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China's Canola Tariffs Concern All Canadians - Canadian Chamber of Commerce
To all our friends and colleagues in agriculture and agri-food, including those recently impacted by additional canola tariffs,

On behalf of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and our Chamber Network across the country, **we're with you.** You've been caught between a trade war on two fronts for months. Not only are you navigating U.S. tariffs with the rest of the country, but you've taken the brunt of China's retaliation for Canada aligning with the U.S. on matters unrelated to agriculture.

China's tariffs have created uncertainty in an industry that does not have the luxury of pivoting when trade dynamics change on a dime. Crop planning is difficult when you have no idea what the state of our relationship with one of Canada's largest agricultural markets will be.

Agriculture is an integral piece of our national fabric. It feeds our communities, supports rural livelihoods, sustains jobs across supply chains — whether transportation, processing, retail or support services — and delivers food to our trade partners. This situation affects our country from West to East, touching the lives of all Canadians. In 2024, agriculture and agri-food directly contributed around 7% to Canada's GDP, supported 2.3 million jobs across the supply chain, and accounted for over one-tenth of Canada's goods exports. The canola industry alone represents 200,000 jobs and \$43 billion for the Canadian economy. Simply, we are united by our country's economic stability, health, and prosperity. When key sectors struggle or are destabilized, we all feel the pain.

Governments at all levels must play their part in resolving this. We must work toward restoring vital market access, advancing opportunities for export diversification, and ensuring support systems are in place to help those affected.

These are trying times. But history has shown us the resilience of Canada's agricultural sector — and our collective strength as a nation. You have our unwavering support and are not alone. The Canadian Chamber of Commerce is actively working with partners across the agricultural and business communities to pursue immediate relief and to durably connect Canada's high-quality goods with new markets. We will continue to amplify your stories, advocate for solutions, and make it clear that **agriculture matters to all Canadians.**



31st BBEX Awards – Finalists Battlefords & District Chamber of Commerce

The **Battlefords Business Excellence (BBEX) Committee** recently announced the finalists for the upcoming BBEX awards, presented by Gold Eagle Casino. The BBEX awards, now in their 31st year, are the highest and most prestigious award for Battlefords businesses in the local marketplace.



BBEX Award recipients will be announced at the gala banquet and ceremony on November 6th, 2025, at the Don Ross Community Centre in North Battleford.

"The BBEX Awards showcase the immense talent and entrepreneurial spirit of the Battlefords business community. These finalists have demonstrated remarkable achievements, resilience and a commitment to service and community," says BBEX co-chair Samantha Weber.

The 2025 Finalists are:

BBEX Heather Guthrie Customer Service Star Award (Business/Owner/Entrepreneur) Finalists: Boutique Noir Inc.; CJV The Carpet People; Gold Eagle Lodge; K&K Glass Inc.; Moon's Kitchen; Splish Splash Auto, RV & Pet Wash, Stil Boutique & Beauty Inc.

BBEX New Business Venture Award Finalists: Eston's Place; ZEL Safety Services Inc.

BBEX Community Contribution Award Finalists : Bralin Technology Solutions; Caleb Village Retirement Community; Home Hardware Building Centre North Battleford; Splish Splash Auto, RV & Pet Wash; Swanson Gryba & Company

BBEX Impact Award Finalists: Battle River Treaty 6 Health Centre Inc.; Battlefords Early Years Family Resource Centre; Battlefords Immigration Resource Centre Inc.; BGC Battlefords; Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Battlefords; Catholic Family Services of the Battlefords Inc.; Kanawayimik Child & Family Services + Western Development Museum Partnership for Reconciliation

BBEX Young Entrepreneur Award Finalists: Amanda Arcand - Bodywise Piercing; Cayla Ellis - Annette's School of Dance; Landon Libbey – Lakeside Environmental Ltd.; Clarissa and Darvin Scheidl – Birdies Golf Lounge; Jackson Tady – The Armoury Brewing Co.

BBEX Micro Business Award Finalists: Birdies Golf Lounge; Culligan Water – North Battleford; Eston's Place; Jety Builders Ltd.; Lakeside Environmental Ltd.

BBEX Agriculture and Agri-Business Award Finalists: 4Suns Ag Solutions Ltd.; Nachtegaele Agri Services Inc.; Prairie AG; Seed 2 Leaf Environmental Consulting Inc.

BBEX Members' Choice Award Finalists: Battlefords District Food & Resource Centre; Café 4 U; Caleb Village Retirement Community; Fisher's Drug Store; The Battlefords Regional News Optimist

BBEX Heritage Award Recipient: Ultra Print Services Ltd.

The evening is also expected to introduce a Stan Wychopen Memorial BBEX Scholarship recipient from North West College, who will receive a total scholarship of \$2,000 toward their business program education.

The **BBEX Business of the Year Award**, sponsored by the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board, is selected from among the finalists in the open business categories above and will be announced live on November 6th, 2025.

The announcement of the next inductee to the Battlefords Business Hall of Fame will be made prior to the event.

Thank you to all of the sponsors, participants, and those in the community who nominated a person or a business for the 31st BBEX Awards.

GET CONNECTED IN 2025!

Upcoming Event Calendar



Chamber on Tap

Thursday, October 9th, 2025 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
The Blend – Riverside, North Battleford
Guests: Kelli Hawtin, Mayor, City of North Battleford
Ames Leslie, Mayor, Town of Battleford
Tickets are \$25 plus taxes and available at the Chamber office 306-445-6226

Chamber on Tap

Thursday, November 20th, 2025 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Café 4 U - Battleford
Guest: Ryan How, Inspector, Battlefords R.C.M.P.
Tickets are \$25 plus taxes and available at the Chamber office 306-445-6226

Chamber Open House

Tuesday, October 21st, 2025
Battlefords & District Chamber of Commerce Bldg
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Come and Go



31st BBEX Awards Gala

Thursday November 6th, 2025 @ Don Ross Community Centre, North Battleford
Tickets on Sale Now: call the Chamber Office – 306-445-6226 and order yours.



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