

May 7, 2020

The Honourable Scott Moe
Premier of Saskatchewan
226 Legislative Building
Regina, Saskatchewan
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Dear Premier Moe,

COVID-19 continues to pose uncertainty for businesses in an already uncertain economic climate, within the Lloydminster region. Many businesses are currently experiencing a devastating impact, in particular, our most vulnerable businesses – SMEs risk being hardest hit during these difficult times.

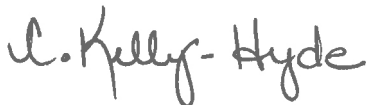
A statement was released on April 24th by the City of Lloydminster, announcing re-opening plans to align with the phased plan put forth by the Government of Saskatchewan, as cases of COVID-19 in the area remained minimal. On April 29th, the Government of Saskatchewan disclosed that Lloydminster was deemed ineligible to participate, due to a cluster outbreak within the Lloydminster Hospital.

Concerns have arisen within the community, with regard to a lack of transparency and awareness made available to our local region. Residents and businesses have been severely impacted by the closure period during the pandemic. While businesses within the local trade area are allowed to re-open within both provinces, the City of Lloydminster SMEs are losing valuable potential income and fear closure.

According to the Canadian Survey on Business Conditions compiled by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and Stats Canada, 65% of businesses have experienced a significant decrease in demand for products and services during the COVID-19 crisis and with the drastic downturn in the oil economy, Lloydminster businesses are witnessing the hardest impact.

The Lloydminster Chamber of Commerce calls upon the Government of Saskatchewan to provide a clear and concise plan of action regarding the re-opening requirements for the City of Lloydminster's business community. Collaboration will be key in ensuring the success and safety of our local economy. We are stronger together.

Sincerely,



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