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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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※ NEW DEVELOPMENT □

BEE MAID HONEY IS EXPANDING









What's all the BUZZ about? <u>Bee Maid Honey</u> is expanding! Located at 70 Alberta Avenue, the Bee Maid (Alberta Honey Producers) facility will grow by over 56,000 square feet with the addition of two new phases.

Valued at approximately \$8 million, the two expansions will increase Bee Maid's total footprint to just over 128,000 square feet. With construction underway, both phases are scheduled to be complete by end 2023 and expected to be operational by early 2024. The South Phase will be the new Bee Supply Division and expanded retail storefront and the West Phase will be the new Bottle Blowing (Manufacturing) Department.

Bee Maid is transitioning a portion of their raw honey intake and storage from drums to larger bulk totes and installing a new honey melt oven. By moving part of their operations into the south and west expansions, much needed space within the main facility will be created for honey storage, moving, and processing.

Currently, Bee Maid employs 35 people and the expansion will allow more room for staff to operate more efficiently and to accommodate future growth of storage needs.

"We are very proud to be investing in our facility here in Alberta, where some of the world's best honey is produced."

- Guy Chartier, Chief Executive Officer, Bee Maid Honey

☐ SUPPORT LOCAL ☐

Welcome, new Spruce Grove businesses!



The Grape & Olive at 115 First Avenue is Spruce Grove's first and only wine and martini bar. They serve curated wines, crafted martinis, and a seasonal menu. They are committed to using local vendors when possible. □



Exotix Candy located at #150, 5 Spruce Village Way is not your average candy store! They offer Alberta's largest



Papa Murphy's Pizza at #106, 183 Highway 16A (Parkland Hwy) brings families together through food, love, fun, convenience, and fulfilling dinners. They offer take 'n' bake pizzas, cooked pizzas, starters, sides, desserts, and treats. □



Famous Chicken, Pizza & Donair at 127 First Ave is a restaurant that offers both dine-in options and takeout options for

selection of rare snacks, unique treats, and a variety of exotic hard-to-find beverages for all ages.

fried chicken, french fries, hot dogs, poutines, pizza, donairs, and other mouthwatering meals. \Box

☐ A SPRUCE GROVE WISH BOOK - IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS ☐

Are you looking for that perfect holiday gift? In Spruce Grove, you can find something for everyone - without having to deal with the crowds and traffic congestion of the big city! Check out Spruce Grove's Wish Book advertisement to shop for various personalities by clicking on the following link: bit.ly/SpruceGroveWishBookAd.



☐ 2022 WINNER OF THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD ☐



Congratulations Ken Morrison/REMAX Excellence on receiving the 2022 Community Spirit Award from the City of Spruce Grove! Presented at the Chamber's Business Awards of Distinction on November 3rd, this award recognizes local businesses for their outstanding community support. Ken Morrison was presented an original painting titled Flight of a Butterfly by local artist, Shannon Payne, from Northern Artz Studio.

$\ \square$ CITY CENTRE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS - CONSTRUCTION UPDATE $\ \square$



City Centre streets and sidewalks that have been temporarily closed due to construction work this year re-opened on Friday, November 25 for the winter months. There may be some minor disruptions to accommodate ongoing work. Construction will resume in spring 2023 with lane and sidewalk closures on the south side of McLeod Avenue and the east side of Main Street. This phase of the project will be completed by fall 2023. Learn more.

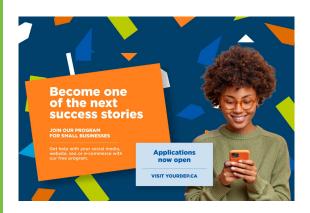
Continue to support our City Centre businesses by shopping local. More information is available at <u>CityCentreOpenForYou.ca</u>, which provides a City Centre business directory and an interactive map to find businesses and parking in the area.



The Spruce Grove and District
Agricultural Society is hosting their
inaugural Winter Blooms Gala on
Saturday, February 11, 2023 from 5:00
PM to 11:00 PM. This formal dinner and
dance fundraising event will support an
accessible pathway system at the Spruce
Grove Community Garden to help
community members with mobility issues
to enjoy the beautiful space.

☐ FREE DIGITAL PROGRAMS FOR SPRUCE GROVE BUSINESSES ☐

If you have questions about the following programs, contact <u>invest@sprucegrove.org</u>.



Your Spruce Grove business can become the next success story by signing up for the <u>Digital Economy Program</u> to access these FREE services:

- Google My Business
- Social media, website & SEO
- Branding & logos
- Photography & videography



Apply for the <u>Canada Digital Adoption</u> <u>Program</u> for the following 2 streams:

- 1) <u>Grow Your Business Online</u>: A microgrant and access to e-commerce advisors
- 2) <u>Boost Your Business Technology</u>: A grant and support for businesses who want to adopt new digital technologies

☐ BUSINESS SUPPORT PRORAMS ☐

Canada Jobs and Growth Fund (JGF)



A \$700M program that supports regional job creation and positions local economies for long-term growth.

Canada Tourism Relief Fund (TRF)



Funding to help tourism, non-profit, and Indigenous businesses adapt operations to meet public health requirements.

Canada Emergency Business Account



The repayment deadline for CEBA loans to be eligible for partial loan forgiveness has been extended to December 31, 2023.

Canada-Alberta Job Grant



Eligible employers can receive funding to help employees and unemployed Albertans access training.

Canada Work-Sharing Program



Helps employers and employees avoid layoffs during a decrease in business activity.

CyberSecure Canada Certification Program



A program to limit cyber incidences, enhance competitive advantage, and protect information.

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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.

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From our team to yours, *Dave, Karla, Jamielinn, & Anika*

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