



Updates from our Chamber and Partners in Prosperity

Stay Safe, Stay Distanced. As summertime suggests the feeling of freedom, we must continue and recognize physical distancing and sanitizing. Albeit, with outdoor events, recreation and socializing, it is a hard message to follow, yet we must appreciate it as is part of the battle plan.

Businesses are doing a fantastic job of doing their part to ensure we are staying safe. Handy (yes, handy) sanitizer, arrows, signs on doors, floors and just about everywhere help remind us to share in the responsibility to see our businesses remain open, regaining a solid stance towards a better economy. Each open day is another move forward.

Shopping and supporting local business is not a new message either. This message is shared across the Chamber network, community groups, and repeatedly on social, paper and radio platforms. Canada United, a national movement to rally Canadians to *Shop Local*, helps give our businesses the support they need. Beyond the social and shopping campaigns, Canada United is offering relief grants of up to \$5,000 to help Canadian small businesses. Canada United is on now and will build towards a national supportive weekend at the end of August. Your participation is easy:

Watch the Canada United videos online at GoCanadaUnited.ca. *'Like' the posts from @GoCanadaUnited on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn and use #CanadaUnited to demonstrate support.* The Canada United Small Business Relief Fund will continue to grow as with every video watched and social media 'liked' RBC will contribute 5 cents to the grant fund. *Safely buy from our local businesses, all while leading up to a Canada United Shopping Weekend August 28th-30th.* Learn about the movement and, if you're a small business owner, get involved or apply for the Canada United Small Business Relief grant by visiting GoCanadaUnited.ca

Let's all do our part. Let's support Chatham-Kent business. Let's support Canada United!

As I head into the long weekend, our house will be host location to a birthday celebration for my parents, who both turn 86 in the coming days. While they have been weathering the crisis very well, they are gladly supporting shopping and dining again, all the while distanced and with their designer masks on. I am so proud of them. Yes, we have arrows, soap, wipes, sanitizer, distanced seating appropriately arranged outside.....I think we're ready for a well deserved family party.

Great news... The Match Eatery opens at Cascades Casino tomorrow and The Sons of Kent fully reopened, both nicely in time for a long weekend. It's Civic Holiday Weekend, let's be civic and support the many, many local destinations who will be counting on your visits and indulging in their offerings. On a sadder note, wishing Gino and Judy of Glitters Fun Eatery all the best as they bid farewell. Sadly, the doors of a great restaurant have closed. I know they dreamed of retirement at some point in the future, however, the COVID pandemic has forced these dreams to the immediate. These friendly hosts and caring owners will be greatly missed in our downtown and community.

There is considerable updates and information below. This information is to be shared, please pass it on.


As you celebrate this long weekend, please remember to stay safe, for you, family, friends and community. Eat Local, Shop Local, Be Local. It's the civic thing to do!

Yours in Prosperity, Gail.

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SHOP MEMBERS – SHOP LOCAL FIRST!

Hello Members! Did you know we like to 'LIKE'? We do! Please share your Facebook page with us to follow.... and

'SHARE'! 

Join the Movement #CanadaUnited

The Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce is excited to be participating in the Canada United campaign —a nationwide social media campaign to encourage Canadians to buy local — and we hope you will join us in lending your support for small and local businesses.

Canada United is offering relief grants of up to \$5,000 to help Canadian small businesses with their recovery efforts as a result of COVID-19. *Your participation is important!*

The grant funds will grow over the next several weeks as every campaign video watched and social media post liked and shared will result in a 5¢ contribution from RBC! [Learn More](#)



Update from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce

[Windsor-Essex COVID-19 Economic Task Force Publishes Cross-Border Tips For Manufacturing Sector](#)

This guide is now available and provides helpful information for what to expect at the border, what documentation you will need, tips and advice, template letters, health guidance and more. [Read The Guide](#)

[Canada Revenue Agency Extends Payment Deadline And Provides Interest Relief For Outstanding Debts](#)

The CRA is extending the payment due date for current year individual, corporate and trust income tax returns, including instalment payments, from September 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020. The CRA is also waiving interest on existing tax debts related to individual, corporate and trust income tax returns from April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 and from April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 for goods and services tax/harmonized sales tax (GST/HST) returns. [More Information](#)

[Public Health Agency Of Canada Launches ArriveCAN App](#)

The ArriveCAN app, developed by the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Canada Border Services Agency, provides digital means for all travellers entering Canada to easily and securely submit their information and complete a self-assessment of COVID-19 symptoms up to 48 hours before arriving in Canada.

[Canada Labour Code Leave Of Absence Period Extended](#)

For federally regulated members, this week the Government of Canada amended the Canada Labour Standards and extended the maximum allowable length for a leave of absence due to COVID-19 from 16 to 24 weeks. This change allows the eligibility to match the previously extended Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB). [More Information](#)

[Employment And Social Development Canada: Supporting Black Canadian Communities Call For Proposals](#)

ESDC's Supporting Black Canadian Communities Call for Proposals (CFP) provides capital assistance to Black

organizations in Canada to build capacity to better fulfill their missions and serve Black communities in Canada. Not-for-profit organizations that are Black-led, can apply for up to \$100,000 for:

- equipment purchases for work or community spaces; and/or
- renovations or retrofits of existing workspaces or community spaces to improve their functionality.

You can apply only once for this CFP for a maximum of \$100,000. The deadline to apply is July 27 at 3:00 p.m. ET. [More Information](#)

UPCOMING WEBINARS

[How COVID-19 Has Changed Home and Community Care](#)

Thursday, July 30 from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Join the Ontario Chamber of Commerce for an insightful discussion on health care outside the hospital setting.

[Register now](#)

[The Key To Employee Well-Being During And After The Pandemic](#)

August 10 | 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

In this webinar, we'll be looking at how overall health culture, which includes physical, mental and financial health, is especially important during a crisis. And how going forward, this culture will be an integral part of group plans. [Register](#)

[Now](#)

Update from the Federal Government

Minister Ng participated in the first-ever virtual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) trade ministers meeting to discuss strengthening rules-based trade, and upholding stable and predictable global supply chains. During the virtual meeting, Minister Ng announced Canada's intention to move forward with Phase II of the APEC-Canada Growing Business Partnership.

This partnership, which began in 2016, has helped Canadian innovative entrepreneurs start up, scale up, access resources and connections in the Asia-Pacific region – with a focus on sustainable development. Phase II will help small businesses reduce barriers to trade, give back to their communities, and build economies that work for everyone – including women.

Minister Ng and her Asia-Pacific counterparts also signed onto [a joint statement](#) reaffirming their commitment to work together toward a path of inclusive, sustainable, and quick economic recovery for citizens and small businesses amid the global pandemic.

This meeting builds on the recent ministerial [APEC joint statement on COVID-19](#) that highlighted Canada and its APEC partners' unwavering commitment to collaborate on mitigating the health and economic impacts of the pandemic on our people.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on local economies and global supply chains. Canada is a trading nation, and our government is committed to continue building opportunities – helping our businesses succeed in the global market place as we build back better.

We will always work with international partners to build on collective knowledge, experience, and innovation to support small businesses and all Canadians amid this global health and economic crisis.

Learn more [here](#).

Join the Recovery Activation Program to learn how to leverage technology & digital channels to modernize processes, transform operating models,
& connect more meaningfully with employees & customers.

The program is completely free for businesses of all sizes to digitize their operations, and open to participants across Ontario..

At this time, the first two RAP cohorts in August are full. Anyone who signs up now will be placed in the next available cohort in September.

Don't wait, apply now: <http://supportbusiness.bot.com/RAP>

SCALE UP INSTITUTE TORONTO | RAP RECOVERY ACTIVATION PROGRAM

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.

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Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS 2.0)

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On July 17, 2020, the federal government announced significant changes to the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS), which we will refer to as CEWS 2.0. Prior to July 17, the government consulted stakeholders seeking input for modifications needed to the program as the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve

[Read more](#)



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

**Interested in Sponsorship [click here](#)
Register to play [here](#)**

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](#)
