



## ADVOCACY UPDATE

### COVID-19 - Rent Relief Extension

#### UPDATES FOR BUSINESS FROM GOVERNMENT

##### **Federal Government:**

##### **Government Announces Extension of Rent Relief for Small Business:**

The Deputy Prime Minister / Finance Minister announced that the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program (CECRA) will be extended by one month to include rent payments for September.

- All provinces and territories are participating in this program and are working with the federal government to provide rent supports.
- As of September 7th, over 106,000 small business tenants have been supported, representing 994,000 employees for a total of \$1.32B in rent support.
- Thousands of applications continue to be processed and reviewed.
- Government has said this is the final extension for this rent assistance program.
- See **NEWS RELEASE** Here.

Canadian Chamber Statement on CECRA Changes: See **RELEASE** Here.

##### **Foundations for Recovery in Tourism Sector Discussed:**

Today co-chairs of the Canadian Council of Tourism Ministers hosted a successful virtual meeting of Canada's tourism ministers to continue dialogue and collaboration in reviving a sector very hard hit by COVID-19.

- According to Destination Canada, tourism related spending in 2020 is expected to be 43 to 61% lower than in 2019.

- Ministers were briefed on the economic outlook and challenges facing tourism businesses.
- Health ministries in each province and territory play a big role in working with the industry to ensure safe travel, and raise awareness and confidence in tourism related activities.
- Discussions on how to position Canadian destinations for an eventual return to the international tourism market were had, along with the critical role that Indigenous tourism can play to help achieve these aims.
- See **NEWS RELEASE** Here.

### **Provincial Government:**

#### **Safe Restart Municipal Allocations Announced:**

The province of Saskatchewan announced that an additional \$70M for municipalities supporting the federal Safe Restart Canada Plan will be distributed to compliant Saskatchewan municipalities.

- The local municipalities have been provided:
  - City of North Battleford \$853,947
  - Town of Battleford \$264,208
- See **NEWS RELEASE** Here.
- See **BACKGROUNDER** Here, for individual community amounts.

#### **Strong Recovery Continues in Saskatchewan:**

Saskatchewan continues to see strong economic numbers with job growth of 4,700 positions last month.

- Saskatchewan has the lowest unemployment rate in the country at 7.9% (SA) well below the national average of 10.2%
- See **NEWS RELEASE** Here.



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## ***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

**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**

For information on the **State of Emergency in Saskatchewan**. See the **New Public Health Order** in place August 6th, 2020.

### **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

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## Chamber Network Working for You!



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The Canadian, Saskatchewan and Battlefords Chambers of Commerce are



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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.



**To all of our farming friends, neighbors,  
and members, the Chamber wishes  
everyone a safe, bountiful and enjoyable  
harvest season.**

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