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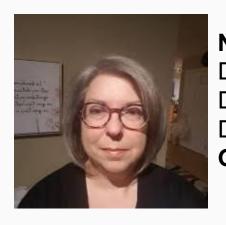




# **TODAY'S PANELISTS**



Kevin Kelly
CEO
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Tourism Association



Nancy Guyon
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BETH POTTER
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MARSHA WALDEN
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# 2021 Tourism Town Halls

### **Beth Potter**

President & CEO
Tourism Industry Association of Canada

May 14, 2021

## **About TIAC**

Vision: To lead the Canadian Tourism industry to be the most competitive in the world.

Mission: To be the voice of Canada's tourism industry and improve its global competitiveness as an international destination through leadership and advocacy.







### **Skift**



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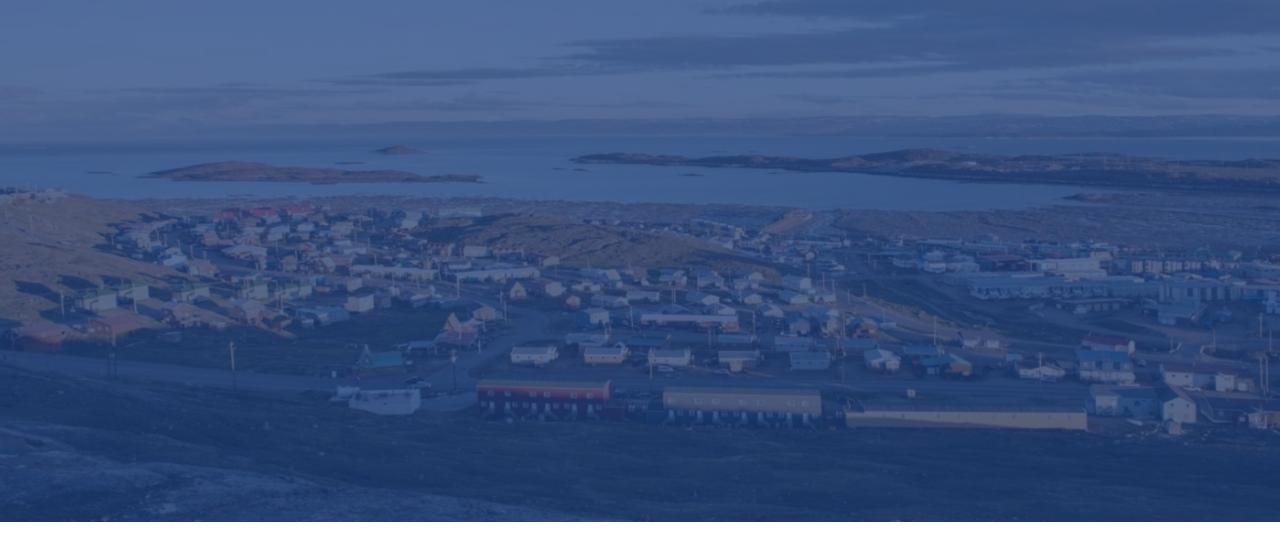
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Canada ranked first in right Cowd
restrictions, then it trailed the U.S.
in vaccinations. Now it's playing catch up,
while asking Canadians to help by
spending the bulk of their vacation savings
at home this summer, and not next door.
Will they listen?

- Lebawit Lify Girma









Tourism was the first hit, hardest hit, and will be the last to recover.





Replying to @cafreeland

To help the hardest-hit businesses pivot back to growth, we propose a new Canada Recovery Hiring Program, which will run from June to November and will make it easier for businesses to hire back laid-off workers or to bring on new ones.

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### **BC Hotel Association**

@bchotelassoc

#BREAKING: Federal Government unveils \$101.4 billion in new spending includes extension of the CEWS & CERS subsidies through to September, 2021. Our sector is extremely grateful for this funding that will support the survival of businesses across Canada.



### The Tourism Industry Association of Canada @TIAC\_AITC

We are pleased to see \$200M through the regional development agencies to support major festivals & \$200M through Canadian Heritage to support local festivals, community cultural events, heritage celebrations, local museums, amateur sport events, and more. #Budget2021

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49 mentions of tourism in #Budget2021

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# **Key Budget Take-Aways**

"...we must punch our way out of the COVID recession. That means ensuring lost jobs are recovered as swiftly as possible, and that hard-hit businesses rebound quickly and are able to flourish.

It means providing support where COVID has struck hardest – to women and young people and low-wage workers, and to small and medium-sized businesses, especially in hospitality and tourism..."

# **Key Budget Take-Aways**

To assist the sectors' recovery, the government proposes to make available a package of **tourism supports**, totaling \$1 billion over three years, starting in 2021-22.

- Support through regional development agencies to support major festivals and events.
- Funding through Canadian Heritage to support local festivals, community cultural events, outdoor theatre performances, heritage celebrations, local museums and sports events.
- Funding to **Destination Canada** for marketing campaigns to help Canadians and other visitors discover and explore the country.
- Establishing a Tourism Relief Fund administered by the regional development agencies.
   Support local tourism businesses in adapting their products and services to public health measures and other investments that will help them recover from the pandemic.

# **Key Budget Take-Aways**

# Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) and Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS)

Extension of these programs until September 25, 2021

### Regional Relief and Recovery Fund

 Extension of the application deadline for similar support under the RRRF and the Indigenous Business Initiative until June 30, 2021

### **Canada Recovery Hiring Program**

- Introduction of the new Canada Recovery Hiring Program to provide eligible employers with a subsidy of up to 50 per cent on the incremental remuneration paid to eligible employees between June 6, 2021 and November 20, 2021
- Helping Hard Hit Businesses Hire More Workers

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# **Through and Post COVID-19**

Leading the narrative change



**Proof of vaccination** 



# **Through and Post COVID-19**

**Border re-openings** 



**Global discussions** 



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