

EDC FYI

Business News Update



Applications Now Open for Ontario's Small Business Support Grant

Applications are now being accepted for the new<u>Ontario Small Business</u> <u>Support Grant.</u> This provincial grant will help small businesses that are required to close or significantly restrict services under the new Provincewide Shutdown effective December 26, 2020.

Starting at \$10,000 for all eligible businesses, the grant will provide businesses with dollar for dollar funding to a maximum of \$20,000 to help cover decreased revenue expected as a result of the Provincewide Shutdown. Eligibility

To receive the grant, a small business must:

- Be required to close or restrict services subject to the Provincewide Shutdown effective 12:01 a.m. on December 26, 2020
- Have fewer than 100 employees at the enterprise level
- Have experienced a minimum of 20 per cent revenue decline comparing April 2020 to April 2019 revenues (or alternate time periods for businesses that were not in operation in April 2019).

Businesses that are not eligible include those that were already required to close prior to the introduction of modified Stage 2 measures, and essential businesses permitted to operate with capacity restrictions (e.g., discount and

big box stores selling groceries, supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, pharmacies, and beer, wine and liquor stores





Summary of Ontario Government Stay at Home Order

General retail

Other retailers including cannabis retail stores operating under the authority of a retail store authorization issued under the Cannabis License Act, 2018, garden centres, hardware stores, pet food, computer stores, etc.:

- An item may only be provided for pickup if the patron ordered the item before arriving at the business premises
- Operating hours restricted to between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., and may not deliver goods to patrons outside those hours

Safety supply stores, businesses that sell, rent or repair assistive/mobility/medical devices, aids and/or supplies, and optical stores that sell prescription eyewear to the public

- By appointment only
- Operating hours restricted to between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., and may not deliver goods to patrons outside of those hours

Stores that sell liquor, including beer, wine and spirits must

- Limit the number of persons in the place of business so that the total number of persons in the place of business at any one time does not exceed 25% capacity
- Operating hours restricted to between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., and may not deliver goods to patrons outside of those hours

Shopping malls

• Operating hours restricted to between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., except to

provide access to a business or place that is permitted to open during those hours and only has a public entrance that is open to the interior of the shopping mall

• May not deliver goods to patrons outside of the specified hours

Motorized vehicle sales

- Business which sell motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, trailers, travel trailers, boats and other watercraft, or other motorized vehicles including power-assisted bicycles, golf carts, scooters, snowmobiles, and all-terrain vehicles
- Operating hours restricted to between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., and may not deliver goods to patrons outside of those hours

Outdoor markets

• Operating hours restricted to between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., and may not deliver goods to patrons outside of those hours

A complete overview of the Ontario Governments Stay-at-home order can be found by clicking the button below



Virtual Town Meeting with MPP Sylvia Jones and Mayor Wade Mills

Join the conversation as the Town of Shelburne hosts a virtual COVID-19 Business Support Town Hall on January 20 | 7:30 PM Join Mayor Wade Mills and Hon. Sylvia Jones MPP on a discussion about the latest information on Federal and Provincial business supports.

Register Online



Ontario Summer Jobs Deadline January 29, 2021

Canada Summer Jobs is an initiative of the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy, which aims to provide flexible and holistic services to help all young Canadians develop the skills and gain paid work experience to successfully transition into the labour market.

Funding Overview



Property tax and energy cost rebates

Businesses that are, or were, required to shut down or significantly restrict services due to provincial public health measures can apply for rebates, provided in the form of grants, to help with their fixed costs.

For Info and to Apply

Businesses struggling to pay their energy bills as a result of COVID-19 may also be eligible for the <u>COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program for Small</u> <u>Business (CEAP-SB)</u>, which you can apply to through your utility provider.

Business Supports



#SupportTheBurne Program

The Town of Shelburne through the Economic Development Committee is offering, for free, the Town's assets (Billboards, Radio, and social media) to assist with marketing. We will create your ads, with your guidance, and all you must do is send a jpg image and your message (under 200 characters).

We are happy to promote your business and/ or other marketing opportunity to our over 3k followers on our social media platforms and increase awareness via billboard and radio ads.

This is open to all Shelburne businesses, including past participants. If you are interested in taking advantage of the marketing support please contact EDC by clicking the link below.



The Town of Shelburne's Economic Development Committee continues to support local businesses virtually. Our team continue to work and are available for appointments by phone or video, to help all our local businesses get the support they need. We encourage you to reach out to Economic Development by phone or email to schedule an appointment.

Contact EDC



Managing employees during COVID-19: Question and Answer for Employers

COVID-19 has created new situations for employers and their workers. This online information session hosted by the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development will help you understand how COVID-19 has impacted employment standards as well as occupational health and safety rights and obligations. Ministry experts will answer frequently asked questions relating to COVID-19, such as:

- What flexibility is there around changing hours of work?
- Can employees be fired if they refuse to go back to work due to a family obligation related to COVID-19?
- Who is responsible for protecting workers against COVID-19 in the workplace?

• Can workers refuse to work if they feel unsafe due to COVID-19? Get the right answers to these and other questions to help you effectively manage your employees through the pandemic.

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