support for Small Businesses](#)

[Wage subsidy for Businesses](#)

[Chamber Plan Ontario](#)

[Canada's COVID-10 Economic Response Plan](#)

[Ontario Chamber of Commerce – COVID-19 Preparedness Toolkit](#)

[Canadian Chamber of Commerce – Pandemic Preparedness Guide for Business](#)
