



Updates from our Chamber and Partners in Prosperity

Hello Members & Associates - Happy Canada Day!

It would not be tradition to send a message on a holiday, I realized my error in yesterday's message and need to correct it. In referencing the math I, clearly, made a typing mistake. You know when something just isn't sitting right but you just can't put your eyes on it? That was it..., and it woke me sharply in the middle of the night.

I was making similar comparison to the question Councillor Thompson made during the council meeting of 2,000 applicants receiving \$100 each. My example was of 1,000 applicants at \$200 each, yet appeared as 100 applicants. Obviously, the math doesn't add up.

Whether it be 2,000 applicants at \$100 per recipient, 100 applicants receiving \$2,000 each or 1,000 at \$200, I hope the monies are enough to satisfy the need.

Be sure to apply at investCK.ca, applications are open July 2 -16th.

Accepting my error on this Canada Day and like a true Canadian... "I'm sorry."

Yours in Prosperity, Gail

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SHOP MEMBERS – SHOP LOCAL FIRST!

Visit the *Canadian Business Resilience Network* at CBRN.ca for the most up-to-date, relevant tools and links to aid you through this crisis and through to the path of success.

Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for up-to-date information regarding COVID-19. Below, and other, resources area available at www.chatham-kentchamber.ca

Recovery Activation Program expands to Chatham-Kent

The Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce is excited to be part of this new program that will help local businesses go digital in response to COVID-19!

With the support of a \$7.7 million investment from the Government of Canada and Government of Ontario, RAP is now expanding to businesses of all sizes throughout the province, including Chatham-Kent.

Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce has been selected as an important partner to help ensure local businesses benefit from the customized services and mentorship that RAP offers.



Want to learn more? [Click here](#)

Update from the Ontario Chamber of Commerce

EXPANDED CANADA EMERGENCY BUSINESS ACCOUNT (CEBA) On **June 25**, the [expanded CEBA loan became available through Canada's large banks](#). More financial institutions and credit unions will be offering this product in the very near future. [Learn more](#).

CANADA EMERGENCY COMMERCIAL RENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CECRA)

On **June 29**, the federal government announced an extension of the CECRA program until July. The program was initially intended to support small businesses during the months of April, May, and June. [Learn more or apply](#).

ADDITIONAL UPDATES The public should expect fewer updates as PM Trudeau stated Monday that he and public health officials will continue to provide updates, but not every day. Instead of daily briefings, there will be updates “a few times a week.”

The Ontario government is providing up to \$4 million for the Seniors Community Grant Program, a significant increase over last year. This funding will help non-profit organizations, local services boards, or Indigenous groups develop programs for seniors that focus on combatting social isolation, promoting seniors' safety and well-being, improving financial security and making communities age-friendly. **The application period for the Seniors Community Grant Program is [now open](#) and will close on August 7, 2020.**

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY EXTENDED TO JULY 15 AND STAGE 2

- In consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ontario government has extended the provincial Declaration of Emergency under s.7.0.7 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* to July 15, 2020.
- The Windsor-Essex region will enter Stage Two of the *Framework for Reopening our Province* today. Leamington and Kingsville will not be allowed to reopen with the rest of the region at this time.
- For a complete **list of regions and businesses entering stage 2**, click [here](#).
- For the province's new **general workplace guide**, to help businesses develop a safety plan to better protect workers, customers and clients, [click here](#).

TEMPORARY EXTENSION FOR RECALLING LAID OFF EMPLOYEES On **June 22**, the temporary extension of time periods given to employers to recall employees laid off due to the COVID-19 pandemic went into effect. For more information please [click here](#).

Update from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce

Federal Government Looking To Extend Rent Assistance For Another Month

Today the Government of Canada indicated that it is looking to extend the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) for small businesses to provide relief for small businesses experiencing financial hardship due to

COVID-19. Currently the program covers April, May and June. The federal government is now working with the provinces and territories to continue the program into July. [Apply For CECRA](#)

Expanded CEBA Now Partially Available

After a week's delay, the expanded Canada Emergency Business Account loan program is now available; however, only if you bank with one of Canada's six largest banks. The CEBA expansion will be available from more lenders over the coming weeks. To apply for a CEBA contact your primary financial institution. [More Information](#)

A Communications Guide And Template Signage For Businesses That Are Reopening

This communications guide was originally published as part of our in-depth CBRN Reopening Toolkit for Business. By popular request, the communications guide and template signage (including ready-to-print signs) are now available in a stand-alone format. Please feel free to share this resource with your networks. [Access The Guide](#)

Grant Applications For Student Volunteers Now Available

Students who are volunteering to help their communities through the pandemic may now apply for grants under the previously-announced Canada Student Service Grant program. Students can also apply to volunteer using the 'I Want to Help' platform. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. [Apply Here](#)

The Canadian Travel And Tourism Roundtable Launches New Interactive Travel Information Map For Canadians

Wondering where you can safely travel to this summer? The Canadian Travel and Tourism Roundtable has launched a new, easy-to-use interactive map to help Canadians travel in a safe, smart and measured way. The map outlines travel information for each province including restrictions, quarantine requirements and lists of businesses that are open. [View The Map](#)

Update from the Federal Government

The [expanded CEBA loan became available through Canada's large banks](#). More financial institutions and credit unions will be offering this product in the very near future. We know many proprietors and small business owners who didn't meet the original payroll requirement have been waiting patiently in these trying times – help is on the way.

While many countries have turned inward in response to COVID-19, Minister Ng has been leading the way on the international scene in coordinating efforts with like-minded countries to maintain and strengthen trade relationships to support the recovery and growth of Canadian businesses. Earlier this week, [Minister Ng wrote an op-ed](#) in Policy Magazine, making the case that trade is crucial to Canada's road to recovery and prosperity for future generations.

[Minister Ng visited ICON Digital Productions](#) in Markham to highlight a great example of a local business who has retooled their operations in the fight against COVID-19 and has been able to retain their employees with the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy. The wage subsidy is there to help your business and employees bounce back – [apply today!](#)

Francophone Community Grants Program

Ontario Investing to Help Franco-Ontarian Communities Grow and Support Recovery

Improvements have been made to the Program this year to make it easier for organizations to apply and receive funding: under the Community and Culture Stream, the minimum operating budget required has been reduced to \$10,000 from \$50,000 and the minimum number of full-time employees has been reduced to one, instead of three; not-for-profit organizations are now also eligible.

Applications must be submitted through the [Transfer Payment Ontario portal](#). Applications are open from June 24 to August 5, 2020 and projects must be implemented between October 15, 2020 and March 31, 2021.

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

UPCOMING WEBINARS

Brave New World - Navigating The Crisis And Its Aftermath
July 7 | 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Jimmy Jean, a Macro Strategist with Desjardins Capital Markets, will discuss: The COVID-19-induced economic crisis: where we stand and our view of the economic outlook.

Reopening our economy with a delicate new dual mandate: saving lives and livelihoods. Until the vaccine: Adapting to a completely reconfigured economic landscape.

Policy solutions for the previous cycle will not work: the next expansion will require innovative thinking in Canada

[Register Now](#)

COVID-19 - Technology Trends And Business Continuity, Hosted By Cisco

July 8 at 2:30 p.m.

As many organizations transition through the initial disruption of a global pandemic, they are now reevaluating their digital transformation strategies to be able to meet customer needs and thrive long-term. Join Wayne Cuervo and Lisa Richardson from Cisco Canada for a discussion on technology trends and applicable business outcomes across various industries.

[Register Now](#)

[Nuclear Energy as a Key Engine of Ontario's Future](#)

July 9 | 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Join **Ken Hartwick**, *President and CEO of Ontario Power Generation (OPG)*, and **Rocco Rossi**, *President and CEO of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce*, as they come together

for a virtual fireside chat to discuss the importance of nuclear energy as a key part of Ontario's future.

[Register now](#)

[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](#)

[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](#)

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

info@chatham-kentchamber.ca
www.chatham-kentchamber.ca

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 additional 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



Let UPS help you come back strong

As safer at home measures start to relax and we focus on rebuilding, lean on your Chamber UPS Savings Program to address logistics challenges and deliver the tools and resources you need to help your business come back stronger than ever. Here are a few featured solutions:

INCREASE YOUR CASH FLOW

- Save 50% on all shipping domestic and international

START SELLING ONLINE, QUICKLY

- Navigate the “next normal” with these [5 Tips to Expand your E-Commerce Strategy](#).

MANAGE SHIPMENTS LIKE A PRO

- Easily see all of your inbound and outbound shipments in one place with [UPS My Choice[®] for Business](#).

To learn more visit: www.membersbenefitprogram.com/CKChamber

Or call: 1-800-MEMBERS (636-2377), 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., to speak with a member care specialist.

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](#)
