

ASSENTT

wishes you a very Happy New year 2024



ISSUE-1

Welcome

Greetings and a warm welcome to the New Year 2024 with the latest edition of our January Newsletter! We are thrilled to have you with us as we embark on another year of exciting updates, news, and Business Highlights.

As the proud owner of ASSENTT Capital Corp., I am overjoyed to witness the continued growth and engagement from each of you.

In this edition, we have curated a collection of articles, features and announcements that reflect the spirit of our ASSENTT team. From celebrating achievements to sharing valuable insights, we aim to keep you informed and inspired.

As we move forward, I encourage you to actively participate and connect with us for your upcoming new projects of buying and selling new or old business with the years of expertise in finance.

Thank you for being an integral part of our ASSENTT Team. Come together, let's make January a month to remember with new year Greetings!

Yours sincerely,
Balbir Singh Saini

About Us

At ASSENTT we are empowered to provide customized equipment financing plans based on individual needs. Lease financing is the most sorted alternative to conserve capital and effectively manage cash flow, while saving on taxes.

We have presence across Canada. We are not geographically bound by any means as we are connected to a very good network of associates in Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver.

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Equipment Leasing



Business Financing



Commercial Mortgages



Business Purchase & Sale



Business Plan & Projections



Projects



Investments



US Tax



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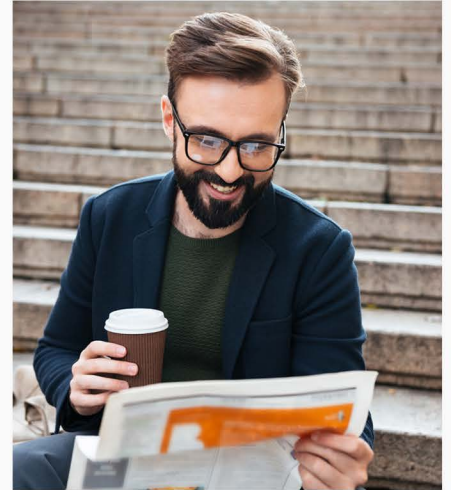
Latest News & Updates

Tax Tidbits

Some quick points to consider

- CRA has produced various basic tax education and literacy tools, such as seven learning modules with videos and quizzes.
- As of January 1, 2024, where more than five information returns of a particular type (such as T4s, T5s, T3s, T4As, NR4s and T5018s) are filed on paper (as opposed to electronically) for a particular filer, a penalty of \$125/form will apply. Businesses filing five or fewer forms can still do so on paper without penalty.

Renovations to create a safe play and therapy area for a child with a mental impairment could be eligible for the home accessibility tax credit



CEBA Repayment Deadline Extended: Some Issues

On September 14, 2023, the Department of Finance provided details on extending the deadline for Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) repayments, including the following key elements:

- The deadline to qualify for partial loan forgiveness (by paying the non-forgivable portion) has been extended from December 31, 2023, to January 18, 2024;
- If a refinancing application is made with the financial institution that provided the CEBA loan by January 18, 2024, the deadline to qualify for partial loan forgiveness will be extended to March 28, 2024;
- As of January 19, 2024, outstanding loans will convert to three-year term loans subject to a 5% annual interest rate regardless of whether refinancing is sought; and
- The previous final repayment deadline of December 31, 2025, has been extended to December 31, 2026.



Financial institutions will contact CEBA loan holders directly regarding their loans. The above changes also apply to CEBA-equivalent lending through the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund.



RESTAURANT PURCHASE

ASSENTT BUSINESS PURCHASE FINANCING PROGRAM

Franchises | Ethnic Restaurants | Pizza Stores

Eligible Assets

- Land & Building
- Business Equipment
- Inventory
- Goodwill
- Lease deposit
- Marketing cost

Terms

- Open loan
- Maximum loan without property \$500,000
- Maximum loan with real estate 1 Million
- Term 5-7 years ; Real Estate 15 Years
- Interest rate - Prime plus 3%
- Down payment - 25-35%
- Credit Score - More than 680 preferred

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Enhanced GST Residential Rental Rebate: Increased Incentives

On September 14, 2023, the Department of Finance provided details on a proposal to enhance the existing GST rental rebate. In general, the existing rebate provides a 36% rebate of the GST component of the price paid by landlords to construct, or purchase newly constructed, rental property. The existing rebate begins to be phased out for properties valued at over \$350,000 and is estimated at \$450,000.

The proposal would increase the rebate from 36% to 100% and remove the phase-out thresholds for properties with a value over \$350,000. The proposal would apply to certain rental housing projects that begin construction between September 14, 2023, and December 31, 2030, inclusive, and complete construction by December 31, 2035.

To qualify for the enhanced rebate, new residential units would need to meet the requirements for the existing rental rebate and be in buildings meeting the following criteria:

- The property must contain at least four private apartment units (units must have a private kitchen, bathroom and living area) or at least 10 private rooms or suites (examples of residences for students, seniors and people with disabilities were provided); and
- At least 90% of the residential units in the building must be designated for long-term rental.

Projects that convert existing non-residential real estate, such as an office building, into a residential complex would also be eligible if all other conditions are met. Public service bodies would also be eligible to access the enhanced rebate.



The enhanced rebate will not apply to other properties, such as individually owned condominium units, single-unit housing, duplexes, triplexes or housing co-ops; however, the existing rebate would still be available. Substantial renovations of existing residential complexes would not be eligible.

On September 21, 2023, the Bill to enact these measures was introduced in the House of Commons. This Bill did not include all the criteria for eligible projects but provided that the remaining specifics would be set by regulation in the future.

Businesses Purchasing from Non-Residents: GST/HST? Issues

Certain non-resident vendors are required to register for and collect GST/HST under a new simplified GST/HST registration regime that commenced July 1, 2021. While the rules are very complex under the simplified regime, GST/HST is not required to be collected on the supply of goods or services to customers registered for GST/HST. To avoid being charged GST/HST, the customer must provide their GST/HST registration number to the non-resident vendor. Where GST/HST is paid in error to a non-resident vendor registered under the simplified regime, the amount is not recoverable by claiming an input tax credit or filing a claim for tax paid in error.

One challenge business customers face is determining whether a non-resident vendor is registered under this simplified regime. Contractual protection means any form of insurance (other than standard professional liability insurance) or other protection. For example, this could include indemnity, compensation or a guarantee. The insurance or protection must protect against a failure to achieve the tax benefit or provide support in the course of a dispute related to the tax benefit.

In the summer of 2023, CRA announced that non-residents registered under the simplified method would have their GST/HST accounts automatically transitioned from an RT0001 identifier to RT9999. This new identifier should be noted on all receipts. When a GST/HST registrant purchases from a vendor with this identifier, the purchaser should provide the vendor with its GST/HST number to prevent being charged GST/HST.



CANADA DIGITAL ADOPTION PLAN (CDAP)

Grant - \$15,000

Loan - \$25,000 to \$100,000

Requirement - Minimum \$500,000 Revenue during any of last 3 tax years & Minimum 1 Employee

PROCESSING TIME : 8-12 WEEKS

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Revival of a Corporation: Tax Collection

June 12, 2023, Court of King's Bench of Alberta case reviewed CRA's application to revive a corporation dissolved in 2020. The former sole shareholder opposed the application. The corporation's capital losses (as quantified during an audit of the 2013 and 2014 years) were used in 2017 and 2018. CRA sought to revive the corporation and issue notices of assessment for 2017 and 2018.



Revival Granted

Under the Alberta Business Corporations Act; a creditor has standing to ask that a dissolved corporation be revived. While taxpayers remain liable for tax when income is earned, the liability does not become a debt until taxes are assessed. As no notice of assessment had been issued, CRA had no standing as a creditor. They would only become a creditor if they issued a notice of assessment. This created a circularity issue as an assessment could not be issued to a dissolved corporation. However, the Court has the power to designate someone as an "interested person," allowing the designated person to revive a dissolved corporation.

The Court found that CRA had a valid interest in the revival and sought this remedy to further its interest; that is, to issue a notice of assessment to convert the taxpayer's liability for taxes into a debt.

While the revived corporation would have no assets, no property, no directors and no shareholders, a dissolved corporation that has been revived is deemed to always have existed. CRA argued that they could pursue the former shareholders on the basis that assets were transferred on dissolution to non-arm's length parties for less than fair market value consideration. Similar rules are applicable in other provinces.

Upcoming Tax Deadlines

- (A) Payroll Remittance - 15th January 2024
- (B) Quarterly HST (for Year end Dec 31st, 2023) - 31st Jan 2024
- (C) RRSP Contribution - 29th February 2024
- (D) T4 T5 Tax return - 29th February 2024
- (E) Personal Tax Filing - 30th April 2024





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We service several different types of clients, including both US and Canadian residents, businesses, part-year residents, U.S. residents with foreign corporations, as well as non-residents



The United States of America (USA) has separate federal, state, and local governments with taxes imposed at each of these levels. Taxes are levied on income, payroll, property, sales, capital gains, dividends, imports, estates and gifts, as well as various fees.

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File your Tax Returns now with ease!

- ✓ *Preparation and e-filing of personal income tax return 1040 & 1040 NR*
- ✓ *Preparation and e-filing of corporate tax returns 1120*
- ✓ *Preparation and e-filing of partnership tax returns 1065*
- ✓ *Rental income, Capital gains and Dividend income tax returns*
- ✓ *Tax planning on move from Canada to U.S. and vice versa*
- ✓ *U.S. and Canada treaty tax implications*
- ✓ *Cross Border tax implications and tax planning for businesses & professionals*



Statutory Holidays 2024

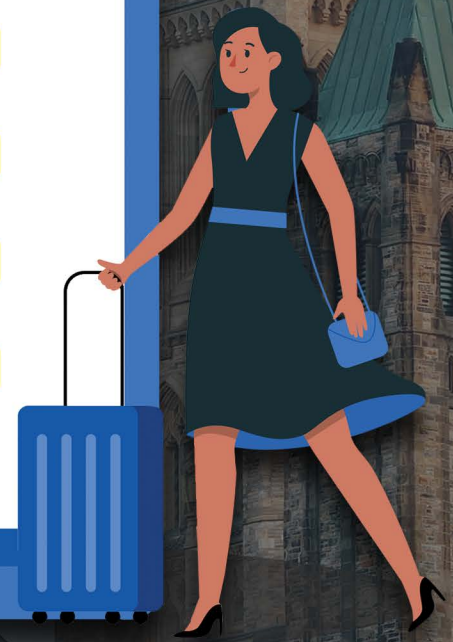


ONTARIO

1. New Year's Day - Monday, January 1, 2024
2. Family Day - Monday, February 19, 2024
3. Good Friday - Friday, March 29, 2024
4. Victoria Day - Monday, May 20, 2024
5. Canada Day - Monday, July 1, 2024
6. Labour Day Monday, September 2, 2024
7. Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 14, 2024
8. Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25, 2024
9. Boxing Day Thursday, December 26, 2024

ALBERTA

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5. Canada Day Monday, July 1, 2024
6. Labour Day Monday, September 2, 2024
7. Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 14, 2024
8. Remembrance Day Monday, November 11, 2024
9. Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25, 2024



NEW INITIATIVES



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