



Tkemlups te Secwépeḿc

(Kamloops Indian Band)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

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I would like to provide members an update of some of the latest funding supports around the COVID-19 crisis.

BC Emergency Benefit (BCEBW)

The Province of BC is offering the BCEBW is a one-time, tax-free \$1,000 payment for British Columbians whose ability to work has been affected as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Most people who are eligible for the new federal Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) are also eligible for the BCEBW, including those who have run out of employment insurance (EI) benefits and subsequently qualify for the CERB.

Starting May 1, applications can be made online, at any time, and a link to the application portal will be available at: www.gov.bc.ca/workerbenefit

More detailed information is available on the TteS website and Facebook.

Aboriginal Businesses

On April 18th, the Federal government also announced additional supports for aboriginal businesses. There will be up to \$306.8 million in funding to help small and medium sized indigenous businesses and to support Aboriginal Financial Institutions that offer financing to these businesses.

The funding will allow for short-term, interest-free loans and non-repayable contributions through Aboriginal Financial Institutions, which offer financing and business support services to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis businesses. These



measures will help 6,000 Indigenous-owned businesses get through these difficult times.

As always Chief and Council are committed to providing membership with the latest information around the COVID crisis.

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Yours truly,
Tkemplúps te Secwépemc

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On behalf of Council