

April 2021

Atikameksheng Businesses Newsletter

Information on funding opportunities and other useful links and info for our Atikameksheng Businesses.

Have a question? Please reach out to ecdev@wfn.com

Updates from last Businesses Meeting, March 17, 2021

- Economic Development Committee has been established the first meeting will be conducted in the coming weeks.
- Miigwetch to Sarah from KGHM who came out to provide her contact info. Is there someone you would like to present at these businesses meetings? Let us know your ideas.
- Tobacco quotas have been allocated and the distributors have been notified. A letter should have been sent to you with this information from the Ministry of Finance.
- From May 15, 2021, onwards Atikameksheng will no longer be able to provide funding for the Screener wage subsidy for retailers. One funding source that can be accessed directly is through Naadmaadwiiuk as they are able to provide targeted wage subsidies for employers. We are available to support in connecting you with our contacts at Naadmaadiiuk.



Reminder to continue to follow SOP's including having a screener present at the entrance.

- Summer Student positions are available, please spread the word to anyone that might be interested the deadline is April 24th.

WORK FORCE PLANNING SURVEY

Our Mission

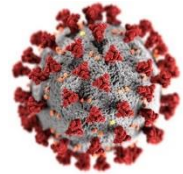
To coordinate identified education and training needs in order to generate opportunities for the economic growth of the communities we serve.

Workforce Planning for Sudbury & Manitoulin, are once again collaborating with Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce and the City of Greater Sudbury to assess how local businesses in Greater Sudbury and the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin are doing just over one year into this pandemic.

You can help them by completing the [COVID-19 Survey April/May 2021](#) which is open from Wednesday, April 21st, 2021 and closes on Wednesday, May 5th, 2021. You can also go to the website at www.planningourworkforce.ca where you will find the link to the survey.

COVID-19

Due to the present situation, retailers will continue to comply with the SOP's as put in place by the Gima and Council Order. Miigwetch for your cooperation.



Vaccines

A vaccine clinic is scheduled for the coming weeks at the Community Complex. If you are community member and would like a vaccine appointment, please call Darlene G at (705) 698-6818 or Marina McComber (705) 507-0134. Open to community members ages 18+.

FUNDING and GRANTS

Waubetek Business Development Corporation

<https://www.waubetek.com/>

"Our mission is to improve the economies of the First Nation communities and North Eastern Ontario through the proactive, professional and meaningful provision of business and economic services"

First WAW Grant and Mentorship Opportunity for an Indigenous Woman in Canada

<https://www.wearewomxn.ca/blogs/news/first-waw-grant-and-mentorship-opportunity-for-an-indigenous-woman-in-canada>

HYDRO ONE Small Businesses

<https://www.hydroone.com/saving-money-and-energy/business/ceap-for-small-business>

For a limited time only, you could be eligible for up to \$3,000* in financial assistance through our Small Business Pandemic Relief Program. This program will help connect businesses to the Government of Ontario's COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program and offer additional financial relief and flexible payment plans.

If your small business has been impacted by the pandemic, let us work together to find solutions and access the right financial programs for you. This fund is currently accepting new applicants but processing new applications will be delayed until further funding is received.

Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation

The NOHFC is targeting projects that create jobs and provide economic benefits for Northern Ontario.

The most relevant funding programs are:

- **Grow:** up to **\$1 million** grant and loan combination for businesses to **expand existing operations**.
- **Launch:** up to **\$200,000** grant for businesses to **start-up operations**.
- **Locate:** up to **\$5 million** grant and loan combination for businesses **locating new business operations to Northern Ontario**.
- **Workforce Development:** up to **\$35,000** grant per position for **hiring interns or apprentices** (max 2 positions).
- **Innovation:** up to **\$2 million** grant to support **research & development and commercialization of new and innovative technologies**.

Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Program: Access to Business Opportunities

<https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1582037564226/1610797399865>

Additional Information

Ontario Budget

<https://budget.ontario.ca/2021/pdf/2021-ontario-budget-en.pdf>

<http://www.sudburychamber.ca/>

<https://sudburychamber.ca/media-release-budget-2021-delivers-funding-to-confront-ongoing-pandemic-and-support-hardest-hit-while-laying-the-foundation-for-an-inclusive-economic-recovery-greater-sudbury-chamber-of-commerce/>

In the budget: Supports for business:

* Additional resources for the Digital Main Street Grant. Many small businesses, particularly in rural and remote regions, have benefited from the supports of this grant to get their business online. Expanding the program will help more businesses digitize and prepare for the economy of tomorrow.

* Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC). NOHFC's Northern Ontario Recovery Program has been a critical funding program for Northern businesses during the pandemic. An additional investment of \$50 million in NOHFC programming to support economic development and job creation is welcome news.

* Invest Ontario Fund. Additional funding in Invest Ontario over the next four years will be important to create jobs and investment across the province.

Federal Budget 2021: A Recovery Plan for Jobs, Growth and Resilience

The Government of Canada released the Federal Budget with plans to approach post-COVID-19 recovery. \$101.4 billion over three years in proposed investments to support a resilient and inclusive recovery. It is still high level and we will update you when more information becomes available.

Info on the budget: <https://occ.ca/rapidpolicy/2021-federal-budget/>

<https://www.budget.gc.ca/2021/home-accueil-en.html>

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