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Grand Re-Opening Invitation

RENU salon & spa MerleNormanStudio



On Friday, October 2nd, join Renu Salon & Spa Merle Norman Studio for their grand re-opening at their new location. Come between 12:00-8:00 P.M. to check out their new retail centre and preview some of the exciting new services they are promoting. **Ribbon cutting is scheduled for 2:00 P.M.**



New jobs being created in Alberta

The government of Alberta is spending money to help create new jobs in the province. These jobs will help industry reduce emissions and create up to

8,700 jobs when funding from industry and other sources is included. Read the full news release <u>here.</u>



Members, has your business received an award recently? If so, we would like to share the good news. Please <u>submit</u> the information to us

Latest Economic News

- Federal deficit on track to hit \$330 billion with COVID effects lasting years <u>Read more</u>
- What a second wave could mean for the hardest-hit business sectors <u>Read more</u>
- Canadians growing more optimistic about housing market even as second wave hits <u>Read more</u>



THE CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Throne Speech a start, but much more is needed to get Canadians back to work

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce has issued a news release following the Throne Speech on September 23.

President and CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Perrin Beatty said "With COVID starting a second wave and our economy facing a bleak fall, what Canada urgently needs is a recovery plan that both protects the health of every Canadian and creates the conditions for business to reopen and for Canadians to resume more of their normal lives." Read the full statement here



Western Economic Diversification Canada has a new program called the Business Scale-up and Productivity(BSP) program.

The BSP program supports businesses that are scaling up and producing innovative goods, services or technologies.

Western Economic Diversification Canada will be accepting expressions of interest during the following dates.

The first period is open now until October 14. The second period is open between January 15-February 16, 2021 For more information here.

Government Introduces Bill C-2 to Create Three Benefits to Help Canadians

Temporary benefits have been introduced by the federal government for individuals who are unable to work due to reasons related to COVID-19.

These 3 benefits will be available through the Canada Revenue Agency until September 25, 2021.

These benefits are designed to target those who are not eligible for EI, but still require support. Read the full news release <u>here.</u>



"The Voice of Business"

Board of Director nominations are coming up. Watch future publications for further details

Cash strapped Canadians and desperate small businesses already pay the some of the highest alcohol taxes anywhere in the world, Canadian's do not deserve to have the federal government take any more money from them. The federal government needs to freeze or repeal the unfair alcohol escalator tax in the 2020 federal budget.

The escalator tax increases the costs of beer, wine and spirits to Canadians every year. These costs will never stop increasing unless the tax is repealed. Increasing alcohol taxes every year will drive down investment, growth and jobs for Canada's domestic alcohol producers.

Watch this video and visit the website to learn more





Employment Standards Fact Sheets for Employers

A fact sheet regarding Bill 32, the *Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act* has been released that provides information to employers about some of the new changes with respect to workplace rules.

View the fact sheet here

Canadian Chamber of Commerce News



- <u>As small businesses struggle and economy wobbles, government plans 30 per</u> <u>cent increase in fuel costs</u>
- Tax reform: Canadians to have their say through Canadian Chamber review

What are some items that make Chamber membership valuable?

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