



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

May 11, 2020

Tim Syer, President
Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce
#21, 4802 50th Avenue
Yellowknife, NT X1A 1C4

Dear Mr. Syer,

RE: Support for Yellowknife Businesses During the COVID-19 Pandemic

On behalf of the City of Yellowknife, we are pleased to offer this letter in support of the recommendations put forward to the territorial government by the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce in a letter dated April 9, 2020.

The City recognizes the importance of these recommendations, specifically those that seek to provide rent relief to businesses who have seen their revenue reduce dramatically as a result of COVID-19 as well as the recommendation to top up the Federal wage subsidy. This wage subsidy top-up will help to address the reality that the costs of living and doing business are higher in the North and should be considered as Federal programs continue to be announced.

The City continues to communicate that a strong northern business economy will be critical to the successful economic recovery of our country. The City encourages the Government of the Northwest Territories to be responsive to the significant factors affecting northern business in their development and implementation of its support programs, regulations, legislation and policies.

The City supports the advocacy work of the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce and encourage the territory to review each of these recommendations in detail and implement them as extensively as possible.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Alty
Mayor

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