The Chamber of Commerce is a member-driven, volunteer-led organization, proudly representing the interests of businesses in our region, and working diligently to stimulate a strengthened and vibrant economy through our connections, support and influence. For more than 115 years, the Chamber has strived to promote business, monitoring government and championing managed growth in the local economy. The Chamber represents over 800 businesses in our region and is aligned with both the Alberta Chambers of Commerce (ACC), which represents over 25,000 businesses and the Canadian Chambers of Commerce (CCC), which represents over 200,000 businesses. With the largest and most influential business organizations locally, provincially and federally, the Chamber network is the most united, valued and influential business network in Canada and works together to shape policy and programs that will make a difference to businesses in our region.

The Voice of Business

The new policies adopted by the board advocate for access to workplace mental health supports, expanding temporary and permanent lease applications and providing equitable air ambulance funding across the province. These new policies are now available on the chamber website:

- Increasing Access to Workplace Mental Health Supports
- Expanding Approval of Grazing Lease Applications
- Equitable Funding for Air Ambulance Services

MONTHLY NEWS TUNE UP

Alberta Moves Into Full Step 2 of Reopening

Alberta can now enjoy reduced public health restrictions while strong measures remain in place to protect Albertans from the spread of COVID-19.

Completing Step 2’s Path Forward, updated health measures are now in place retail, hotels and community halls, performance groups, and youth sports, performance and recreation. These changes are effective immediately. They are in addition to the Step 2 measures announced on March 1, as pressure rises on the health system and hospitals remain well below 450.

Additional details on the current restrictions are outlined on alberta.ca.

The new rules on Step 3 will be made on March 22, at the earliest, based on hospitalizations and the current spread of COVID-19. Metrics based on cases and growth, including variant cases, are being monitored and will also be used to guide any decisions around the need to pause further steps for a possible increase restrictions.

Businesses are encouraged to use the Chamber’s COVID-19 website page for resources, to make sure they are aware of funding and to update plans in order to sustain business operations and limit risk that could result from closures or a return to enhanced restrictions due to increased case counts.