COVID-19 Task Force Business Conference Call March 27, 2020 2pm

# Jaimie Malmgren, Prairie Sky Chamber of Commerce

- Shared some of the federal government announcements from this morning
  - Wage subsidy increased from 10% to 75%
  - Valid for 3 months (March 18-June 20)
  - Reduces the amount of payroll deductions required to remit to CRA
- GST/HST Payments
  - o Deferred to June, 2020 = 30B in interest free loans
- BDC-EDC available \$12.5B in guaranteed loans for businesses
- CEBA -
  - \$40,000 guaranteed business loans
  - o Interest free for 1 year
  - o Criteria, if met, can allow up to \$10,000 to be forgiven

### Josh Welz, City of Warman

- Went through the Business Resource Plan released by the Business Task Force today.
- This document was emailed to all business license holders in the Warman/Martensville area.

## Interview with local business, Atlas Outdoors

- Discussed some of the challenges they have encountered during the COVID-19 pandemic and how they have pivoted their businesses

#### Terry Jenson, Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Touched on the importance of local newspaper and how they focus on local stories
- Will be shifting their business practices to increase online presence.

#### Trevor Peterson, Tweak Signs

- Advised what products/services they are offering in these challenging times.

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