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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

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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.

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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.



Chamber Crime Report-July Statistics

- 150 liaison visits.
- 49 Foot patrols.
- 8 Interactions with Intoxicated persons which includes 1 person evicted from a bank vestibule, 6 requested to leave hotel premises and 2 causing a disturbance who were reported to and subsequently arrested by the RCMP.
- 7 insecurities including an open door at a business (Owner contacted), the rear gate to business left open (owner advised), A window left ajar on the outbuilding behind a business (owner advised and told WD staff to ignore it), Gate open to business, (owner advised), Camper access panel left ajar (owner advised), Shed lock broken at business (owner advised, stated the shed was empty).
- 9 requests for assistance, this includes assistance for minor first aid by a little girl's mother, a battery boost, a BOLO by the RCMP, 1 Tent eviction assistance (occupants advised the police would be contacted) a BOLO for a missing dog and several requests for extra patrols. This does not include calls for assistance during nonoperational hours. A liaison visit was conducted for these requests regardless.

4 significant activities:

- Patrol observed an open bay door and broken front door at a business, RCMP contacted and arrived . Apparent theft of a vehicle occurred approximately 20 minutes prior to patrols arrival.
- Patrol observed a male subject entering the alley behind a location between 2 campers, Subject stated he was just "walking". Patrol located an abandoned camper battery on the ground between the campers and observed some of the access panels had been pried open. RCMP contacted, attended and subsequently arrested the male.
- Patrol encountered an individual who appeared under the influence and aggressive. The shirtless male was seen emerging from the alley behind a location, gesturing his fist as if trying to hit someone, uttering death threats. RCMP contacted, attended and subsequently arrested the male.
- Patrol observed an intoxicated male in the parking lot outside of a business. He was loudly screaming and demanding cigarettes while taking his shirt off and throwing it against the wall. The male was yelling profanities at people, threatening to assault them, stating he had been pepper sprayed. Patrol contacted the RCMP and EMS. Patrol blocked the subject from entering the business prior to the RCMPs arrival. The subject then attempted to assault the RCMP Cst and was arrested.

Member Directory



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How to Manage Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Staff

Recent information from Peninsula Canada, an HR consultant firm has some advice for employers who are dealing with the issue of vaccinations in the workplace. In this information page, issues such as the ones below are addressed:

- What approach should I take towards the vaccine for my employees?
- Can I require my workers to take the vaccine?
- What are the risks with requiring employees to have the vaccine?
- Do vaccinated employees have the right to demand to work away from unvaccinated staff?

Find out more information in [this guide](#) that answers these questions.

Latest Economic News

- RBC sees economic momentum continuing despite potential slowing from Delta variant [Read more](#)
- Alberta's 'absolutely bonkers' tech boom reason for economic optimism [Read more](#)
- Alberta's economy appears ready to burst past 2014 peak — COVID-19 is the wildcard [Read more](#)



After Hours Contact for Security Program

To further assist the security contractor, they are looking to build a database of after hours contacts for businesses, should there be a need to contact a business representative after hours. Please use the email button below to email Watchdog Security directly.

[Email Watchdog Security](#)

SERVICE CANADA

READY TO HELP - BUSINESSES



We are ready to help Canadians through the COVID-19 outbreak. Find financial help during COVID-19: [Covid-benefits.alpha.canada.ca/en/start](https://www.alpha.canada.ca/en/start)

CANADA EMERGENCY WAGE SUBSIDY (CEWS)

As a Canadian employer who continues to be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible to apply for one of the two subsidies to cover part of your employee wages.

CANADA RECOVERY HIRING PROGRAM (CRHP)

The CRHP and the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) support wages you pay through different phases of your economic recovery. Each claim period, eligible employers can claim either CRHP or CEWS, whichever is higher.

The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy is available until October 23, 2021.

The Canada Recovery Hiring Program is available retroactively to June 6, 2021 and until November 20, 2021.

CEWS Application:

<https://bit.ly/2T0cKJl>

CEWS Application Guide:

<https://bit.ly/3bra8uj>

CEWS FAQ – Technical Guide:

<https://bit.ly/2Arxbs8>

CRHP Application:

<https://bit.ly/3hXWyoY>

CRHP Technical Q&A:

<https://bit.ly/3eNTauH>

WORK-SHARING PROGRAM

We have extended the maximum duration of the Work-Sharing program from 38 weeks to 76 weeks for employers affected by COVID-19. The program provides Employment Insurance (EI) benefits to eligible employees who agree to reduce their normal working hours and share the available work while their employer recovers.

<https://bit.ly/2Czw9f5>

☎ 1-800-367-5693 (TTY: 1-855-881-9874)

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CANADA EMERGENCY RENT SUBSIDY (CERS)

The Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy provides a rent and mortgage subsidy for eligible expenses to qualifying businesses, charities and non-profits. This support is available directly to tenants and property owners. The government extended the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy and Lockdown Support until September 25, 2021.

<https://bit.ly/3pSsQ6B>

DID YOU KNOW?

There's an interactive tool to help you find the COVID-19 support you need for your business:

[Innovation.canada.ca](https://www.innovation.canada.ca)

For a complete list of programs, services and resources available through the Government of Canada visit: [Canada.ca/coronavirus](https://www.canada.ca/coronavirus)



New Chamber Board Director Introduction, Pamela Leniuk

I am the owner of Lake City Insurance which opened it's doors July 2019. Prior to opening my business, I was the manager of a local insurance brokerage for 18 years. I have lived and worked in Cold Lake since 2000. I have 2 children who have been active over the years in soccer, dance and taek-wondo. I have been actively involved in JDRF – Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation for many years, and organized community walks within Cold Lake for 5 years to raise awareness and funds for diabetes research. Most of my time is spent getting my business off the ground and growing my client base, but I still find some time for golfing. I'm excited to join the Chamber Board and I look forward to working with the business community in Cold Lake.

For our members who are on the Chambers Plan, some new benefits have been new Value-Added Benefits introduced earlier this year including Pocket Pills. Learn more in the poster below.

Introducing PocketPills

Canada's leading digital pharmacy.

With Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan, employees get 10% extra drug coinsurance coverage on all prescriptions filled through PocketPills, at no extra charge to your firm!*

Watch how it works



*Due to provincial legislation, the 10% additional coinsurance is not available in Quebec. Applicable to groups with less than 100% drug coinsurance. For more information, contact your Chambers Plan Advisor.

Top reasons for your employees to use PocketPills

1. Get 10% More Drug Coinsurance Coverage*

- Plus, PocketPills offers significant savings through their low pharmacy markup and flat \$7 dispensing fee

2. Exceptional Member Experience

- Easy access to pharmacists via live chat, SMS, email, and phone
- Manage prescriptions online and get free delivery anywhere in Canada**
- Tear-off PocketPacks are easy to use at home, at work and while travelling
- Fast and easy signup! Plan members can register for PocketPills on the Chambers Plan my-benefits.ca website

**PocketPills may be restricted from delivering controlled substances and narcotics in your area. See [HERE](#) for more details.

3. Improve Employee Health

- PocketPills helps improve medication adherence by sorting medication and vitamins into PocketPacks by date and time, making it easy for employees to remember to take their medication, which decreases absenteeism and risk of disability
- PocketPills' pharmacists spend time talking to your employees about not only their medications, but also about their overall health management

4. Caregiver Feature

- Employees can help their entire family, from children to grandparents, with the Caregiver feature, allowing them to easily manage loved ones' medication from one account

To talk about what PocketPills can do for you and your employees, contact your Chambers Plan advisor.

Canadian Chamber of Commerce News



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- [Finishing the fight against COVID -19: Businesses in hardest-hit sectors will need our help through 2022 says Canadian Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Canadian Chamber of Commerce: Pandemic debt, climate change costs demand a serious, bold plan to grow our economy. Why doesn't Canada have one?](#)
- [Under the still waters of today's positive job numbers, an unsettled labour market: Canadian Chamber of Commerce](#)

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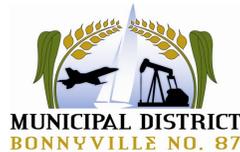
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