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**CITY HALL TO HEAR DIRECTLY FROM ENTREPRENEURS
ABOUT COVID CONCERNS AT VIRTUAL SMALL BUSINESS SUMMIT**

October 21, 2020, WINNIPEG, MB - The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Winnipeg entrepreneurs and the city's role in helping the local economy recover will be the main talking point at the 2020 Mayor's Small Business Summit, hosted online by The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, October 22.

In partnership with the Mayor's Office, every year The Winnipeg Chamber brings together our small business community with City staff and officials to discuss the future of our city and how we can work better together. Over the past five years, the Summit has connected over 1,000 small businesses to City Hall.

This year's event takes on even greater significance, as business owners and the City continue to grapple with reduced revenues and increased public health regulations brought on by the pandemic.

"The City has taken steps to help businesses throughout the pandemic by launching a temporary patio program for restaurants, developing curbside pick-up zones for retailers, and waiving penalties for delayed tax payments," said Mayor Brian Bowman. "The Small Business Summit gives us a chance to hear directly from entrepreneurs about the issues impacting the business community."

In addition to the pandemic, topics to be covered during this year's summit include the new OurWinnipeg plan, the City's draft transit master plan, and innovations within the Permits and Inspections department.

To ensure the safety of all participants this event will be held online via the Hopin platform. Following an opening address by Mayor Bowman, attendees will be able to share their voice directly with city councillors and senior administrators in a number of breakout sessions. Registration is free for all Winnipeg Chamber members.

DETAILS:

What: 2020 Mayor's Small Business Summit

Who: The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce and The City of Winnipeg

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020

Time: 8:30 - 10:30 am (fireside chat with Mayor Bowman at 9:00 a.m.)

Location: <https://hopin.to/events/small-business-summit-with-mayor-brian-bowman>

For more information or to arrange for login credentials please contact Jess Korol, Communications and Program Coordinator for The Winnipeg Chamber.

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About The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce:

The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce uses its position as a community leader, a member business supporter and a public policy influencer to build a city where industry prosperity and community wellness grow.

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