

Ottawa Board of Trade Applauds Ontario Government Regional Approach to Reopening the Economy

June 8, 2020, OTTAWA - The Ottawa Board of Trade President & CEO, Sueling Ching released the following statement in response to the Ontario government announcement regarding the easing of restrictions in communities where it is safe to do so.

“We commend the Ontario government for their regional approach to reopening the economy and allowing communities that have effectively flattened the curve to have businesses and services reopen while following the recommended protocols. It is the most rational way to progress.”

“Every day that passes under current restrictions puts businesses at risk of not surviving. Many businesses have been preparing for a safer reopening. Now is the time. We look forward to appropriate announcements regarding services that will support the reopening such as childcare.”

“We are confident our business leaders will operate in ways that protect their customers and workforce. We encourage continued support from all levels of government in the reopening process including clear guidelines, access to PPE and effective testing and tracing. The Board of Trade remains committed to supporting the business community through advocacy and programs during this challenging time.”

“We urge all Ottawa citizens to support our local businesses when making buying decisions and by following the recommendations of public health such as maintaining physical distancing and wearing non-medical masks in public. The successful recovery of our economy requires a community effort. We must all be COVID-wise by demonstrating behaviours that reduce the risk of transmission. Stage 2 is a step in the right direction; we must work together to stay the path.”

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The Ottawa Board of Trade is a non-partisan, non-profit, independent organization with a mission to create prosperity through advocacy, collaboration and leadership. We represent the interests of all businesses in the Ottawa region as we strive for economic growth and community well-being.

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