

Changes to Securing Small Business Rebate Program

On Tuesday, Minister Brenda Bailey announced changes to the Securing Small Business Rebate Program. The changes are intended to make applying for, and securing, the grant easier for businesses. The changes come after a very slow uptake since the program was announced in November. In early February a mere \$71,000 of the \$10.5 million fund had been awarded.

A Recap of the Program Details:

There are two types of rebates, each retroactive to Jan 1, 2023, through Dec 31, 2024.

Reparative - Provides relief for costs not covered by insurance. Available as a one-time rebate of up to \$2,000 for each of 2023 and 2024.

Preventative - Provides relief for costs incurred to prevent damage to commercial property. Available as a one-time rebate of up to \$1,000

For more info and to apply, visit BCchamber.org

With over 40 events happening between now and the end of summer, Parksville Downtown is going to be rockin'!

Our first event in April 6 - the Brant Festival Family Fun Day. With a focus on family, there will be a bucket full of activities for kiddos - which also keep mom and dad happy!

We have our small core of helpers but **in order to make this the best event ever, we need a couple more hands.**

- Handing out free popcorn - who doesn't like free - or popcorn!
- Cookie decorating - just to make sure the kiddos aren't putting the end of the icing bag in their mouths...
- Arts & crafts - feel like a kid again.
- Sharing the good stories of Parksville Downtown at our info booth.

The event runs from 11-2pm. Any help is greatly appreciated. Call Teresa!

Congratulations

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