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2021 Tourism Town Halls

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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.
2021 Tourism Recovery Plan
Prepared by Members of TIAC’s Industry Recovery Committee

Supporting Business Solvency

Championing Safety

Keeping Canada Globally Competitive
Tourism was the first hit, hardest hit, and will be the last to recover.
Tourism Recovery Plan

This plan was created to ensure Canada’s Tourism Economy Survival, and Global Competitiveness as we plan for a time when it is safe to travel again.

Our recommendations are outlined under the following three themes:
• Supporting Business Solvency
• Championing Safety
• Keeping Canada Globally Competitive

Recommendations are based on the following three phases:

RESPONSE

RECOVERY

RESILIENCE
TOURISM INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

Chrysla Freeland
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Canada government official

Replying to @cfreeland

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.

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The Tourism Industry Association of Canada
@TIA_CATC

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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Christopher Bloore
@ChrisBloore

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
Key Budget Take-Aways

Support for the Aviation Sector

- Funding to Transport Canada to support major Canadian airports in making investments in COVID-19 testing infrastructure
- Support to collaborate with International Partners to further advance the Known Traveller Identity Pilot Project, which will test advanced technologies to facilitate touchless and secure air travel
- Funding for the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority to acquire and operate sanitization equipment, champion safety, and to maintain operations and enhanced screening services at the airports where it works
Key Budget Take-Aways

Labour

• The Canada Recovery Hiring Program
• Supporting Skills for Success
• Community Workforce Development Program
• Student Work Placement Program
• Canada Summer Jobs
• Canada Workers Benefit
Key Budget Take-Aways

Small Business

- Launching the Canada Digital Adoption Program, which aims to create thousands of jobs for young Canadians and help SMEs adopt new digital technologies
  - Provide access to skills, training and advisory services for all businesses accessing this program
  - Provide micro grants to smaller main street businesses to support costs associated with technology adoption
- Create training and work opportunities to help SMEs adopt new technology
- Enhancing the Canada Small Business Financing Program
- Lowering Cost of Doing Business by Reducing Credit Card Transaction Fees
Supporting Prince Edward Island Members
LEADING THE TOURISM ECONOMY THROUGH AND POST COVID-19
Through and Post COVID-19

Leading the narrative change

Proof of vaccination
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