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The City of Spruce Grove ECONOMIC & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Keeping you informed!

Our <u>Economic & Business Development</u> newsletter keeps you informed about new development, business, and interesting happenings in the business community.

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☐ FEATURED DEVELOPMENT ☐

Bee Maid Honey Expands





Bee Maid Honey's expansion is now complete! Located at 70 Alberta Avenue in Spruce Grove, the facility has grown by an additional 56,000 SF, increasing their total footprint to an impressive 141,000 SF. The expansion will accommodate a larger Bee Supplies store and significantly enhance processing and packing capabilities.

Bee Maid (Alberta Honey Producers) set up shop in Spruce Grove in 1993, operating out of a 26,000 SF facility. Now, at five times its initial size, the Spruce Grove plant is a hive of activity! Employing 40 individuals, it serves as the epicenter for processing a substantial volume of high-quality Canadian honey.

Serving as the cornerstone of Bee Maid's operations, their facility in Spruce Grove not only processes honey but also houses a blow mould facility for producing the bottles used in packaging. To learn more about Bee Maid's business success story, <u>watch this</u>

<u>video</u> featuring Spruce Grove Mayor Jeff Acker touring the honey production facilities last October.

"While we appreciate the ability to continue expanding our operation in Spruce Grove, it is the people that truly make this area exceptional. The workforce embodies dedication and a strong work ethic that has allowed us to thrive."

- Guy Chartier, CEO, Bee Maid Honey Limited

\square SUPPORT LOCAL \square

Welcome, new businesses!



Grace Notes at 111 First Avenue is a music school that offers private and group voice, piano, and early childhood classes while working on a variety of allencompassing skills in order to help you reach your musical goals. □



Famoso Italian Pizzeria is now open in Ricky's All Day Grill location at 70 McLeod Avenue. This new dual-branded concept offers delicious food and a family-friendly, relaxed atmosphere with more dining options for residents. □

Thank you to our existing businesses!



Grove Edgeworks at 131 First Avenue is a local business that offers great quality and efficient skate sharpening services for people such as hockey players, ringette players, and other recreational winter sport activities. □



Spruce Grove Ball Hockey League offers an inexpensive, fun, competitive, and overall incredible form of exercise that allows its participants to meet many new people during league play, tournaments, and practices. □

☆ SPRUCE GROVE BUILDING PERMIT VALUES ☆

Record Year in Building Permit Values - Spruce Grove set a new record in 2023 for its

total building permit values at \$277,471,401 - making it the largest building permit value in Spruce Grove history.



$\hfill \Box$ CHECK OUT SPRUCE GROVE'S FEATURED AD: INVEST IN ALBERTA MAGAZINE $\hfill \Box$

Discover the untapped potential of Spruce Grove's industrial landscape in the latest issue of "Invest In Alberta" published by the Economic Developers Alberta (EDA).

Learn more about Spruce Grove's industrial development opportunities by visiting <u>bit.ly/SGAd2024</u>.



\square BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMS \square



Spruce Grove's <u>Storefront Improvement Program</u> supports property and business owners the City Centre who want to make improvements to their storefronts. The City will provide a 50% matching grant up to \$7,500 per storefront or



Businesses are encouraged to apply for the <u>Digital Economy Program</u>. Over 130 businesses in Spruce Grove have signed up and received FREE support towards social media, website & SEO, branding, logo & graphic design, advertising, \$10,000 for a street corner where improvements are made to two facades. Apply today!

photography, videography, and more. Register before spots run out!

\square OTHER NEWS \square



The City of Spruce Grove and the Spruce Grove Saints have reached an agreement in principle for the Junior "A" hockey club to remain in Spruce Grove and play out of the new Civic Centre currently under construction. The Saints will be responsible for the cost of any Saintsspecific amenities that directly benefit the club.



A new Intermunicipal Business Licence Arrangement between Spruce Grove and Stony Plain allows business owners to apply for a business licence in the other community at no charge, eliminating the need to purchase multiple business licences. Parkland County businesses will be offered a reduced, flat-rate annual intermunicipal licensing fee in support of regional collaboration.



The Spruce Grove City Centre Business Association (CCBA) has recently launched a new branded website. Visit sprucegrovecitycentre.org to access a business directory, events, news, and resources in the City Centre.



The 3rd Annual Tri-Region Mayors' Golf Classic is taking place on Monday, July 22 at Stony Plain Golf Course. Stay tuned for updates regarding event details. Email invest@sprucegrove.org to secure early sponsorship and golfing opportunities.

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To learn more about economic and business development in Spruce Grove, visit InvestSpruceGrove.ca. If you have any questions, email us at Invest@SpruceGrove.org.

Thank you for your engagement.

Together, we play an important role in keeping our community healthy and safe.

From our team to yours, Dave, Karla, Jodi, & Anika

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