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Chamber Crime Report

Welcome to the first edition of the Chamber Crime Report. Here we will share statistics, successes, and various information on the Commercial Security Program and ideas for additional safety measures that you can easily implement in your business. For this month we are reporting the statistics from the first month of the security guards being on the ground and present.

Highlights reported for the month of May as follows:

Minor Incidents:

- 6 interactions with intoxicated persons
- 9 persons evicted from bank vestibules
- 9 incidents of suspicious activity including loitering in a suspicious manner

Major Incidents:

- Suspicious activities
 - Three individuals in a bank vestibule in which one was attempting to strike the ATM
 - Intoxicated person loitering on private property

- A couple of unsecure business doors open – RCMP called to enter premises and ensure no individuals inside the buildings
- A suspicious vehicle possibly casing a car lot
- An unknown male who appeared to be attempting to enter a closed restaurant through a drive-thru window.
- 2 persons who appeared to be trying to pry open the rear door of a liquor store.

Although the security program has its limitations in terms of funding, we are pleased with the impact the program has already had on the vagrancy and crime within our business community. Additionally, the reports we are hearing from our business community is mainly positive and gratefulness for the program.

As we continue the next few months with the program, we will be exploring options for the long-term viability of the program. Thankyou to all who have sent in comments and suggestions. Together we will make a difference.

Latest Economic News

- ATB Financial raises outlook for economic growth in Alberta [Read more](#)
- Varcoe: As oil hits \$70, new forecast shows Alberta's economy primed to lead Canada in growth in 2021 and '22 [Read more](#)
- Growth in Canadian household wealth on track to slow down as economy reopens [Read more](#)



“The Voice of Business”

Cold Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce receives federal shop local funds

Cold Lake, AB June 30, 2021 – The Cold Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce will receive over \$41,000 of federal shop local funding—funding that will expand the chamber's ongoing efforts to encourage patronage of community businesses.

“Being able to support local businesses through recovery and beyond is something we are pleased to do,” says Sherri Buckle, Executive Director. “We are thankful to the federal government for providing this funding in order to help support shop local initiatives.”

The funding will support the launch of the Chamber Market platform,

which will facilitate local online shopping, where businesses can list products for sale.

"Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, community chambers have truly been a lifeline for businesses," says Ken Kobly, Alberta Chambers of Commerce President and CEO. "As we transition to reopening and recovery, we still have a long road ahead to rebuild our economy. This federal funding will help chambers do what we do best: support local job creators."

A third round of funding applications is currently being processed.

Any businesses who are wishing to participate in the Chamber Market are encouraged to contact the Chamber office to find out more information.



Stage 3 of the Open For Summer Plan

On July 1, the Open For Summer Plan reaches Stage 3, which sees the removal of the remaining mandatory public health restrictions. This comes after the target of having 70% of the eligible population vaccinated with one dose.



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COVID-19 Rapid Testing Program

The Cold Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce is providing rapid tests in order to allow for early identification of COVID-19 cases. Businesses who wish to participate in this program can contact the Chamber office to complete the application for access to the rapid tests for their employees.

A business does not need to be a member of the Chamber in order to participate. Once the tests have been provided to the business, they are

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Further information can be found [here](#).

Canadian Chamber of Commerce News



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- [Four things we need to get right for the reopening of offices: Canadian Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [The coming revenue-to-debt tipping point for businesses: Canadian Chamber raises alarm on potential for wave of closures after COVID is beaten](#)
- [Today's job numbers: Light at the end of the tunnel for some, continued economic scarring for many](#)

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