



Federal Budget Proposes Tourism Support

Hospitality Saskatchewan welcomes tourism-related investments announced in Monday's federal budget, and is pleased to see the inclusion of further supports for the sector, including the proposed extension of the CEWS and CERS, although further supports will be required.

Key proposals in the budget include:

- **Extend the [Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy \(CEWS\)](#) until September 25, 2021, and consider extending further until November 20, 2021.** However, the budget also proposes to gradually decrease the subsidy rate, beginning July 4, to begin phasing out the program as vaccinations are completed and the economy reopens.
- **Extend the [Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy \(CERS\)](#) and [Lockdown Support](#) until September 25, 2021, and consider extending further until November 20, 2021.** Like the CEWS, the budget also proposes to gradually decrease the rate of CERS, beginning July 4, to begin phasing out the program.
- **Introduce the new [Canada Recovery Hiring Program](#) for June 6 – November 20, 2021,** to offset a portion of the extra costs employers take on as they reopen, either by increasing wages or hours worked, or hiring more staff. *Eligible employers would claim either the CEWS or this new proposed subsidy, whichever is higher.*
- **Introduce a \$1 billion package to assist recovery of the tourism sector,** starting in 2021-22.
- **Provide \$100 million to [Destination Canada](#) for marketing campaigns** to help Canadians and other visitors discover and explore the country.
- **Establish a \$500 million Tourism Relief Fund,** administered by regional development agencies, to support local tourism businesses in adapting their products and services to public health measures and making other investments that will help them to recover and grow.
- **Apply the GST to short-term accommodations** that are facilitated through a digital accommodation platform, effective July 1, 2021.

Many of these proposals are a result of the [Tourism Industry Association of Canada \(TIAC\)](#) and [Hotel Association of Canada's \(HAC\)](#) advocacy work, and Hospitality Saskatchewan will continue to enthusiastically support their efforts — and we encourage our members to do the same, as effective advocacy will still be necessary over the long term to ensure the survival and growth of the industry.

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