Cold Lake Regional Chamber of COMMERCE

"The Voice of Business"

Business News

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Call the Chamber office today and we'll get you connected

Simple

Looking for an employee benefits plan that's simple to manage? Spend less time administering your benefits program with:

- Chambers Plan's exclusive advisor support
- Quick set-up
- Easy-to-use forms
- 48-hour claim processing
- Simple administration

Stable

Concerned about rising group insurance premiums? Then you need a pooled program from the Chambers Plan. Rates are based on the average of claims from thousands of similar firms, keeping premiums manageable and predictable and providing stability year after year.

Smart

Don't add to someone else's profit. The Chambers Plan is a not-for-profit program—all surpluses stay in the Plan and help lower premiums.

Give your employees more for less. Health and Dental premiums are a deductible business expense and a TAX FREE benefit for your employees.

Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant

Applications for a second payment from this grant are now available for businesses that are operating in areas where new health measures are in place.
The Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant will be implemented in two phases:

- Phase one: Any company that meets the 40 per cent threshold will be able to apply for the grant by end of day November 24.
- Phase two: Companies that wish to apply for a second round of funding will be able to do so within the coming weeks. More detailed information on phase two timing will be available this week.

This grant will remain open for applications until March 31, 2021 unless otherwise communicated.

More information available here

As part of COVID-19 relief for local businesses, the City of Cold Lake Council has passed a 2020 Business Licence Rebate Program.

To apply for this program, click here for the application form.

Member Directory

Best Rate Home & Auto Insurance
Johnson Insurance, offers Chamber members discounted Home and Auto insurance. In addition to exceptional coverage and premiums, Johnson Inc. also offers 1 Air Mile for every $20 in premium.

Quotes available by telephone 1-877-742-7490
or visit www.Johnson.ca/acc to access rate information

Exclusive Opportunity for Chamber Members

Exclusive to Chamber members is this webinar presented by Peninsula about Alberta Bill 32, which deals with employment standards.
Join the experts as they cover the changes Bill 32 brings and what you need to apply to your business to stay compliant.

Click the secure my place button to register for one the live events on December 1st, 2nd or 3rd.

Budget 2021 Consultation

The Ministry of Treasury Board and Finance is looking to hear from Albertans on the upcoming 2021 Budget. A Telephone town hall is being conducted for Northern Alberta on November 30 at 6:30-8:00 P.M. Find out more about this consultation here.

With the cancellation of Santa Claus parades, the Lakeland Today is looking for photos of parade floats as they know that businesses have put in lots of work getting their floats ready for the parades.

That is why they are asking for photos to be submitted of floats for an online gallery. Submit photos to rhenry@bonnyville.greatwest.ca with your group/business name, which parades you were planning on participating in, and the theme of your float.

Latest Economic News

- **Hundreds of thousands of employed Canadians aren't working at all** Read more
- **Canada's retail sales beat expectations as shopping rebound continues** Read more
- **Canada to deliver 2020 fiscal update on federal spending on Nov. 30,**

says finance minister Read more

ACC applauds GOA red tape reduction

The Alberta Chambers of Commerce supports Bill 48, which seeks to reduce red tape. Part of this Bill proposes to standardize municipal subdivision and development timelines.

In a recent Alberta Perspectives survey, nearly 50% of respondents identified timelines as a barrier to their project when carrying out a building or development project.

Read the full statement here

Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

Canada

Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy applications now open.

To support Canadian businesses, the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy is able to support up to 65% of eligible expenses to tenants and property owners for qualifying organizations affected by COVID-19.

Currently you can only apply for October. November will be open for application December 1.

For more information click here.

Take a look at the new Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy

Direct, targeted support for businesses, non-profits, and charities that need it most

Support for businesses, non-profits, and charities

A wide range of organizations can apply directly to the CRA for support:

- Sole proprietorships and taxable corporations
- Partnerships consisting of 50% or more eligible organizations
- Certain Indigenous government-owned corporations
- Registered charities
- Non-profit organizations

Accessible Base Subsidy

All eligible organizations that have experienced a revenue drop* can qualify for a base rent subsidy of up to 65% of eligible expenses. Your subsidy amount is based on your revenue drop.

Lockdown Support

Organizations that have to close their doors or face significant restrictions because of public health lockdowns can qualify for additional Lockdown Support of 25% for each affected location.

Wide range of eligible expenses

**Organizations can claim any of the following (minus any subleasing revenues):

- commercial rent
- property taxes (including school taxes and municipal taxes)
- property insurance
- interest on commercial mortgages

** subject to limits

Flexibility

You can calculate your revenue drop in different ways, and choose the way that works best for your situation.

Go to **Canada.ca/coronavirus** to learn more, calculate your subsidy, and apply

canada.ca/coronavirus

Canada

Canadian Chamber of Commerce News

THE CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- Canadian Survey on Business Conditions shows a tale of two economies, need for targeted support programs: Canadian Chamber of Commerce
- Grim holidays for food service and accommodation workers: twice as many restaurant and hotel businesses have laid off staff
- Digital connectivity as important as ever for rural communities, says

[Canadian Chamber, but more coordination needed for fast rollout]

What are some items that make Chamber membership valuable?

Value Added Programs - By regular community & provincial scans, Chambers advocate for business members, protecting them from legislation that could be bad for their business

Chamber Exclusive Member-to-Member Deals

Furniture Galaxy

10% Discount on reg. priced appliances & electronics
15% discount on reg. priced furniture & mattresses for Chamber members

Cold Lake Chrysler Dodge | Jeep | Ram

Employee pricing on new in stock vehicles "You pay what we pay"
Chamber members

Black Bear Custodial Services

5% off any cleaning contract
10% off move out clean
Chamber member exclusive!

KIA Cold Lake
Nothing's cooler than a KIA

15% off Auto & light truck windshield rock chip repairs and wheel Alignments
15% off RV trailer winterizations for Chamber members

Wicked Watersport Rentals
Kinosoo Beach
Cold Lake, AB
780-545-0WET

10% off for Chamber members

Lakeland Connect .net

10% off advertising, but cannot be combined with any other discount or offer.

AgelessLiving

15% discount on all products & services

Cold Lake Golf & Winter Club

Military rates on green fees for Chamber members

Cold Lake Consulting Services Inc.

50% off Consultation on renovations, contract/ customer mediation - Chamber members

KC Klean City

10% off for members Commercial cleaning, Janitorial daily cleans, stripping waxing, carpet shampooing, move out clean up, post-construction clean up, lawn maintenance , snow removals (780) 201-7954

10% off all products
780-594-4633

Update Your Member Profile to Attract more Business

Add Pictures & Descriptions to Sell Products & Services

Utilize Member Value Added Benefits to SAVE you $$

Promote Events

Have the Chamber Create Your Member-to-Member or HOT Deals!

Add Job Postings

Our Corporate Members

Platinum

City of Cold Lake

Imperial

cenovus ENERGY

Gold

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

Silver

Chambers Plan Employee Benefits

Lake City GM MOTOR PRODUCTS • COLD LAKE

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Lakeland CREDIT UNION

COLD LAKE FORD

Bronze

TC Energy

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