



Dear Elgin County Business Owners,

On behalf of myself and County Council, I would like to personally thank you for all that you do to make Elgin County a great place to live, work, and play. The current COVID-19 Pandemic is impacting all of us within our community, and we realize that this poses a significant impact on our local businesses.

It is times like these where we need to all work together as a community to support one another. I want to emphasize that Elgin County Council and the Elgin County Economic Development and Tourism team are here to assist you in any way that we can.

Economic Development and Tourism staff will be continually sharing information with you as it becomes available from the Provincial or Federal government. Moreover, staff will assist in sharing your business's posts on their social media platforms (@elgincounty) to ensure that the public is aware of your business' status.

The Government of Canada announced that they will be taking immediate and decisive action to support Canadians facing hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

On March 18, 2020, the Prime Minister announced a new set of economic measures to help stabilize the economy during this difficult time. Delivered as part of the Government of Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan, these measures will provide up to \$27 billion in direct support to Canadian businesses and workers.

As we continue to monitor the COVID-19 Pandemic, below are some business resources that have been created thus far. Please share these with your networks to help ensure that businesses are prepared to manage through this challenging time. These links can also be found on our Economic Development website at [www.progressivebynature.com/COVID19](http://www.progressivebynature.com/COVID19). Economic Development and Tourism Staff will update these resources as they become available.

### **Government of Canada Resources**

- **Work Share Program** – <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/work-sharing.html>
- **Resources for business from trade commissioner** – <https://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/campaign-campagne/ressources-entreprises-COVID-19-business-resources.aspx?lang=eng>
- **Business Development Bank: Support for entrepreneurs impacted by Covid-19** – <https://www.bdc.ca/en/pages/special-support.aspx?special-initiative=covid19>

- **Funding** – [https://www.bdc.ca/en/pages/special-support.aspx?special-initiative=covid19&\\_ga=2.190559339.1591330801.1584414343-2137179842.1584414343](https://www.bdc.ca/en/pages/special-support.aspx?special-initiative=covid19&_ga=2.190559339.1591330801.1584414343-2137179842.1584414343)
- **Continuity Plans** – <https://www.bdc.ca/en/articles-tools/entrepreneur-toolkit/templates-business-guides/pages/business-continuity-guide-templates-entrepreneurs.aspx>
- **Export Development Canada** – <https://www.edc.ca/en/events/webinar/managing-impact-on-global-supply-chains.html>
- **Service Canada** – <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/corporate/notices/coronavirus.html>

### General Resources

- Trade Commissioner – [Resources for Business](#)
- Canadian Chamber of Commerce – [Preparedness Website & Preparedness Guide](#)
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities – [COVID 19 Resources for Municipalities](#)
- Ontario Chamber of Commerce – [Pandemic Preparedness Toolkit](#)
- Workplace Safety & Prevention Services – [Pandemic Preparedness Toolkit](#)
- Retail Council of Canada – [Resources for Retailers](#)
- Canadian Agriculture Human Resource Council – [Information and Tips](#)
- World Health Organization – [Resources for Businesses and Employees](#)
- Conference Board of Canada – [Updates & Resources](#)
- Tourism Industry Association of Ontario – [Industry Survey](#)

### Local Resources

- [Elgin Business Resource Centre](#) – Can offer quick loans to businesses

Elgin County is a resilient and robust community, and by working together, we will get through this uncertain time.

Please stay in touch and reach out with questions or comments about business challenges via email ([info@elgin.ca](mailto:info@elgin.ca)) and on our social media channels (@elgincounty). We are committed to the well-being of our staff and community, and as a result, our Administrative Building has limited public access to tenants only. However, we will be maintaining regular working hours so that we can continue supporting you.

I wish you the best in health at this time,



Dave Mennill  
Elgin County Warden

