



SUMMARY FROM SEPTEMBER 2nd BARRHAVEN BUSINESS VIDEO CONFERENCE

Dear BBIA Members,

Thank you to all businesses who joined us for our call today. I have compiled the following summary in response to the questions and concerns raised during our discussion. We hope you will all join us for our next call. **NOTE** the change in time to **9:00 am**. Please use the following link to participate:

JOIN THE CONVERSATION:

BBIA Open Call for Businesses
Time: Sep 9, 2020 09:00 AM

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SUMMARY FROM THIS WEEK'S VIDEO CALL

Question as to why certain businesses are allowed to have so many people inside and others have more limitations?

- At this time, you need to provide the 2 M distancing so it is based on the size of your space.

Federal Government Program extensions

- The Federal government announced the extension of two pandemic support programs for businesses. The application deadline for the [Canada Emergency Business Account](#) (CEBA) is extended to October 31. The program provides interest-free loans of up to \$40,000 to small businesses and not-for-profits. The [Business Credit Availability Program](#) (BCAP) is extended to June 2021. Through BCAP, Export Development Canada and the Business Development Bank are working with financial lenders to support access to capital for Canadian businesses of all sizes in all sectors.
- Anticipated changes to CECRA coming very soon.

Strandherd Road Widening

- Construction kits for local businesses launch next week with the visit from the Mayor on September 8th



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Member Needs Assistance Emails

- BBIA Board will review the idea to institute emails to all using the Mailchimp system when members are looking for best practices and ideas from their peers.
- Answers will be kept in a BBIA repository online, searchable by all, but will also go directly to the business who requested the inquiry.
- Any topics received that week will be listed for discussion at the weekly Open Call on Wednesday mornings in the Tuesday email reminder.

Class action Insurance lawsuits

- Local legal experts are reporting that there will be a number of Ontario-initiated lawsuits launched this Fall by businesses against Insurance companies for failing to provide payment for loss of income and other COVID-related benefits
- Businesses, especially restaurants, are also perceived to be at a higher risk for COVID implications (cases, liability) and are starting to see huge increases in commercial insurance premiums at renewal time. We are monitoring this with OBIAA and TABIA. **Please contact us if you have experienced any huge increases in your insurance premium.**
- Precision Gymnastics let us know about their association's call about insurance on August 26th: Increases in premiums by 12% due to trampoline park injuries (not COVID)

Webinars

- Please see this week's COVID email for links to key webinar reports, summaries and recordings.

Sincerely,

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