



Advocacy at work!

The Saskatchewan Hotel & Hospitality Association (SHHA) works extremely hard on the hospitality industry's behalf; your behalf, by forging relationships and influencing policy that positively affects the industry's survival. This is precisely why you are a member; and if you are not, you should be.

As the hospitality industry struggles through the COVID-19 pandemic, The SHHA has influenced the key-decision makers as the COVID 19 emergency response has developed. To date the SHHA has successfully lobbied government to:

- **defer a variety of taxes and utility payments without penalty.**
- **publish amendments to *The Employment Standards Regulations* which revised the government's approach to temporary layoffs, group termination notices and public health emergency leave.**
- **announced temporary commercial eviction protection for small business tenants during the COVID-19 emergency**
- ***Emergency Support Program for Saskatchewan Small Businesses (SSBEP)* - provided a grant for small and medium-sized enterprises directly affected by government public health orders.**
- **Saskatchewan Tourism Sector Support Program (STSSP) - \$35 million in funding was available to provide one-time payments to support tourism businesses that had been significantly affected by the pandemic. The STSSP is the first program of its kind to have been introduced by any provincial government in the country.**
- **VLT Commissions Increased - the commission paid increased from 15 per cent to 25 per cent. The commission adjustment is effective until Jan. 3, 2021.**

Saskatchewan's Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said conversations with the SHHA headed by Jim Bence helped the province develop these programs.

This is not the end of the conversations, and the Saskatchewan Hotel and Hospitality Association will continue to build relationships and influence the decision makers on your behalf.