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## COVID-19 BUSINESS SUPPORTS AND RESOURCES

The City of Spruce Grove cares about you and your business. The City's [Economic & Business Development Department](#) continues to keep you informed about ongoing developments of the COVID-19 pandemic. Although the City of Spruce Grove is operating a little differently, we remain committed to providing our businesses and residents the best service possible.

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We make every effort to continuously update the [COVID-19 Resource Page](#) on our Economic & Business Development website to ensure that each resource is kept current. To support businesses and employees through this difficult time, we continue to provide access to information on important resources, making it as easy as possible for you to secure the help you need.

### BUSINESS SUPPORTS AND RESOURCES

As of May 14th, Stage One from [Alberta's Relaunch Strategy](#) has been launched. The launch of the first stage has allowed [certain businesses](#) to reopen and operate to serve customers, while continuing to practice proper hygiene, sanitation and infection prevention as per Alberta Health Service's requirements.

→ [Alberta Biz Connect](#) - The Government of Alberta launched the Biz Connect website, a resource to help businesses that are able to reopen in Stage One to do so, while keeping staff and customers safe. The website includes a red tape reduction submission form to help you share your ideas on modernizing regulations and reducing red tape, especially for businesses as they respond to COVID-19.

→ [Temporary Business Signage Criteria during COVID-19](#) - The City of Spruce Grove will allow select temporary signage on City boulevards and business premises until August 30th, 2020. Business owners will be required to notify the City's Planning and Development department in advance of setting up a temporary sign, while providing information outlining how long the temporary sign will be displayed for.

→ [Small Business Resources](#) - The Government of Alberta is providing supports that are available to help entrepreneurs and small businesses start, grow and succeed. This includes key government programs, Alberta-wide service providers, and valuable contact information.

→ [Site Rehabilitation Program](#) - The Government of Alberta includes information about eligible oil and gas service companies and how they can apply for grant funding to do abandonment and reclamation work on oil and gas sites in Alberta. The second increment application period will open the week of May 19th, 2020.

→ [Large Employer Emergency Financing Facility \(LEEFF\)](#) - The Government of Alberta is providing bridge financing to Canada's largest employers, whose needs are not being met through conventional financing in regards to the COVID-19 pandemic. The LEEFF program will help large for-profit businesses keep their operations going.

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### SPRUCE GROVE'S SUPPORT LOCAL CAMPAIGN

The [City of Spruce Grove](#) has officially launched their Support Local campaign. As a community, it is important that we continue to shop locally and support the businesses surrounding us during these challenging, yet recovering times.

**Be part of the recovery!**  
Shop locally and spread the word

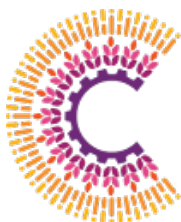
**Our businesses need you!**  
Support a local business

**Support your community!**  
Purchase from a local business

**Missing your favourites?**  
Check Google to see if your local favourite is open

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### GREATER PARKLAND REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



**GREATER  
PARKLAND  
REGIONAL  
CHAMBER**

The [Greater Parkland Regional Chamber of Commerce](#) has partnered with [GetintheLoop](#) to showcase businesses within their community that continue to operate and serve their customers.

To learn more about this program, please contact your local Chamber of Commerce or contact Myles Ethier from GetintheLoop at [myles.ethier@getintheLoop.ca](mailto:myles.ethier@getintheLoop.ca).



We will continue to frequently update our Economic & Business Development website at [InvestSpruceGrove.ca](http://InvestSpruceGrove.ca) as more information becomes available. If you have any questions, please e-mail a team member at [Invest@SpruceGrove.org](mailto:Invest@SpruceGrove.org).

Thank you for your engagement.  
Together, we all play an important role in keeping our business community healthy and safe.

From our team to yours,  
*Dave, Karla, Jamie-Lynn, & Anika*

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