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Atikameksheng Businesses Newsletter

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

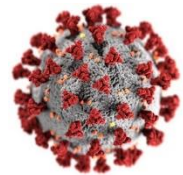
Have a question? Please reach out to ecdev@wfn.com

Updates and follow up from last meeting (April 27)

- Reminder that these meetings are for any Atikameksheng Businesses and not just retailers. If you know of anyone that might benefit from attending, please let us know.
- Is there anyone you would like to see present at these meetings?
- If you need workers for your business, you can let us know. We keep a database of potentials members looking for opportunities.
- Business Development and Support page of the website has been updated with helpful links. We will post the monthly Businesses Newsletter on this page.
<https://atikamekshenganishnawbek.ca/economic-development/business-development/>

COVID-19

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



Reminder: 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.

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

Another concern that has been brought to the attention of the Emergency Response Team was that there have been instances of loitering around the stores in the community. We would encourage you to take steps including placement of signs to discourage loitering outside of the stores.

Free rapid covid testing kits!

Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce is providing free COVID-19 rapid self-screening kits to small and medium-sized businesses with 150 and fewer employees, that are high risk and essential workplaces, throughout the Greater Sudbury region.

More info and to register for your free kit: <https://sudburychamber.ca/rapidtesting/>

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+.

Economic Development Corporation

The RFP was sent out and 5 applications are currently being reviewed to take on this work. Once the contract is awarded, we will be doing outreach and consultation to the community so please stay tuned.

FUNDING and GRANTS

Great resource for grants and funding: <https://ontariobusinessgrants.com/>

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”

Aboriginal Business Financing Program

<http://www.nadf.org/grants>

Eligible Projects

- Business planning
- Business start up costs
- Business acquisitions
- Business expansions
- Marketing initiatives that are local, domestic, or export-oriented
- New product or process development

- Adding technology to improve operations and competitiveness
- Operating costs in association with capital costs
- Financial services, business support, business-related training and mentoring services

FedNOR

Business Scale-up and Productivity

<https://fednor.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/fn04081.html>

- Technology demonstration, adoption and adaptation
- Commercialization, Market Development/Expansion
- Business Management

Community Economic Development

<http://fednor.gc.ca/eic/site/fednor-fednor.nsf/eng/fn03440.html>

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>

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 or support

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