

SURVEY 5.0 RESULTS

At TIAO we are proud to be your voice to government. We have included this survey data in the Tourism Leaders Economic Impact Report delivered to Minister Lisa MacLeod.

Thank you for communicating where the risks are so that we can continue to push for what the tourism industry and workforce need to survive.

The data collected from survey 5 indicates that the greatest risks to tourism operations are:

- Uncertainty around when and how they will be able to re-open
- Lack of information and clarity around the re-opening of borders
- Lack of access to the Ontario-Canadian Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance
- Temporary closures becoming permanent
- Ineligibility for existing government aid
- Insurmountable debt levels and severe disruptions to cash flow
- Risk of bankruptcy
- Government aid not sufficient to ensure the viability of some tourism businesses

Thank you to everyone who continues to take the time. When you provide us with the data, you give us the best tool we have to advocate on your behalf.

Read our report [here](#)

FCM DELIVERS NEXT PHASE OF ASSET MANAGEMENT FUNDING FOR MUNICIPALITIES

On May 15, the Government of Canada and FCM launched the next phase of funding to help communities improve their asset management practices enabling them to use sound and reliable data to make more informed decisions about key roads, water systems, buildings and other infrastructure.

The funding is available through a renewed federal investment in FCM's Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP), first announced in last year's federal budget. Since 2017, MAMP has funded more than 585 local asset management projects in communities across Canada. It's proven to be so popular and effective that Budget 2019 committed an additional \$60 million to the program. More information on the program can be found [here](#)

SPORT TOURISM INDUSTRY LAUNCHES RECOVERY TASK FORCE

In response to how COVID-19 has affected the sport tourism industry, the Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance (CSTA) has announced the formation of the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force. The purpose is to develop an action plan for the responsible, safe and effective reopening of the \$6.8 billion sport tourism industry.

The task force includes representatives from all stakeholders, including destinations, national/multi-sport organizations, facilities and suppliers to the industry. The group will work toward establishing and sharing guidelines and recommendations, specific to the sport tourism industry, to demonstrate to all levels of government that there is a clear plan to re-open the industry.

More details can be found [here](#)

GOVERNMENT NEWS & RELEASES

Ontario Extends Emergency Orders to Keep People Safe

Office of the Premier

The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has extended all emergency orders currently in force until May 29, 2020. That includes the closure of bars and restaurants except for takeout and delivery only, restrictions on social gatherings of more than five people, and staff redeployment rules for long-term care homes and

congregate settings like retirement homes and women's shelters. The government is also allowing drive-in religious gatherings.

- [Feds extend emergency wage subsidy until August \(CBC.ca\)](#)
- [Cross-border officials planning to reopen safely for summer tourism season \(WBFO\)](#)

Ontario Government Supporting Parents as Economy Reopens

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The Ontario Government is protecting licensed child care in Ontario during the COVID-19 outbreak by ensuring parents retain access to local licensed child care, as well as EarlyON Child and Family Centres. The government unveiled a plan that, together with federal and municipal partnership, provides supports to licensed child care providers to ensure they remain sustainable and ready to open when parents return to work.

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- [Ontario won't allow overnight camps to operate this summer, but day camps may go ahead; Ontario cancels classes for rest of school year \(Toronto Star\)](#)

As Ontario Reopens, People Urged to Continue Following Public Health Advice

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As the Ontario government carefully and gradually reopens the province, those taking public transit, returning to work or going out shopping are being urged to continue to adhere to public health advice as the best line of defence against COVID-19. To assist the public, the Ministry of Health today released specific recommendations on how to choose, wear and care for appropriate face coverings used in public where physical distancing is not possible, along with additional safety measures for provincial transit agencies.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Niagara businesses crippled by COVID-19 hope Canadians will help them recover

CBC News Hamilton

TIAO's president Beth Potter shared her industry insights regarding the impact of COVID-19 in the tourism industry. "Sixty-eight per cent of tourism businesses are currently shuttered and 38 per cent of businesses believe they won't be able to open back up".

Canadians vacationing in Canada: What will summer holidays look like this year?

CTV News

As summer approaches, many Canadians are wondering what the season will look like with restrictions on socializing, public gatherings and travel casting a shadow over their vacation planning. Summer travel is sure to be different amid the COVID-19 pandemic this year, with international trips unlikely -- even to the U.S. as the border remains closed to non-essential travel for another month.

Canada-U.S. border to remain closed to non-essential travel for another month

CTV News

The extension on the existing agreement means that the border restrictions will stay in place until June 21, even as parts of both countries begin gradually reopening. The agreement, as it stands, exempts the flow of trade and commerce, as well as vital health-care workers such as nurses who live and work on opposite sides of the border. Tourists and cross-border visits remain prohibited.

Feds announce COVID-19 relief fund for seasonal, tourism companies

Global News

Trudeau made the comments after saying that seasonal and tourism companies that don't qualify for other federal programs, or who are still facing cash-flow issues, can get help through one of six regional development agencies.
