



## COVID-19 - Updates from our Chamber and “Partners in Prosperity”

Dear Members and Associates –

It is Friday, already. Considering, at times, the days seem long, the week flies by quickly.

I have seen many surveys posted and invitations being extended by the various sector groups of the Economic Recovery Task Force. If you receive an invitation, respond at earliest opportunity. As previously mentioned, timelines are tight and your input is extremely important to the success of Chatham-Kent business rebounding from the COVID-19 struggles. Supporting the prosperity of business, will regain employment and inject monies back into local charities and needed projects. We are all in this together.

In working together, the Chatham-Kent Chamber Board of Directors are vested into the Economic Recovery Task Force with full representation and participation on the sector groups, helping and supporting the various initiatives. I know many our members are also at the table - not literally - and I thank you. Team work breeds great work!

I know many businesses are doing some awesome techniques and processes to accommodate their clientele. It can't be easy, but is appreciated. A 'shout out' to Glasshouse Nursery who announced they will not be opening their doors, although have been given the green light by government. In this case, they minimized their income for maximizing safety. I'm sure that wasn't an easy decision, yet, a very wise decision. Again, Teamwork, we are all in this together Chatham-Kent. Take care of each other.

Don't forget to celebrate Mother's Day. We have fabulous restaurants and florists that are taking precaution while making opportunity to recognize Mom. Check [www.chatham-kentchamber.ca](http://www.chatham-kentchamber.ca) for our member listings! Support Members – Support Local !!



Physically Distanced, Staying Connected

***BYOB HAPPY HOUR***

*Every Wednesday*

Next one: Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Chamber Members Only

Please note this event has a maximum of 20 participants  
Credentials will be provided after registering for the event

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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## Update from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce

### **Businesses Are Facing International And Investment Challenges**

While it is still very much early days as Canadian businesses assess the short-term impacts of COVID-19 on their international activities, the data from our survey with Statistics Canada revealed the difficulties businesses are facing with sourcing goods into the country, the pullback of activities for those with investments abroad and the global supply chain disruptions as economies shut down suggests we may be seeing some firms exploring the re-shoring of production. [More Information](#)

### **Government Of Canada And Provinces/Territories Agree On Wage Boost For Essential Workers**

The Government of Canada will provide up to \$3 billion in support to increase the wages of low-income essential workers. Each province or territory will determine which workers will be eligible for support and how much support they will receive. All provinces and territories have confirmed, or are in the process of confirming, plans to cost-share wage top-ups for their essential workers. [More Information](#)

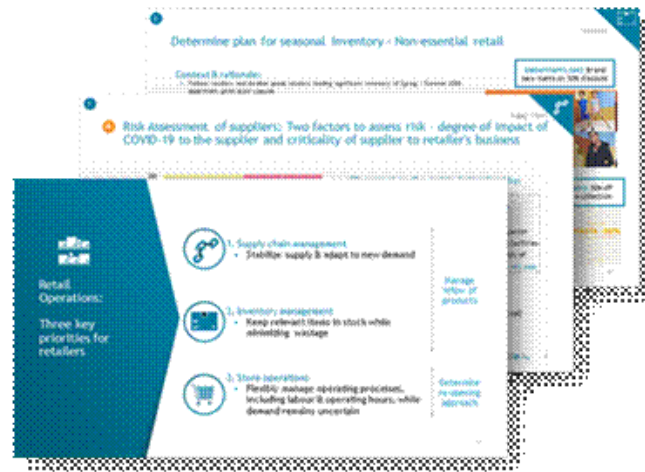
**Retail Council Of Canada Offers A Reopening Playbook And Checklists To Businesses**

To assist retailers with their reopening planning, the Retail Council of Canada has produced a Recovery Playbook and several checklists to provide guidance and best practices.

**[Access The Resources](#)**

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## A Reopening Playbook And Checklists To Businesses



To assist retailers in their reopening planning, Retail Council of Canada, in partnership with the Boston Consulting Group and retailers from across Canada, are leveraging global best practices for a diverse range of retail formats with the fundamental aim of ensuring a safe environment for employees and customers. [Go to download](#)

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## **UPCOMING WEBINARS**

**WEBINAR WITH THE HON. MARY NG, MINISTER OF SMALL BUSINESS, [Export Promotion and International Trade](#)**

**Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

A webinar with the Hon. Minister Ng, Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade.

**[Register Now](#)**

### **ENSURING THE RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE OF CANADA'S FOOD SERVICE SECTOR**

**MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 2:30- 3:30 PM**

Please join Molson Coors Canada President Frederic Landtmeters, Boston Pizza President and CEO Jim Treliving, Firkin Group of Pubs President Larry Issacs and Canadian Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Perrin Beatty for this special roundtable.

**[Register Now](#)**

### **[Canada's Supply Chain in the COVID-19 Crisis: The CN Perspective](#)**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**

Join the OCC's President & CEO Rocco Rossi and Sean Finn, Executive Vice-President, Corporate Services and Chief Legal Officer, CN,

as they come together for a virtual fireside chat to discuss CN's perspective on Canada's Supply Chain during the COVID-19 crisis.

**[Register Now](#)**

### **BDC Webinar: Planning for recovery: How to restart your business in the wake of COVID-19**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 p.m.**

What will recovery look like for Canadian businesses?

Discover what various business sectors can expect as well as the steps entrepreneurs need to take to successfully jump-start their operations.

**[Register Now](#)**

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## **PRE-RECORDED WEBINARS**

**WATCH NOW: [Clarifying Government COVID-19 Relief Programs for Business](#)**

**WATCH NOW: [Information Security and Data Privacy in the age of COVID-19](#)**

**WATCH NOW:** [How Big Data is Being Used to Combat COVID-19](#)

You can find a full list of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce webinars [here](#)

Through our relations and affiliations with the Ontario Chamber and Canadian Chambers of Commerce, you are invited to participate in the webinars that they have organized, and we recommend you participate in to help guide you through relief programs and availabilities.

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## **Ontario announces new list of businesses that can reopen**

Premier Doug Ford has announced a list of more businesses that can reopen, with strict guidelines in place, as the province moves with "cautious optimism" to restart the economy.

Garden centres and Nurseries will be allowed to reopen as of Friday

Hardware stores and safety supply stores to reopen as of Saturday

Retail stores with a street entrance will be allowed to reopen for curbside pickup on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

The government is also expanding essential construction to allow below-grade multi-unit residential construction projects like apartments and condominiums to begin and existing above-grade projects to continue. This will help clear the way for the housing and jobs our economy will need to support economic recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak. The business owners should review the health and safety guidelines developed by the province and its health and safety association partners.

[List of Essential Businesses](#)

[Framework for reopening our Province](#)

[Health and Safety Association Guidance Documents for Workplaces During the COVID-19 Outbreak](#)

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## **Economic Development COVID-19 Business Resources**

[Chatham-Kent Economic Development](#) is dedicated to [providing local businesses with accurate and timely information](#). Information is changing quickly as governments at all levels adapt to the COVID-19 situation. Chatham-Kent Economic Development will be posting information to this area of our website as frequently as possible.

You can find information on:

- [COVID-19 Business Resources](#)
- [Agriculture](#)
- [Construction](#)
- [Ecommerce and Digital Business](#)
- [Employment and Workforce](#)
- [Financing](#)
- [Small Business](#)
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Visit [www.membersbenefitprogram.com/CKChamber](http://www.membersbenefitprogram.com/CKChamber) or call 1-800-MEMBERS (1-800-636-2377), M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. EST. and see how you'll save!

## **Resources:**

### Local

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

[Workplace Information](#)

[Chatham-Kent Economic Development](#)

[Community Futures CK](#)

[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](#)