



I would like to thank the Aurora Chamber of Commerce for the opportunity to contribute to the Advocate. I have been a member of the Chamber for a few years now and am familiar with the excellent programs that the Chamber provides for our many businesses and indeed all chamber members in our community.

I'm pleased to be contributing to the Advocate for the first time as your new Member of Parliament for Aurora-Oak-Ridges-Richmond Hill. I will be sharing news and highlighting programs of special interest to Aurorans. Not only is Aurora part of my constituency, it's where I live with my family.

THE CANADA JOBS PROGRAM

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on young job seekers, with marginalized youth among those most disproportionately impacted. In Aurora, as across Canada, employers are also facing extraordinary challenges hiring staff. The Canada Jobs Program (CJP) can help young people find work and small businesses and not-for-profit employers rebound and grow.

Through CJP, not-for-profit employers can be reimbursed for up to 100% of the provincial/territorial minimum wage. Public and private sector employers can be reimbursed for up to 50% of the provincial/territorial minimum wage. Employees must be between the ages of 15 and 30 and work fulltime for 6 to 16 weeks. I encourage you to apply for this assistance. The deadline to apply is January 25th.

<https://www.canada.ca/.../canada-summer-jobs/apply.html>

CEBA REPAYMENT SCHEDULE EXTENDED AND OTHER SUPPORTS

Having talked with small business owners, entrepreneurs and not-for-profits in Aurora, I know that most of you have been affected by COVID and now by the recent surge of Omicron, which is bringing renewed challenges. You have shown incredible resilience, creativity and determination. But our government recognizes you still need support and flexibility. I believe that by utilizing your resourcefulness and these supports, our businesses, entrepreneurs and communities will bounce back in new and better ways.

Repayments for the CEBA (Canada Emergency Business Account) and Regional Relief and Recovery Fund have been extended to the end of 2023. These extensions will support short-term economic recovery and offer greater repayment flexibility

This much needed breathing room is in addition to the extension of the Canada Recovery Hiring Program, the expansion of both the Local Lockdown Program and the Canada Worker Lockdown Benefit. A new Tourism and Hospitality Recovery Program and the Hardest-Hit Business Recovery Program have been launched to meet the needs of these specific sectors.

Please learn more about these changes and programs.

Repayment Extensions <https://bit.ly/3A0wzoh>

Recovery Hiring <https://bit.ly/3I7aeYJ>

Local Lockdown <https://bit.ly/3IeQ5QR>

Canada Worker Lockdown Benefit <https://bit.ly/3IajH1u>

Tourism and Hospitality Recovery Program <https://bit.ly/3qsB0VE>

Hardest-Hit Business Recovery Program <https://bit.ly/3A5j4Dv>

BEING IN AURORA

My responsibilities require me to spend part of my time at the House of Commons, but want to be involved in our community as much as I can, so please contact our office to:



Inquire about a certificate or letter of congratulations for milestone birthdays or significant events.



Send an invitation for an event. I attend events virtually and in-person as often as I can.



Request help or information with a specific issue that can be addressed at the federal level. I work with a great team who will be happy to assist you.

You can reach me or a member of my great team by email at leah.taylorroy@parl.gc.ca or at 905-773-8358. Due to COVID, our office is not open at this time, but we are working virtually and will respond to your inquiries and requests as soon as possible. We hope it won't be long before we can open our doors again and meet you in person!