



### **TAKE 5 WEDNESDAY**

Happy Canada Day! Though this Canada Day may feel a lot different than ones past, we encourage you to celebrate our beautiful country - and our diversity. Social responsibility and social distancing are more important than ever. Be kind, be safe, be proud to be Canadian!



### **How to host a get-together as safely and graciously as possible**

Faced with job losses, loneliness and collective anxiety, many of us are feeling desperate for some meaningful interaction with friends. Some experts believe that in pandemic times we shouldn't think about activities as "safe" and "unsafe"— it's all about levels of risk and how to manage it. If you want to gather despite the risks, [here's](#) what the pros say about how to do it as safely as possible.



### **Misconceptions about higher education**

There are commonly held beliefs about College and University study that research has proven to be untrue. It's important for youth and their parents to check the facts before making decisions about education, training and career pathways. For example, we've heard that University degrees aren't worth as much they used to be, which is not necessarily true. [Check out](#) these facts showing it is still worthwhile to get a degree.



### **How to travel safely this summer**

There may be more restrictions and factors to consider when vacationing this year, but that doesn't mean travel is out. Experts suggest visiting lesser-known ecological or cultural attractions to avoid crowds and trying to explore one place thoroughly, rather than visiting several locations in one trip. Travelers should know their limits and avoid high-risk activities that could lead to injury, if possible. [Here](#) is a little guide for a green vacation near you! Remember to double-check before you hit the road. You may find that a destination you thought was open has actually had to close.



## **Retirement deferred for business owners, not lost**

Many small businesses are facing challenges during COVID-19, which may impact the owner's retirement plans. Some business owners may consider selling their business, even at depressed values, because they are ready to retire and don't want to wait for a bounce-back. Here are three steps business owners can take to enhance value and shore up their business, so they can sell and retire somewhat later than planned without taking a loss.

### **Quote I'm pondering**

"I'm convinced that about half of what separates the successful entrepreneurs from the non-successful ones is pure perseverance."

— Steve Jobs

Thanks for TAKING 5!

Scott

### **Whenever you're ready... here are 3 ways I can help:**

#### **Option 1.**

Let's have a chat: Just [CLICK HERE](#) to see my calendar through our online scheduler. Then, select a time that works for you. The scheduler will book our time and send you the call-in details.

#### **Option 2.**

Let's "meet": If you would like to book a free, no-obligation information session, please email me at [scottplaskett@ironshield.ca](mailto:scottplaskett@ironshield.ca) and we can coordinate a time that fits into your schedule.

#### **Option 3.**

Attend my next free webinar: Every Friday I get together online with a handful of other local business owners and share with them the most current research and insights into proper financial planning - specifically for business owners. If you'd like to participate or just listen in on the next session, please email me at [scottplaskett@ironshield.ca](mailto:scottplaskett@ironshield.ca) and I'll forward you the details.

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