

Hi, just a reminder that you're receiving this email because you have expressed an interest in the Township of Selwyn. Don't forget to add [info@selwyntownship.ca](mailto:info@selwyntownship.ca) to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox!

You may [unsubscribe](#) if you no longer wish to receive our emails.



## Selwyn Business eNewsletter

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## Welcome to the July 2021 Edition of Selwyn Township's Business eNewsletter!

If you would like to be removed from the Business eNewsletter mailing list, please email [Meaghan Larocque](mailto:Meaghan.Larocque@selwyn.ca).

### Ontario in Step 2 of the Roadmap to Reopen

Ontario moved into Step 2 of the [Roadmap to Reopen](#) at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, June 30, 2021. The Step 2 Regulation - [O. Reg. 263/20: Rules for Areas in Step 2](#) sets out the requirements during this phase of reopening.

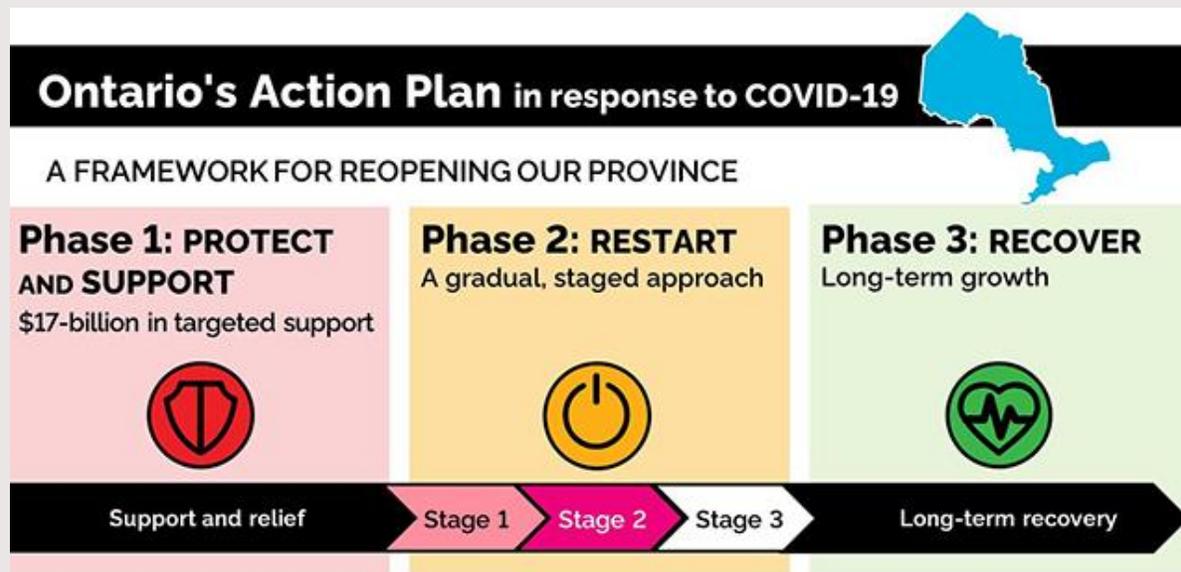
- [General Overview of Step 2 rules](#)
- Workplace safety information (including safety plan, and screening information) can be found by visiting the [Ontario Government website](#).

Peterborough Public Health has created a [Step 2 Guidance & Information for Owners/Operators/Persons Responsible for Food Premises and/or Retail Establishments](#)

Within the document, you can scroll down to the sections that apply to your business:

1. General rules (please read - this section applies to all businesses and organizations)

2. Restaurants, bars and similar establishments
3. Supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, indoor and outdoor farmers' markets and other businesses that primarily sell food
4. Shopping malls
5. Meeting or event space



## MakerSpace Coming to the Lakefield Library!

Recently, the Township of Selwyn and the Selwyn Public Library learned that we have received a \$78,200 Resilient Communities Fund grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to create a permanent MakerSpace at the Lakefield Branch of the Selwyn Public Library.

The Township's grant will help the Library to buy the tools, technical equipment, and software needed to provide patrons with creative experiences. By creating the first permanent MakerSpace within Peterborough County, the Selwyn Public Library will provide access to new and emerging technologies, such as laser cutters, 3D printers, etc. while creating opportunities for learning, fostering problem-solving skills, and creative thinking for people of all ages and abilities.

This will also create potential opportunities for local, small business start-ups within our community, allowing community members to discover and explore new equipment without the financial burden of purchasing the expensive capital items themselves.

For more information, please contact: [Sarah Hennessey, CEO/Chief Librarian](#).



## Ontario has Accessibility Laws

Businesses and non-profits with  
20 or more employees must  
submit an Accessibility  
Compliance Report before  
**June 30, 2021.**

Get started today at  
[ontario.ca/AccessibilityReport](https://ontario.ca/AccessibilityReport).

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## Accessibility Compliance Report

For businesses and non-profits with 20 or more employees, the deadline to file an accessibility compliance report has been extended to **June 30, 2021.**

Ontario has Accessibility Laws - Businesses and non-profits with 20 or more employees must submit an Accessibility Compliance Report before June 30, 2021.

Learn how to file your 2020 Accessibility Compliance Report at [ontario.ca/AccessibilityReport](https://ontario.ca/AccessibilityReport)

## Ontario Tourism and Travel Small Business Support Grant

The Ontario Government is providing one-time payments of \$10,000 to \$20,000 to support eligible small tourism and travel businesses struggling to recover from the impact of COVID-19 pandemic through the new \$100-million Ontario Tourism and Travel Small Business Support Grant.

This grant will support eligible small tourism and travel businesses that did not receive the Ontario Small Business Support Grant (OSBSG), such as travel agents, hotels, motels, resorts, and bed and breakfasts. To qualify, businesses must have fewer than 100 employees and demonstrate they have experienced a minimum 20 per cent revenue decline between 2019 and 2020.

Small business owners can use the grant in whatever way makes the most sense for their business. **Applications for this grant will close on Friday, July 9, 2021.**

For information on eligibility and how to apply visit the [Ontario Government website](https://ontario.ca).



## Ontario Tourism and Travel Small Business Support Grant \$10K - \$20K

### Regional Relief & Recovery Fund

We still have access to funds if you are in need of COVID-19 relief. Loans up to \$60,000 are available with a forgivable portion.

Please email [info@cfpeterborough.ca](mailto:info@cfpeterborough.ca) if you are interested.

(COVID-19)

**REGIONAL RELIEF  
AND RECOVERY FUND**  
**COMMUNITY FUTURES**  
SUPPORTING RURAL COMMUNITIES

### Restaurant & Bar Support Fund



The Ontario Restaurant and Bar Support Fund has officially launched with the aim of offering financial support to the province's struggling foodservice operations. A grant of up to \$5,000 per business is available.

Check out the [website](#) for more information and to apply.

## TSTT Paddle Art Project

The Regional Tourism Organization 8 is inviting artists within the Kawarthas Northumberland region to get creative and design a wooden paddle that depicts the uniqueness or the history of one of the nine designated Trent-Severn Trail Town (TSTT) communities.

Artists with approved designs will be provided with a Beaver Tail Aspen wood paddle 57" in length, created by Redtail Paddle from Campbellford, and will receive a nominal dollar amount for supplies.



The finished paddles will be displayed at Trent-Severn Trail Town Friendly Businesses, community partners, Visitor Centres and Chambers of Commerce & Tourism that have a public facing window.

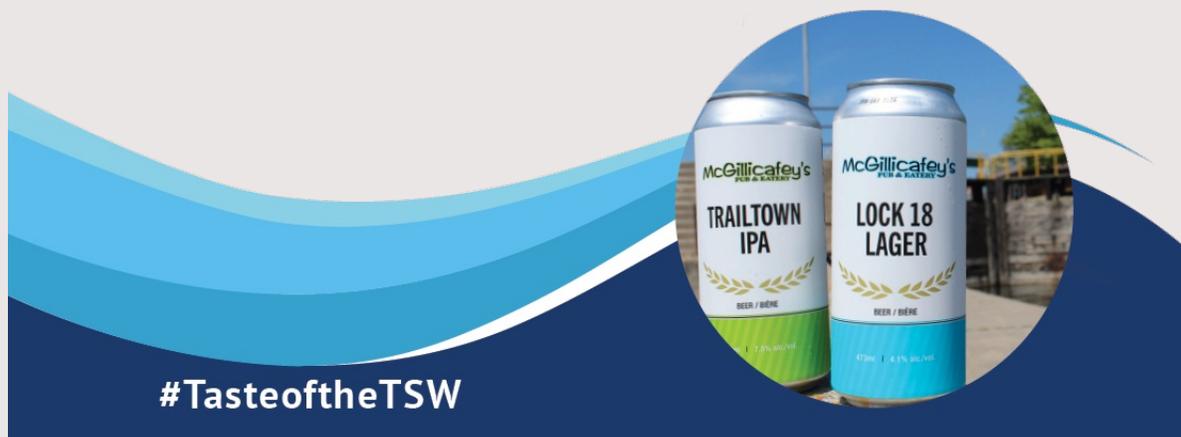
To learn more, visit the [Regional Tourism Organization 8 website](#).

## Taste of the Trent-Severn (#TasteoftheTSW)

**Calling all Culinary Providers within Kawarthas Northumberland!**

Regional Tourism Organization 8 (RTO8) is reaching out to all food & beverage producers and providers within Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough City and County and Northumberland County to get creative and showcase a culinary product created to commemorate the 101st anniversary of through navigation on the Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site of Canada. RTO8 is pleased to partner with Parks Canada for this year of commemoration and they would love to feature your business as part of the campaign.

For more information, visit the [Regional Tourism Organization 8 website](#).



## Kawartha Choice FarmFresh

Peterborough & the Kawarthas Economic Development (PKED) and the Kawartha

Lakes Economic Development have recently launched [kawarthachoice.com](http://kawarthachoice.com). Improving upon the well-established Kawartha Choice FarmFresh (KCFF) program, the new website features an enhanced ability to connect consumers with regional food producers.

Do you produce, sell, serve or showcase food and drink from the Kawartha region? Your business may qualify for free KCFF membership if a minimum 15% (or \$25,000) of total food purchases are sourced locally. Among the many benefits of membership, you'll receive a listing on [kawarthachoice.com](http://kawarthachoice.com) with links to your website and social media accounts.

Kawarthachoice.com is part of a larger project funded by the Government of Ontario's Rural Economic Development Program.

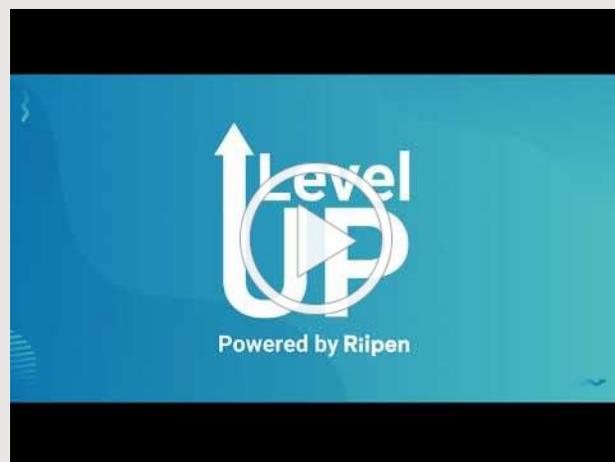
Visit the [Kawartha Choice website](http://Kawartha Choice website) for more information about membership benefits.



## Level UP - Connecting Students with Businesses

**Level UP** is an innovative work-integrated learning program, powered by Riipen and sponsored by the Government of Canada, to prepare students in post-secondary education and employers (or organizations) to thrive in the future of work.

Businesses can hire a student or group of students to complete a short-term project, which helps students gain relevant work experiences, build professional networks, gain career clarity, and develop their skills.



Level UP - Powered by Riipen

It's easy to get started!

1. **Sign-up** and login to your Riipen account
2. Create a Level UP project on Riipen from scratch or using a template

3. Submit your project for review by the Level UP team
4. Review applications and select a student or team
5. Interact with students and provide feedback

For more information, reach out to the Level UP support team by emailing [levelup@riipen.com](mailto:levelup@riipen.com).

## Government Updates

### Stop the Spread Business Information Line

Businesses who have questions about closures of workplaces or how emergency measures impact their business or employment can call the Stop the Spread Business Information Line at 1-888-444-3659. Help is available from Monday to Sunday from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.



### Resources to Help Workplaces Reopen Safely

The Ontario government is launching new health and safety education campaigns focusing on helping small businesses across the province reopen safely. The on-the-ground assistance includes a comprehensive suite of resources business owners can access at no cost to ensure they are helping prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace. These include:



- **Free webinars on how to operate a business safely**, and comply with health and safety requirements, during COVID-19.
- A **free 30-minute online course on infection prevention and control** provided by the Public Services Health and Safety Association.
- Provincial Employment Standards Call Centre ([webes@ontario.ca](mailto:webes@ontario.ca)) and Occupational Health and Safety Contact Centre ([webohs@ontario.ca](mailto:webohs@ontario.ca)) to answer small business health and safety questions.

For more information on these tools, visit the [Ontario Government website](#).

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