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Dear Friends

I am very happy to report, the numbers from the updated modelling show that the steps taken by the Province of Ontario, are working to help flatten the curve. **We have taken this fight seriously and we must continue to do so.**

I want to say **thank you to our front-line workers in Richmond Hill, specifically those who have been working so hard to keep our Group homes and Long-Term Care facilities safe.** We have introduced more aggressive testing, screening and have increased PPE (personal protective equipment) as well as ensuring day care is provided for those front line workers who need to know their children will be taken care of. **Again, I salute you and thank you all for your tremendous work!**

Our office has been hearing from many small businesses in Richmond Hill about **commercial rent issues and disputes with landlords.** I have yelled loudly for the need to get assistance to help commercial tenants. I am very excited that the Ontario Government has partnered with the Federal Government to provide urgent relief for small businesses and landlords affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. **The province is committing \$241 million through the new Ontario-Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Program (OCECRA).** This relief will help to ensure they are ready to reopen once the emergency measures are lifted.

Do you have innovative ideas on our Economic Recovery? Please send them to me as soon as possible so that our Premier can hear YOUR voice. You will find more information on this topic in the newsletter below. Our government is listening.

I am always available to you by email daisy.waico@pc.ola.org or by phone 905-884-8080.

Stay safe, stay home, stay healthy.

Daisy Wai, MPP
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RICHMOND HILL ON-LINE TOWN HALL



Hosted by
Daisy Wai, MPP
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**ACTION PLAN AND
RECOVERY PLAN
AGAINST COVID-19**

3 Town Hall meetings
led by respective ministers
11:00am to Noon



April 29, 2020

**“Ontario’s Economic/Fiscal
Update and Action Plan”**

Parliamentary Assistant to
the Minister of Finance



May 13, 2020

**“Education Updates &
On-line Education”**

Minister of Education



May 27, 2020

**“Supporting Small Business
in Business Recovery”**

Associate Minister of Small Business
and Red Tape Reduction



**Have a question for the Ministers?
REGISTER NOW!**

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/103478609306>

CLICK HERE



DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY!

PROVINCE PLANNING ECONOMIC RECOVERY

“I can assure each person affected by this crisis that we will do everything we can to support you, and get you back on the job as soon as possible.”

The provincial government announced the “Ontario Jobs and Recovery Committee,” which will aim to help the economy recover after the COVID-19 Pandemic is over. The committee will focus on “getting businesses up and running and people back to work. Health is the number 1 priority, but the Ontario Government has started to plan to leap into action, get business going, unemployed back to work and have the infrastructure ready to quickly get through the red tape when our Health Officials feel that it is safe to do so.



ONTARIO JOBS AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR INPUT

“Please bring your comments to me” says Richmond Hill MPP Daisy Wai
“I will speak boldly on your behalf ”



The “Ontario Jobs and Recovery committee” will be consulting a wide variety of people and organizations, such as business associations, chambers of commerce, municipal leaders, corporate leaders, small business owners and entrepreneurs as it assess the impact of COVID-19 on the economy. The Committee is comprised of 13 members of the Ontario Cabinet, with Minister of Finance as Chair. We need to get you back to work, food on the table just as soon as we can.

We are going to review it sector by sector. We are looking for innovative ideas, what works and still keep the physical distancing. Send your thoughts and comments to Daisywaico@pc.ola.org

WE EXPRESSED YOUR CONCERNS. OUR VOICES ARE HEARD.

Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Details Announced

The Governments of Canada and Ontario have reached an agreement in principle to provide rent relief for small businesses. The program will see tenants receive a 75% reduction in their rent payments for April, May and June. It is called Ontario-Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Program. (OCECRA)

The program is for small businesses, non-profits and charities that:

- Pay less than \$50,000 per month in rent.
- Have temporarily ceased operations or have experienced at least a 70% drop versus pre-COVID-19 revenues.

The program will provide forgivable loans to qualifying commercial property owners to cover 50% of the eligible rent payments. The loans will be forgiven if the property owner agrees to reduce the eligible small business tenants' rent by at least 75% and agrees not to evict the tenant.

Further, the Ontario Government is reducing taxes, eliminating penalties and interest as apart of the Ontario Action Plan for Covid-19.

Ontario is also offering loans to small and medium size business in partnership with the Federal Government.

<https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/04/24/prime-minister-announces-partnerships-provinces-and-territories>

RICHMOND HILL COUNCIL INITIATES “COVID-19 RECOVERY TASK FORCE”

The City of Richmond Hill is acting quickly to help with the recovery of business during this difficult transition caused by Covid-19.

It was announced at the Council Meeting on April 22, 2020 that a “Recovery Task Force” was being set up. Three Councillors, Ward 2 Tom Muench, Ward 4, David West Ward 6 Godwin Chan along with representatives from the Richmond Hill Board of Trade (RHBT), the Richmond Hill Village Business Improvement Association (BIA) and the Markham Richmond Hill and Vaughan Chinese Business Association (MRVCBA), along with a York Region Economic Development representative. The Recover Richmond Hill Task Force will lead the next phase of the City’s economic development response to COVID-19 that will be focused on economic recovery. Business support resources are shared online at <https://RichmondHill.ca/BusinessHelp> as well as a list of local Businesses Making a Difference as part of the community’s response to COVID-19. If you are a local business that is making a difference during these challenging times, reach out to https://ecdev@richmondhill.ca to share your story.

For information and updates on City services and facilities,

Visit <https://RichmondHill.ca/COVID19> or follow on **Twitter** [@myRichmondHill](https://twitter.com/myRichmondHill).

Follow business news on Twitter at [@RH_EcDev](https://twitter.com/RH_EcDev)

RHBOT offers online discussion with Richmond Hill Manager of Economic Innovations and Partnerships

The Richmond Hill Board of Trade will be hosting Richmond Hill Manager of Economic Innovations and Partnerships Anthony Ierullo for a Zoom Meeting on Business Advice Covid-19 on Tuesday April 28 from 9:00 to 10:00 AM.



ESSENTIAL BUSINESS ADVICE - COVID-19 UPDATE

Date: April 28, 2020
Time: 9:00 - 10:00 am
Location: Virtual
Registration: <https://www.rhbot.ca>

ADDICTIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH HELP KRASMAN CENTRE

Addictions and Mental Health Ontario (AMHO) represents over 200 addiction and mental health organizations in regions across the province. AMHO's members provide critical services and supports that help Ontarians during their recovery process, including community-based counselling and case management, peer support, residential treatment, withdrawal management, supportive housing, and hospital-based programs.

As you know, mental health and addictions are becoming a significant concern among the many challenges Ontarians are facing during the COVID-19 pandemic. With AMHO member organizations having been deemed essential services by our government, they are prepared to serve Ontarians by providing in-person, phone-based, or online/virtual supports during this pandemic.

The Krasman Centre - an AMHO member organization provides peer support services to those recovering from mental health or addiction challenges in your local community.

In addition, please see the following link(s) for further information about AMHO and the specific organization/service available in your community:

Additions and Mental Health Ontario: <https://amho.ca/>

Krasman Centre: <https://krasmancentre.com/>

**The Krasman Centre is open and
supporting their clients in
North Toronto, York Region
and South Simcoe.**

Organization: Krasman Centre

Phone: 1-888-777-0979

Website: krasmancentre.com/covid-19-updates

