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### **Happy New Year!**

*From my family to yours, I wish you good health and prosperity in the coming year and hope you are successful in all your endeavours.*

As we look toward the coming year, there are a number of opportunities and changes that small and medium sized enterprises can take advantage of in 2018. These opportunities are a part of our commitment to grow the economy, support the middle class, and support our local business communities that are engine of our growth and innovation. Our plan for Real Change is working – since coming into office, almost 700,000 jobs have been created and Canada has the strongest economic growth in the G7. In 2017 alone, Canada's economy added 422,000 jobs. That's the best job creation in a single year since 2002.

At this midway point in our government's mandate, we are proud of the progress we have made so far to support middle class families, create jobs, and make our communities a better place to live. As we move forward into 2018, we need to work harder than ever to deliver on our commitments and build a better Canada for the middle class and those working hard to it.

### **Applications for Canada Summer Jobs 2018 Now Open!**



Employers can now submit applications for funding under the Canada Summer Jobs 2018 (CSJ) program. CSJ helps employers like you create valuable summer job opportunities for full-time students between the ages of 15 and 30, while strengthening local economies and communities across Canada.

CSJ provides funding for not-for-profit organizations, public-sector employers and small businesses with 50 or fewer employees. Not-for-profit organizations can receive up to 100% of the provincial/territorial minimum hourly wage, as well as employment-related costs. Public-sector employers and small businesses can receive up to 50% of the provincial/territorial minimum hourly wage. You could benefit from funding from the Government of Canada to help your business needs while also investing in the development of a young worker.

If you have hired a student in the past, you know how beneficial it can be for your organization. You also know first-hand how important it is for students to develop their skills and acquire valuable work experience while making a positive contribution to our community.

In 2017, our community and youth benefitted significantly from this program. Newmarket-Aurora received \$832,454, providing funding for 264 positions with 87 employers. Through programs like this, local students have the opportunity to gain valuable experience and learn new skills for their future careers.

The CSJ application period will run from December 19, 2017 to February 2, 2018, so that students may be hired beginning in April 2018.

CSJ Application Link:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs.html>



*MP Kyle Peterson with student participants of the 2017 Canada Summer Jobs Program in Newmarket-Aurora.*

### **Small Business Tax Changes**

Our plan to grow the economy, build a stronger middle class and help those working hard to join it includes supporting our local business communities across Canada. From coast to coast to coast, small businesses are the backbone of our economy employing almost half of all Canadian workers and contribute 30% to Canada's GDP.

Our government is committed to supporting the growth and success of hardworking small business owners. For this reason we are following through on our promise to **lower the small business tax rate**. This year, small businesses will see their tax rate drop to 10% and further drop to 9% in 2019. This represents a savings of up to \$7,500 per year!

***Keep in Touch!***

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