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Highlights

NBDCC – JULY 2021

Local

Monthly meeting with Mayor Al McDonald and CEO David Euler to keep our municipal officials apprised of the the concerns from our members and the business community. NBDCC continues to ask for restraint and pause on spending for special capital projects and continue to find ways to support the business community.

Provincial - OCC

- Since our last update we have seen the province open up all three steps of the ReOpening Roadmap. Great progress!
- On Wednesday, June 2nd the Ontario Chamber Network requested more targeted supports for business and reiterated the call for the Province of Ontario to establish a Responsible Business Protocol. [Click here to read statement.](#)
- On Monday, June 7th, the OCC urged the Ontario government to continue expediting the rollout of second doses in order to open up the economy. Also calling for business supports with the request to have a additional round of the Ontario Small Business Support Grant Program. [Click here to read more.](#)
- OCC Partners with Federal Government to Support "SHOP LOCAL" Initiative. [Click here to read the release.](#)
- The Ontario government announced the creation of Ontario's Task Force on Women and the Economy, fulfilling a commitment in the 2021 Budget, to establish a task force on inclusive economic growth that will seek to address the unique and disproportionate economic barriers women face, particularly in an economy that will look different after COVID-19. They will consider three areas of focus: supporting women entering/re-entering the workforce, women's entrepreneurship, & removing barriers to women entering into unrepresented fields such as the skilled trade. Together with the OCC Network, the [She-Covetry Report](#) called for a women's economic empowerment task force.

Federal - CCC

- Business groups from across the country, including the Canadian and provincial and territorial chambers, have written the Prime Minister to urge him to take a leadership role in developing a clear and consistent roadmap out of lockdown. [Click here to read the letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.](#)
- The Canadian Chamber of Commerce released a 12-point plan to help policymakers tailor their supports for the hardest-hit sectors. [Click here to read the 12-point Plan.](#)
- More than 30 chambers and business associations from across Canada have written to the federal government asking for its support to help businesses give employees paid time off to get vaccinated. [Click here to read the letter](#)
- Science-based Border Reopening Plan - On June 21, the Canadian Chamber welcomed the federal government's step to exempt fully vaccinated Canadians from post-travel COVID-19 quarantine restrictions starting July 5. However, the Canadian chamber said businesses across the country remain frustrated by the absence of a plan for how our country will eventually reopen borders, especially at a time when more domestic reopening plans are being published. The panel laid out a comprehensive and science-based plan for how to safely reopen borders. This includes the elimination of quarantine hotels and moving travel measures to be administered on the basis of a traveller's vaccination instead of their nationality. [Read more here](#)

