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Introducing the **MEMBER REFERRAL PROGRAM**

What's in it for you?

By referring an eligible business, you would receive a \$50 credit that can be used towards your membership dues, advertising, or tickets to Chamber events



Our members helping us grow

To participate in the member referral program, either complete the membership referral program form and submit for the Chamber to follow up on, or give the potential member the application form and have them write the name of the business that referred them.

The appropriate forms can be found [here](#).

New Chamber Board Director Introduction



Good day! My name is Femi Ajayi, and I am a Partner and co-founder of KAFT Chartered Professional Accountants (CPA) in Cold Lake. I immigrated to Canada from Nigeria with my family 15 years ago.

I lived in Calgary for nine years before relocating to Cold Lake in 2015 for business purposes. While in Calgary, I worked for ATCO as the Manager, Financial Reporting and volunteered with the Nigerian Canadian Association Calgary as the treasurer.

I received an MBA from the prestigious Haskayne School of Business, at the University of Calgary, where I also completed course work for the CPA designation.

My Canadian entrepreneurship journey started during the economic crisis of 2008/2009 when I launched BAFCON Inc, providing Accounting and Tutoring services. The accounting side of BAFCON Inc's business grew and became a separate business branded as KAFT CPA. My career as an accountant allows me to help hundreds of people in the community and Canada-wide to save tax dollars and plan for their financial freedom and retirement.

Since moving to Cold Lake, I have led a local faith-based organization, The Redeemed Christian Church of God, Grace Sanctuary and collaborated with other entrepreneurs to start a couple of other local businesses.

Cold Lake is home. my family and I love the warm, welcoming, and vibrant community that we have. I have made friends here that are now like family to me, and I look forward to making new friends within the community.

I volunteered as a Board member because I love what the Cold Lake Regional Chambers of Commerce Stands for—as a business voice in our community. I hope to give back by continuing the advocacy work and helping local businesses in any way possible.



Payment solutions you can rely on – As an Alberta Chamber Member, we know you work hard for your business, your employees and your family. And we think you deserve a break.

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Canada United Grants Still Open

Grants of up to \$5,000 are still available to businesses in all provinces and territories. Over 2,000 small businesses have had relief provided to them through this grant. Expenses such as those that have been incurred to open safely or adopt digital technologies is the reason why this grant was established.

To find out more or how to apply, click this [link](#).

- Federal government introduces legislation that increases number of EI benefit weeks [Read more](#)
- Alberta releases a pandemic budget, with money for COVID-19 and economic recovery [Read more](#)
- Three-day work week, anyone? Report details ways pandemic may change labour markets [Read more](#)



- [Canada Small Business Financing Programs](#): makes it easier for small businesses to get loans from financial institutions by sharing the risk with lenders. Up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 for any one borrower, of which no more than \$350,000 can be used for purchasing leasehold improvements or improving leased property and purchasing or improving new or used equipment. Financial institutions deliver the program and are solely responsible for approving the loan.
- [Business Benefits Finder](#) get a tailored list of the ones that fit your business situation or to discover other federal, provincial and territorial programs and services designed to help Canadian businesses grow, try the interactive business benefits finder. You can also sign up for the notification feature to receive emails when there are changes to your favourite programs, when application deadlines are approaching, or when a new program that meets your needs is introduced.



Alberta Chambers of Commerce Statement on Budget 2021

In response to the provincial budget delivered on February 25, the Alberta Chambers of Commerce has issued a statement that explains how the new budget is driven by the realities of COVID-19, low energy prices and a global recession. It will be essential to have the economy reopen and see improvements in the energy market.

Read the statement [here](#).

Alberta Critical Worker Benefit

To support workers who have delivered critical services to Albertans, the province has created the Critical Worker Benefit, which provides a one time payment of \$1,200 to eligible workers to recognize them.

For the private sector, employers must apply on behalf of their eligible employees. To be eligible for the Critical Worker Benefit, private sector workers must:

- earn \$25 per hour or less
- have worked at least 300 hours between the period of October 12, 2020 and January 31, 2021
- be located and working in Alberta

The list of eligible occupations and application portal can be found [here](#).

Canadian Chamber of Commerce News



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- [Canadian Chamber of Commerce announces leading Canadian CEOs to form COVID-19 Recovery Leadership Council](#)
- [Empty tables don't pay bills: new data reveals ongoing decline in food services](#)
- [Canadian Chamber welcomes Canada-U.S. relationship reset, shares what businesses want from roadmap](#)

What are some items that make Chamber membership valuable?

Community Guide - Businesses receive a special members only rate to advertise in your Chamber's community guide that is distributed all across Alberta.

Chamber Exclusive Member-to-Member Deals



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