



**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**PARTNERING FOR ECONOMIC SUPPORT AND RECOVERY**

The Town of Whitecourt, Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce, and Community Futures Yellowhead East are committed to supporting local business during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“My heart goes out to our local businesses and employees that have been affected by this pandemic and the recent restrictions placed on their operations. I know many local businesses have also had to make the difficult decision to close temporarily for the safety of their employees,” stated Mayor Maryann Chichak. “Our current situation is unlike any other our world has faced; and while it continues to evolve daily, know that Whitecourt is and will be doing everything in our power, and in partnership with the federal and provincial governments, to minimize the impact.”

There are a number of new and existing resources that are available to local businesses that will provide support at this time. Whitecourt and our partners have compiled information to provide easy access to our community, and the information is accessible on the Whitecourt website at [www.whitecourt.ca/Business/EconomicSupportandRecovery](http://www.whitecourt.ca/Business/EconomicSupportandRecovery).

Economic Developers Alberta is conducting an online survey for the Alberta business community in order to gather consistent, high level data on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The information gathered will be shared to show overall trends on immediate needs and the resources required. All Whitecourt and region businesses and entrepreneurs are encouraged to participated in this survey.

- <https://edaalberta.wufoo.com/forms/r19ded0919ea64b>

“The primary goal of the Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce is supporting our business community,” added Jody Collins, Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce President. “We are utilizing programs and resources to continue our work remotely, and our commitment to keeping our members informed is a priority at this time.”

The Town of Whitecourt, Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce and Community Futures Yellowhead East will continue to advocate to provincial and federal governments for support measures to assist Whitecourt industry and businesses both now and into the future as we work to ensure an economic recovery takes place as soon as possible.

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