



## COVID-19 – Peer Support Group Meeting Notes

April 28 & 30, 2020

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### ANNOUNCEMENT:

**Please note that moving forward, MPO Peer Support Group meetings will be held once a week, every Tuesday at 3:30 PM.**

Summary and Update from Last Call – Franco Naccarato, MPO
<p><b>Updates from last week:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Telephone tree to collect info from processors without too many phone calls.</li><li>- Survey coming to collect information regularly.</li><li>- MPO working on marketplace platform to promote online purchasing.</li><li>- Funding available for ecommerce, up to \$5000.</li><li>- Childcare benefit extended to food workers.</li></ul>
Guest Speakers
<p><b>Doris Valade</b>, The Malabar Group Inc. <b>Mike Sherrard</b>, Sherrard Kuzz LLP <b>TOPIC:</b> Legal HR Questions related to COVID-19 – <a href="#">Click here for presentation</a></p> <p><b>Craig Klemmer</b>, Farm Credit Canada <b>TOPIC:</b> COVID-19 Economic Outlook – <a href="#">Click here for presentation</a></p>
Roundtable Discussion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Commodity prices are affecting processors.</li><li>- Uncertainty but moving along and adjusting to environment.</li><li>- Curbside is doing very well, working towards streamlining but has almost replaced business lost to food service. Will continue to be part of strategy post-COVID.</li><li>- Technical challenges with online systems – systems not working together.</li><li>- MPO – continue to send messaging and best practices on streamlining online ordering and processing. (Shopify has been very helpful).</li></ul>



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- Labour – training and finding the right people. Loss of labour when economy opens back up and labourers go back to primary job.