

April 16, 2020

To Mayor Cam Guthrie and members of Guelph City Council:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Guelph Chamber of Commerce and our membership, I fully support the expanded fiscal relief measures for businesses and residents outlined in the April 16, 2020 staff report "Managing Impacts of COVID-19".

As a leading voice of business in the community, the Guelph Chamber of Commerce applauds the continued efforts that City staff have made in addressing the needs of residents and local businesses experiencing the impacts of the pandemic. We are encouraged by your ongoing advocacy efforts with the Federal and Provincial governments and we urge all levels of government to make swift, bold decisions in response to the current crisis.

On behalf of our members, I look forward to working with the Mayor, Councillors, staff and other stakeholders on the Economic Recovery Task Force to support the local business community and help to reestablish a healthy and robust local economy.

Although we are navigating difficult and uncertain times, I have complete confidence that Guelph has the strength, expertise and resilience to make a swift recovery in the weeks and months ahead.

Sincerely,



Shakiba Shayani
President & CEO
Guelph Chamber of Commerce

