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## Supporting Small Businesses in Burlington



On May 9th, Minister Gould and Prime Minister Trudeau visited Kelly's Bake Shoppe, in downtown Burlington.

Dear Business Owner,

Small businesses such as yours are vital to the Canadian economy and to growing the middle class. Over 98 per cent of businesses in Canada are small businesses—they employ 8 million hard working Canadians.

That is why our government has been working diligently to make it easier to do business here in Canada by lowering the small business tax rate to 9 per cent, cutting red tape, supporting innovation, and making it easier to export to new markets.

Our government is committed to ensuring small businesses can continue to save more money, invest, create good jobs, and remain the backbone of our economy now, and into the future.

As the daughter of a small business owner, I know how integral you, as entrepreneurs, are to our community. You create jobs, provide services we all depend on and bring our city closer together.

Since taking office in 2015, I have made it a priority to go out and speak to small business owners in the community and take their comments back to Ottawa with me to share with my colleagues in caucus, and around the cabinet table.

This has consisted of me speaking with members of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce as well as local business owners out in the community or at one of the many round tables that I have held since taking office.

Something that has become increasingly apparent is that many organizations are unfamiliar with the resources offered by the federal government to assist in the growth and expansion of small businesses.

That is why I write to you today, to highlight the many resources that can be used to invest in, grow, and expand your company. Should you have any questions about any of these tools, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

I would like to thank you and your colleagues for enriching our community here in Burlington through your entrepreneurial endeavours. I look forward to sharing more good news with you in the future, and to hearing more from you about how I, and my team, can be of service.

Sincerely,

Hon. Karina Gould  
Member of Parliament  
Burlington



I was thrilled to attend the Grand Opening of the World of My Baby Burlington.



Chatting with Gil from Far Away Greens at the Burlington Chamber of Commerce's Business After 5.

**For Entrepreneurs:**

Business Development Bank of Canada: BDC provides financing for business loans for projects and working capital and advisory services for practical solutions and objective advice to help growing businesses address a wide range of challenges and opportunities. For more information, please visit: [bdc.ca](http://bdc.ca)

Canada Business App: The Canada Business App makes it easier for small business owners to navigate government services, receive tailored recommendations, and personalized notifications on funding applications or when to file taxes. The Canada Business App can be found on the App Store or Google Play.

Government of Canada Business Concierge: Small business owners’ dreams often include financial growth and expansion into new markets, but they usually don’t know where to go for assistance and support to make these dreams a reality. The Concierge Service for business innovation makes it easy by providing customer guidance and advice to Canadian SMEs to access relevant programs. For more information, please visit: [concierge.innovation.gc.ca](http://concierge.innovation.gc.ca)

**For Export:**

Export Development Canada: EDC provides insurance and financial services, bonding products and small business solutions to Canadian exporters and investors and their international buyers. EDC also supports Canadian direct investment abroad and investment into Canada. For more information, please visit: [edc.ca](http://edc.ca)

Going Global Innovation: GGI offers funding to support innovators from Canadian organizations seeking foreign partners for the purpose of establishing a collaborative Research and Development Agreement. For more information, please visit: <https://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/funding-financement/ggi-vmi>

**For Women-Owned Businesses:**

Women Entrepreneurship Fund: The WEF funds women-owned and women-led businesses to invest in activities that focus on: supporting pursuit of market opportunities abroad; supporting scale-up, expansion and growth; and additional activities that support the objectives of the WEF. For more information, please visit: [ic.gc.ca/eic/site/128.nsf/eng/home](http://ic.gc.ca/eic/site/128.nsf/eng/home)

**For all Small Businesses:**

The Energy Savings Rebate Program

The Energy Savings Rebate program provides funding to eligible retailers to support point of sale rebates for energy efficiency products in Ontario. The new program will help Ontarians reduce energy use, save money, and address climate change. To apply for up to 25% rebates, please visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/climate-change/low-carbon-economy-fund/energy-savings-rebate.html>

The Climate Action Incentive Fund

The Climate Action Incentive Fund ensures that fuel charge proceeds be used to fund programming that provides support to small and medium-sized enterprises, municipalities, universities, schools, and hospitals in Ontario. For more information, please visit: [www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/climate-change/carbon-pollution-pricing-proceeds-programming/climate-action-incentive-fund.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/climate-change/carbon-pollution-pricing-proceeds-programming/climate-action-incentive-fund.html)

**Have Your Say...**

Our government will continue to work hard to support small businesses in Canada. Do you have an idea of how to best support small businesses in our community? I will be sharing your suggestions with my colleague, the Honourable Mary Ng, Minister of Small Business and Export Development.

**Comments:**

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