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For the most recent and up-to-date information on COVID-19, please visit

CANADA.CA/CORONAVIRUS

***INFORMATION CURRENT AS OF MAY 15, 2020 ***

A NOTE TO WHITBY DURING COVID-19

The emergence of COVID-19 has made a sudden and profound impact on all aspects of our lives. To help stop the spread of the virus, we have been physically distancing and self-isolating for some time. These are challenging times for all of us. The measures we have taken are working to defeat the virus.

Our government's top priority remains the health

and safety of all Canadians. We have worked tirelessly to ensure there is support for you and this newsletter outlines the assistance our government has put in place.

By taking the steps we have taken, we will defeat the virus. As we all play our part in this time of crisis, your government will continue to support you.

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ARE YOU ISOLATED OR HOMEBOUND AND NEED ASSISTANCE?



CALL 1-888-573-0982

Leave a voicemail and someone will return your call

**WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER
WE ARE #DURHAM STRONG**

WAYS TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE:

-  Monitor for symptoms, like a fever and dry cough
-  Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with your hands
-  Stay up to date with all the latest information by visiting canada.ca/coronavirus
-  Cough and sneeze into the bend of your arm, not into your hands
-  Avoid shaking hands and reduce physical contact with others
-  Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds



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CANADA'S ECONOMIC RESPONSE PLAN

The Government of Canada has taken decisive action to protect the health and safety of Canadians and stabilize our economy as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. We have introduced a series of economic measures to provide assistance to Canadians and Canadian businesses in this challenging time of need.

FOR INDIVIDUALS



For workers facing significantly reduced income, independent of Employment Insurance eligibility, the **CANADA EMERGENCY RESPONSE BENEFIT (CERB)** provides **\$2,000 month for up to 4 months** - Apply here: canada.ca/coronavirus-cerb



Doubled the **GOODS AND SERVICES TAX CREDIT (GSTC)**, a boost of up to **\$150 per child, \$400 per individual and nearly \$600 per couple**, delivered in April



Up to **6-months flexible payment arrangements** with lenders for **LOANS AND MORTGAGES**



An additional **\$2 billion** to the **CANADA CHILD BENEFIT (CCB)**, a boost of up to **\$300 per child** for the month of May that will help support over 14,00 families in Whitby



increase wage subsidy for **CANADA SUMMER JOBS** to **100%**. This will help approximately **70,000** young Canadians between the ages of 15-30 find employment to further their skills and development



REGISTERED RETIREMENT INCOME FUND (RIFF) minimum withdrawal **reduced by 25%**. This will help protect the value of seniors' retirement savings



Waived the required medical note, as well as the 1-week wait period for **EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS**



Through an agreement with the provinces and territories, provide a **TEMPORARY WAGE TOP-UP** to the salaries of **low-income essential frontline workers**



A **\$9 Million** investment through the **UNITED WAY** to help our seniors with groceries, medications and other various critical items

FOR A FULL LIST OF FEDERAL SUPPORTS, PLEASE GO TO [CANADA.CA/CORONAVIRUS](https://canada.ca/coronavirus)

FOR INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES

These are some of the measures taken as of the day of printing this newsletter - May 15, 2020. The government is closely monitoring this evolving situation, and taking additional action as required. Please stay tuned to MP Ryan Turnbull's social media channels for the latest announcements and updates.

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The **TAX DEADLINE** has been extended to **June 1, 2020**. There is no interest or penalty to balances owed for the 2019 tax year if payments are made or received by **August 31, 2020**



\$2 billion invested in procuring **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)** including masks, face shields, gowns, ventilators, hand sanitizer, test kits and swabs healthcare workers



A **6 month, interest-free** moratorium placed upon **CANADA STUDENT LOAN** repayments. This will help lower the expenses of post-secondary graduates



\$50 million to **SUPPORT WOMEN'S SHELTERS** and an additional **\$157 million** to address **HOMELESSNESS**

FOR BUSINESSES



\$25 Billion for small businesses and not-for-profits through the **CANADA EMERGENCY BUSINESS ACCOUNT (CEBA)**. This is a government guaranteed, partially forgivable loan of up to \$40,000 for 2 years



The **CANADA EMERGENCY WAGE SUBSIDY (CEWS)** covers 75% of an employees salary up to **\$847 per employee per week**. This allows businesses facing significant revenue losses to keep their employees, retroactive for up to 4 months



Investing \$1 billion through the **REGIONAL RELIEF AND RECOVERY FUND** to help small and medium sized businesses that do not qualify for other support measures



Working with the provinces and territories on the **CANADA EMERGENCY COMMERCIAL RENT ASSISTANCE (CECRA)** to provide partially forgivable loans to commercial property owners who provide small business tenants with rent reductions of 75% in April, May and June



Increase wage subsidy for **CANADA SUMMER JOBS** **up to 100% of minimum wage per employee, and also** allow for projects to support essential services, and to hire staff on a part-time basis

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SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS, YOUTH AND NEW GRADUATES

- Loan and interest repayment suspended for all borrowers of Canada Student Loans until September 30, 2020
- The Canada Emergency Student Benefit will provide \$1,250 per student and \$2,000 for students with disabilities or dependants
- Double the Canada Student Grants for all eligible full-time students
- For students who choose to do national service and serve their communities, the new Canada Student Service Grant will provide up to \$5,000 for their education in the fall
- For employers still able to hire students, the Government is offering a wage subsidy of 100% through the Canada Summer Jobs program

SUPPORTS FOR SENIORS THROUGH COVID-19

- \$300 one-time payment for those eligible for Old Age Security (OAS) pension
- \$200 one-time payment for those eligible for the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)
- Expanding the New Horizons for Seniors Program with an additional investment of \$20 million to support organizations that offer community-based projects that reduce isolation, improve the quality of life of seniors, and help them maintain a social support network
- Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF) minimum withdrawals reduced by 25% for 2020
- Additional GST credit of up to \$400 per adult and \$600 per couple for low and modest income seniors

FOR WHITBY BUSINESS OWNERS There are a number of programs to provide assistance to Canadian businesses in this time where the economy has slowed due to COVID-19. These programs include:

Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) offers interest-free, partially forgivable loans of up to \$40,000 for businesses that have between \$20,000 and \$1.5 million in annual payroll. Please contact your financial institution to apply for these loans. Visit <https://ceba-cuec.ca/> for more details.

Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy covers 75% of an employee's wages for employers of all sizes, across all sectors—including not-for-profits and charities—that suffered a drop in gross revenues of at least 15% in March, and 30% in April, May, June, July, and August. Apply via Canada Revenue Agency's My Business Account portal

Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance - Working with the provinces and territories to provide loans/forgivable loans to commercial property owners who reduce rent for small business tenants in April, May and June. Visit: cmhc-schl.gc.ca for more information.

COVID-19 COMMUNITY TOWN HALL

On Wednesday May 6th, MPP Lorne Coe, Mayor Don Mitchell and I alongside Dr. Robert Kyle and Dr. Pepi McTavish hosted a Whitby Virtual Townhall.

Thank you to the residents who participated.

I am regularly hosting Virtual townhalls on my Facebook page, so be sure to visit MP Ryan Turnbull's social media channels for updates on the next one.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

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My office is fully operational and is available to assist with any questions or concerns you may have.

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