## **Upcoming Events** (May 15 2025)



Thurs May 15 4 to 8pm **Ribbon Cutting (at 4:30pm)** - **Stringam LLP** Please join us for a Ribbon Cutting at Stringam Law to celebrate the Grand Opening of their new office space! Enjoy live music, tours of the new space, and games, plus grab a bite from the Cool Cat Grilled Cheese food truck on site. @ Stringam LLP 9805 106A St **Grande Prairie** <a href="www.grandeprairiechamber.com">www.grandeprairiechamber.com</a>

Thurs May 15 (and every Thurs) 6 to 9pm **Startup TNT Happy Hour** We build networks of sophisticated angel investors anchored in their communities. We all Have Fun, Make Friends, and Build Companies together. Joined by guest host. @ Pub 1905 10525 Jasper Ave Edmonton Free Reserve a spot @ www.startuptnt.com/events

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Thurs May 15 / June 9 3 to 4pm **Get To Know Your YYB Connect** Are you new to YBB, or are you interested in membership and want to learn more? Join us online to learn all about what's included with a YBB membership. Ask questions, connect with our community, learn about collaboration opportunities and find out how YBB can support you. Free on Zoom Book your spot @ <a href="https://www.ybbconnect.com">www.ybbconnect.com</a>

Thurs May 15 3:30 to 6pm Business meets elegance at the inaugural **Chamber After Hours** — Edmonton's newest premier networking experience. Designed for professionals who understand that true success is built not only in boardrooms but in the meaningful conversations that happen beyond them. Chic, stylish, and unapologetically ambitious, Chamber After Hours is where Edmonton's leaders come not just to network — but to make their mark. @ Pendennis Building, 9660 Jasper Ave, Members \$30 Future Members \$50 <a href="https://business.edmontonchamber.com/events/calendarcatgid/3/">https://business.edmontonchamber.com/events/calendarcatgid/3/</a>

Thurs May 15 6 to 8pm Intellectual Property for Founders with Shalon McFarlane This workshop provides essential knowledge about intellectual property, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. Discover how to safeguard your creations, avoid pitfalls, and build a strong foundation for your business. Hosted by Edmonton Unlimited @ 10107 Jasper Avenue Register @ www.edmontonrin.ca/events

Fri May 16 Jun 20 Jul 18 11:30am to 1:30pm **Sherwood Park Womanition Connect Group** Join us for a fun filled business experience with like minded ladies. No membership fee, you just pay when you attend. Bring a door prize. @ Headquarters Restaurant and Bar 101 Granada Boulevard **Sherwood Park** \$39 @ https://www.meetup.com/sherwood-park-women-connect-group/

May 20 to 23 Each spring, the St. Albert Chamber hosts **Business in Blue Jeans** to inspire local businesses to dress up and deck out their storefronts in a fun western theme—celebrating the arrival of summer and the St. Albert Rainmaker, a beloved event that draws thousands of visitors to our community every year. The week-long contest leading up to rodeo weekend sparks a friendly rivalry between businesses as they compete for prizes - and a year's worth of bragging rights of course. Registration and participation is free! www.stalbertchamber.com

Tues May 20 4:30 to 6:30pm **After Hours Business Mixer** Manual Labour Beer Co. will have plenty of appetizers for you to enjoy. First drink is on the house! Enjoy fun, food, networking and great prizes! @ Manual Labour Beer Co. #510 - 280 Portage Close **Sherwood Park** www.sherwoodparkchamber.com/events/calendar/#id=18&cid=352&wid=501&type=Cal\_

Tues May 20 5 to 6pm **2025 LDBA - May Member Mixer** (Leduc Downtown Business Association) Join us for a Member Mixer with Bree at Repeat Vintage to hear what others are up to, share your own updates, and a chance to brainstorm ideas together on ways to get involved with upcoming community events! @ Repeat Vintage 4720A 50 Ave Leduc Free for Members only www.yourchamber.ca

Tues May 20 5 to 7pm Join us for **Chamber on Tap** (Greater Parkland Regional Chamber) a lively monthly gathering where chamber members connect, network, and build relationships in a fun, casual setting! Each month, we spotlight a different member's business, offering a unique backdrop for meaningful conversations and new opportunities. Don't miss the energy, connections, and great company - see you there! @ South Century Driving Range 53124 Hwy 770 Parkland | County Members \$25 Non-members \$35 www.gprchamber.ca

Wed May 21 / June 18 7 to 8am Morning Mastermind Join us for our member-exclusive (virtual) masterminds, where you can show up just as you are and soak up some wisdom from our speakers on life and entrepreneurship! Casual yet powerful, these monthly meet-ups link you to the community in a fresh and energizing way. Guest speaker Kaytlyn Beakhouse, owner of Sort & Simple Professional Organizing, will talk about feedback - the ways we receive and share feedback, whose feedback to listen to and how to utilize the information we gain. <a href="https://www.ybbconnect.com">www.ybbconnect.com</a>

Wed May 21 9 to 10:30am **NEBA Coffee Talk** (North Edmonton Business Association) We strongly believe that by working together with businesses, professionals, government and communities, we will contribute to continually improving the profile of our geographical area and creating additional business opportunities in our growing and vibrant community. @ Chartwell Griesbach 4480 McCrae Avenue NW Members \$10 Future Members \$20 Register @ www.neba.ca

Wed May 21 9 to 11am **Community Coffee | Edmonton Unlimited** Grab your favourite coffee mug and join us for a morning of engaging conversations, laughter, and a welcoming environment. Whether you're a seasoned member or new to the Edmonton community, this is the perfect opportunity to meet new people, catch up with old friends, and share your projects and ideas. Stay for the whole morning, or pop in for a few minutes just to say hi – either way, we'd love to see you there! This event is hosted by Edmonton Unlimited and sponsored by ERIN. @ Edmonton Unlimited 10107 Jasper Avenue <a href="https://www.edmontonrin.ca/events">www.edmontonrin.ca/events</a>

Wed May 21 10 to 11am **Becoming an Employer of Choice** Learn to leverage your company's strengths to attract and retain talent. According to the latest numbers, the majority of the world's employees are "quiet quitting." But what does this really mean? And what can employers do to retain the talent they have and attract the talent they need when there are job opportunities abound? In this session, we dive into the trends we're seeing and how you can focus your attraction and retention efforts to become an employer of choice and win the war for talent in today's competitive market. Edmonton Unlimited Free on Zoom @ www.edmontonrin.ca/events

Wed May 21 11:30am to 1pm Luncheon and General Meeting Sherwood Park Chamber Speakers: Ryan Maxwell and Brennan Menard, Sherwood Park Crusaders Topic: the New Cru in the Community @ Festival Place 100 Festival Way Sherwood Park Member \$45 Non-member \$55 www.sherwoodparkchamber.com/events/calendar/#id=243&cid=352&wid=501&type=Cal

Wed May 21 5 to 9pm Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting 2025 - a key event for all Chamber members to engage in the future direction of our business community. Keynote Speaker: The Honorable Brian Jean Members \$95 Non-members \$105 @ Shell Place at Mac Island <a href="https://business.fortmcmurraychamber.ca/events">https://business.fortmcmurraychamber.ca/events</a>

Wed May 21/28 June 4/11 5:30 to 8:30pm Join us weekly at **Edmonton Tech Wednesdays** for an exciting night of networking and fun! Open to everyone who loves tech. Whether you're in the industry or just passionate about it. Enjoy a relaxed evening where you can mix, meet, and connect with others in tech. Perfect for developers, marketers, entrepreneurs, or anyone tech-curious. Exchange ideas and make new friends in the tech world! @ GreTa Bar YEG 10141 109 St Edmonton Free Register <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/edmonton-tech-wednesdays-weekly-tech-networking-event-tickets-1142912996539">www.eventbrite.ca/e/edmonton-tech-wednesdays-weekly-tech-networking-event-tickets-1142912996539</a>

Thurs May 22/29 June 5/12 7:30 to 8:30am (weekly) BOSS Networking With Chris Breen. Join in with Chris Breen for a business strategy and networking meeting every Thursday morning. This is your MEETN link <a href="https://www.meetn.com/businessoperationalsuccessstrategy">www.meetn.com/businessoperationalsuccessstrategy</a> to attend. Early morning networking with a side of business operational strategy to go! Who wants to start out their morning with a great networking event? Join Chris Breen and meet some amazing business owners, entrepreneurs and professionals for a round robin of networking. Then do some strategy to get the day off to a great start. This one hour meeting will rock your world and set you up for success for the next week. <a href="https://www.calgarybusinessnetwork.com">www.calgarybusinessnetwork.com</a>

Thurs May 22 8 to 9am **Breakfast Network** Speaker: Supt. Barry LaRocque, RCMP Topic: "Businesses, police partnerships, and crime prevention" Doors open at 7:30 am Thank you to Strathcona County RCMP for providing the complimentary continental breakfast. Members free to attend. Reservations not required to attend the Breakfast Networks. @ RCMP and Enforcement Services 911 Bison Way **Sherwood Park** www.sherwoodparkchamber.com/events/calendar/#id=183&cid=352&wid=501&type=Cal

Thurs May 22 11am to noon **Search Engine Optimization 101: The Basics to Help You Rank Higher** Boost your website's visibility and attract more organic traffic with the power of Search Engine Optimization (SEO). In this session, you'll learn the fundamentals of SEO—from exploring keyword research to understanding on-page optimization and link building. Virtual Online FREE Register @ <a href="https://www.businesslink.ca/events/">www.businesslink.ca/events/</a>

Fri May 23 9 to 10:30am Join us for a special edition of **Chai with the Chamber** as we celebrate **Asian Heritage Month** through culture, community, and connection. This unique networking event, in partnership with the Sifarish Networking Group, brings together Edmonton's diverse business community for an energizing morning of meaningful conversation and shared experiences. Enjoy authentic chai and mango lassi courtesy of Spice Bros Edmonton, while connecting with professionals, entrepreneurs, and leaders from across the city. @ Villa by Nerval 9311 48 St NW Members \$10 General Admission \$20 <a href="https://business.edmontonchamber.com/events/calendarcatgid/3/">https://business.edmontonchamber.com/events/calendarcatgid/3/</a>

Fri May 23 7pm Calgary's Hottest Networking Event for Young Entrepreneurs & Professionals Stellar Socials Professional Networking Events are known as stylish gatherings for young professionals. Our primary mission is to empower attendees by facilitating meaningful professional connections. We are deeply committed to fostering genuine relationships among peers and cultivating an environment where professionals can seamlessly connect and engage in a purposeful manner. Our goal is to aid participants in expanding their businesses and advancing their careers by providing a platform to engage with like-minded individuals. By SUM OF FIVE @ Greta Bar 213 10 Ave SW Calgary \$12.51 @ www.eventbrite.ca/e/calgarys-hottest-networking-event-for-young-entrepreneurs-professionals-tickets-1306178939369?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

Sun May 25 1 to 4pm **Women-Led Networking: Work, Well-Being & Growth** Join us for an inspiring afternoon of connection, conversation, and empowerment at this women-led networking event! Designed for entrepreneurs, professionals, or someone looking to expand their network, this gathering fosters meaningful connections while exploring the balance between work and well-being. @ The Provincial Kitchen & Sports Bar 4211 106 Street \$36.25 https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/women-led-networking-work-well-being-growth-tickets-1271010569829?aff=erelexpmlt&keep tld=1

Mon May 26 10am to noon **Virtual Business Model 101 | Edmonton Unlimited** Do you have an idea that you want to explore? In this two-hour workshop, you'll work through a Lean Canvas based on your idea, problem or business. Once completed, this framework will help you take actionable next steps to validate and test your assumptions. It's also a great opportunity to meet like-minded people who are also working on their business ideas! Hosted by Edmonton Unlimited Free on Zoom @ <a href="https://www.edmontonrin.ca/events">www.edmontonrin.ca/events</a>

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Tues May 27 June 10/24 July 22 Aug 12 11am to 12:30pm (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays) **Women Belong - Calgary Circle** We'll share leads, referrals, and each other's thought leadership to support the expansion of our businesses. During the meeting we will either feature a member who will showcase her area of business expertise or we will conduct a business-related workshop. Circle meetings are open to guests. Guests can attend this Circle two times, with a maximum of six Women Belong Circle visits per year **Calgary** On Zoom Register Free https://womenbelong.com/ab-calgary/#!event-list

Tues May 27 June 24 July 29 Aug 5/12 11am to 1:30pm Edmonton Womanition Connect Group Networking is most inexpensive way to connect and build lasting relationships. If you are not networking you are missing out -BIG TIME Some of the subjects Marketing / Sales / Finance / Accounting /

Image /Branding/Leadership/Personal Development Referral/Relationship Building @ Edmonton Inn 11834 Kingsway NW \$43.99 Reserve @ https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/edmonton-womanition-connect-group-meeting-tickets-532301988577?aff=erelexpmlt

Tues May 27 5 to 7pm May Business After Hours This long-time (often copied, never duplicated) networking event offers an unique opportunity for Red Deer & Area's business community to meet in a congenial, relaxed social atmosphere and: Develop new business contacts / Exchange ideas / Identify new sources of supply / Learn about other members/ products / services / Meet potential customers, friends and business associates / Take a tour of the host business and hear their story @ Westerner Park Red Deer <a href="https://www.reddeerchamber.com">www.reddeerchamber.com</a>

Tues May 27 / June 24 5 to 7:30pm Calgary Mixer In Person Networking The Calgary Business Network brings you a fantastic networking opportunity on the last Tuesday of every month. Expect to meet business owners of all sorts. Be prepared to share your business in round robin infomercials, which are usually 1-2 minutes per person. We will generally have lots of time for open networking, and occasionally facilitate networking activates. @ 1609 14 St SW Calgary \$40 www.calgarybusinessnetwork.com/events

Tues May 27 Sep 23 5 to 8pm **Open for Business Networking Event** There is one main presentation each week preceded by a 60-second elevator pitch by everyone else. This may include some networking time, business tables, and an opportunity to build strong business relationships. Find out why we are so excited about the future and why you should take advantage of the unique business opportunities that Space Central has to offer. @ Space Central – 1609 14 St SW **Calgary** Free online \$15 at the door @ <a href="www.eventbrite.ca/e/open-for-business-in-person-networking-event-tickets-330231329797?aff=ebdssbdestsearch">www.eventbrite.ca/e/open-for-business-in-person-networking-event-tickets-330231329797?aff=ebdssbdestsearch</a>

Tues May 27 6:30 to 8:30pm Integrity Business Connect Networking Event Join us for an authentic networking event! Build real connections, sharpen networking skills & ditch the salesy small talk. How to Gracefully Exit Awkward or Draining Conversations? Over the past few events, we've been practicing building more authentic connections in our networking. But let's be real - not everyone will have these new skills yet, and not every conversation will be a perfect fit. @ Integrity Seminars - 14920 Stony Plain Rd NW \$20 Tickets @ www.eventbrite.ca/e/integrity-business-connect-networking-events-tickets-1352253900819?aff=erelexpmlt

Wed May 28 10am to noon ATB Calgary Entrepreneur Talks: with the amazing Arshdeep Sandhu. Join us for a dynamic networking event designed to foster meaningful connections and inspire conversations through the power of storytelling. This event series will feature a spotlight storyteller sharing a personal or professional story that offers key lessons and insights for entrepreneurs; followed by roundtable discussions related to the event's theme. We will conclude with open networking and additional refreshments, providing further opportunities to connect and reflect on the conversations and stories shared. Free @ ATB Financial 2140 34 Avenue Southwest Calgary FREE Register @ www.eventbrite.ca/e/calgary-entrepreneur-talks-featuring-arshdeep-sandhu-tickets-1319156465499?aff=erelexpmlt

Wed May 28 noon to 1pm **Lunch N'Learn: Cyber-Insurance 101** Does Cyber-Insurance Make Your Eyes Glaze Over? What If Your Insurance Is Guaranteed Before You Even Call Your Broker? Do you understand insurance questions like: "Do you store the backup data copies in two different formats which are held at separate physical locations?" (Frankly, neither do we, but there's a reason for that.) @ St. Albert & District Chamber of Commerce Boardroom register @ www.stalbertchamber.com

Wed May 28 noon to 1pm **Lunch & Learn with The BUSY Group** If a young person in your life is struggling in traditional school or has been held back by challenges like anxiety, ADHD, poor attendance or other barriers to learning, there may soon be a better option. Join us for a Lunch and learn with The BUSY Group, a trusted education and employment provider with over 45 years of experience supporting young people through innovative, tailored learning pathways. Based in Australia, The BUSY Group specializes in helping students and job seekers overcome personal and systemic challenges to build real-world skills and meaningful careers. They're now working to bring The BUSY School to Calgary in 2026, an inclusive, full-time high school designed for students who are at risk of falling through the cracks. @ Calgary Chamber Office, Ampersand East, 112 4 Ave SW Suite 410, **Calgary** Complimentary <a href="https://www.calgarychamber.com/calendar">www.calgarychamber.com/calendar</a>

Thurs May 29 9 to 11am **Monthly Meetup**. Our mission is to empower, support, and learn together. Join us every month for a relaxing in-person networking meetup, where you can connect authentically and casually with like-minded professionals. Free for members, but spots are limited—come as you are and make meaningful connections! @ Glass Earth Kingsway Mall Members Free Non-members \$15 www.ybbconnect.com

Thurs May 29 9 to 11am Marketing Series: Social Media 101 (Hybrid – in person or virtual) Join us to learn the basics and best practices for social media. Feel free to bring your laptop and engage actively through the session. By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to: Determine what social media platforms will be effective for your business / Social media best practices / Create a basic social post on LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook, and Google Business Profile / Tools to help you including Canva + scheduling tools / Leverage customer reviews / Engaging with your customers on each platform / Basic analytics @ Wetaskiwin Heritage Museum 5007 50 Ave Wetaskiwin Member in-person (includes refreshments) \$15 / Non-member in-person \$20 / Virtual attendance \$10 www.yourchamber.ca

Thurs May 29 11am to noon **Hiring & Onboarding Your First Employee** Hiring your first employee is an exciting milestone, but it can also feel overwhelming. Where do you start? What legal steps are involved? How do you find the right fit and set them up for success? This practical webinar will walk you through the full hiring journey: from defining the role and writing a job description to understanding employment standards, drafting an offer letter, and building a strong onboarding process that supports long-term retention. You'll leave with clear, actionable tips to avoid common pitfalls, streamline your hiring, and confidently build your growing team. Virtual Online FREE Register @ www.businesslink.ca/events/

Thurs May 29 June 26 July 24 Aug 21 noon to 1pm **NABI Networking at Noon** is a monthly event offering businesses, service providers, new entrepreneurs, government and community members the opportunity to connect with and learn from others. Service providers will have the opportunity to provide an overview of their services, including how they can support small businesses through their programs, services and funding. Entrepreneurs and small businesses can learn about services available for their business and connect with fellow entrepreneurs. NABI – Classroom 200

Carnegie Drive St. Albert \$10 includes @ www.edmontonrin.ca/events

Thurs May 29 4:30 to 6:30pm Business Afterhours Mixer hosted by Gotcha Covered Join us for an evening of networking, great conversations, and fun at Gotcha Covered. Meet and mingle with local business professionals, build valuable connections, and enjoy complimentary appetizers. Don't forget to bring your business cards for the Business Card Draw! @ Gotcha Covered #200 30 Green Grove Dr St. Albert Members Free Non-members \$25 www.stalbertchamber.com

Thurs May 29 5 to 7pm **Business After 5 Mixer** The Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce welcomes our members and invited guests to a Business After 5 Mixer hosted by Chrenek Dion & Associates of RBC Dominion Securities. Join us for an evening of networking, appetizers, refreshments and door prizes as well as finding out more about the host. @ Chrenek Dion & Associates 303, 9906 106 Street **Grande Prairie** Free but register @ <a href="https://www.grandeprairiechamber.com">www.grandeprairiechamber.com</a>

Thurs May 29 5 to 7:30pm Business After Hours: Lammle's Western Wear Yeehaw, it's that time of year again! The Stampede buzz is back, and we're kicking it off early at Lammle's. This is your chance to connect with fellow professionals while checking out the latest western fashion at Canada's largest western retailer. But that's not all - attendees will also enjoy an exclusive discount to snag the best in western gear, ensuring you're ready to rock your Stampede style. So, grab your business cards, shine your boots and get ready to saddle up for an unforgettable evening of networking and fun. Members \$45 Non-members \$90 waitlist @ Lammle's Western Wear, 6711 Macleod Trail, Calgary www.calgarychamber.com

Thurs May 29 5 to 8pm May Networking & Knowledge Event: Let's Talk Mental Health, a special edition of our EBA (Edmonton Business Association) Knowledge & Mixer series. This engaging evening will feature a meaningful conversation around mental wellness in the workplace and beyond with a panel of speakers. Our guest speaker(s) will share tools and strategies to help you support your own mental health and that of your team, clients, and community. @ Riverside Golf Course 8630 Rowland Rd Members FREE Non-members \$20 www.yegba.com/events-2#!calendar

Thurs May 29 6 to 8pm **Bloom Together, Women in Business Speed Networking Event** You're invited to a one of a kind evening designed to bring women in business together to connect, collaborate, and bloom. Bloom Together is more than a typical networking event, it's an inspiring evening rooted in authentic connection, intentional growth, and the power of community. @ Fairfield Inn & Suites Edmonton North 581 Griesbach Parade NW \$46.13 <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/bloom-together-women-in-business-speed-networking-event-tickets-1326106643669?aff=erelexpmlt">www.eventbrite.ca/e/bloom-together-women-in-business-speed-networking-event-tickets-1326106643669?aff=erelexpmlt</a>

Fri May 30 **Deadline to Register for: Collab Over Coffee** Ready to spark fresh connections, share innovative ideas, and grow your professional network? Collab Over Coffee is here to bring EBA members together in a relaxed, engaging environment. What Makes It Unique? You'll be randomly paired with three EBA members to connect with throughout the month. It's a fun and dynamic way to foster meaningful collaborations and expand your circle. Once registration closes, you'll receive an email with your match list. From there, you'll have the entire month to arrange meetups! This is your chance to build valuable relationships within our community. Let's brew connections and make 2025 a year of collaboration and growth. Register now <a href="https://www.yegba.com">www.yegba.com</a>

Sat May 31 12:30 to 3:30pm **YES-Up Business Blueprint** This is for young entrepreneurs **aged 13 to 19!** Whether you're laying the groundwork for your first business idea or building on an idea or current side hustle, or maybe you simply dream of one day owning a business...this workshop will give you the tools and confidence to take your next steps. Join us for an engaging, hands-on session where we'll break down the essentials of building a Business Blueprint — a simplified business plan inspired by the Business Model Canvas. @ Wetaskiwin Public Library, 5002 51 Ave, **Wetaskiwin** FREE <a href="https://www.yourchamber.ca">www.yourchamber.ca</a>

Wed June 4 Sep 17 11am to 1:45pm In-Person Networking Luncheon Connected Business Women Network We are committed to providing service and support to female business leaders, entrepreneurs, business executives and home based sales leaders who have both successful and developing businesses and careers. @ Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club - 12501 14 St SW Calgary Tickets \$65 advanced @ https://go.cbwncanada.com/calgary-events

Wed June 4 4 to 6:30pm **2nd Annual Women+Power Member Networking Event** is an engaging in-person evening designed to bring together professionals from across Alberta's power and energy industry. Whether you're early in your career or a seasoned leader, this event offers a valuable opportunity to make connections, gain insights, and be part of a supportive professional community. Feature Panel Presentation "Lessons Learned: Candid Advice for Future Energy Leaders" @ Cask & Barrel 10041 104 Street NW FREE Tickets @ www.eventbrite.ca/e/2nd-annual-womenpower-member-networking-event-edmonton-tickets-1344457561759?aff=erelexpmlt

Thurs June 5 11am to noon Indigenous Voices: Leadership, Legacy, and Economic Empowerment Join us for a powerful conversation celebrating Indigenous innovation, leadership, and community-based business building. In this panel for Indigenous History Month, three inspiring Indigenous entrepreneurs share their journeys, challenges, and insights into building businesses that are not only successful but rooted in culture, resilience, and community impact. Whether you're an aspiring entrepreneur or a seasoned business owner, this conversation will offer inspiration, practical wisdom, and opportunities to connect. Virtual Online FREE Register @ www.businesslink.ca/events/

Thurs June 5 6 to 9pm **Chamber Fest: Level Up!** This year we're embracing the theme of Level Up! - a celebration of growth, innovation and the spirit of friendly competition. We're bringing together Calgary's business community for an exciting evening of networking, entertainment and a touch of retro nostalgia. The Ampersand Lobby will be transformed into an interactive playground, inspired by the fun and energy of arcades. Get ready to experience immersive activations, next-level food and drinks and a dynamic environment where business meets play. Whether you're here to rewind to the good old days, fast-forward your connections or power up your business, this is the perfect opportunity to make valuable connections in a fun and engaging setting. @ Ampersand Lobby, 112 4 Ave SW, Calgary Members Free Non-members \$49 <a href="https://www.calgarychamber.com/calendar">www.calgarychamber.com/calendar</a>

Thurs June 5 6:30 to 8:30pm **Grants 101 with Deanna Douglas** In this workshop, you'll get an introduction to non-dilutive funding, learn what grant agencies typically fund, explore programs available to early-stage companies, and walk through how to apply for the Alberta Innovates MicroVoucher, with tips from an experienced grant professional. Edmonton Unlimited is excited to partner with local non-dilutive (grant) professionals from Campus Innovation Consulting Group (CICG) to offer workshops to help you understand, plan, and prepare applications. Edmonton Unlimited 10107 Jasper Avenue register @ www.edmontonrin.ca/events

Fri June 6 7:30am to 4pm 2025 **Pigeon Lake Chamber Golf Tournament** This is a fore-fun tournament (Scramble Format) for golfers of all skill levels. Connect with regional businesses + community! Golfers receive green fees & shared power cart, steak dinner, snacks & beverages. Plus, the opportunity to win great prizes! @ Dorchester Ranch Golf Club, Range Road 11, Westerose, AB Members \$120 Non-members \$140 www.yourchamber.ca

Fri June 6 7 to 9pm Calgary Entrepreneur Networking Event Embark on an exciting journey into the world of entrepreneurship, where innovation meets opportunity and businesses thrive! Our event is thoughtfully designed for entrepreneurs, business professionals, and innovators eager to explore the dynamic landscape of entrepreneurship. Immerse yourself in insightful discussions, cutting-edge strategies, and unparalleled networking opportunities that will elevate your business and career to new heights. Whether you're an experienced entrepreneur, a startup founder, or just beginning your entrepreneurial journey, this event promises a blend of visionary ideas and practical advice. By SUM OF FIVE \$11.98 @ Greta Bar 213 10 Avenue SW Calgary www.eventbrite.ca/e/calgary-entrepreneur-networking-event-tickets-1357337345539?aff=erelexpmlt

Mon June 9 4 to 8pm NASCAR Stock Car Test Drive Experience! Chamber Member Event This adrenaline-pumping experience includes: Track Walk & Orientation - Start with a snack and guided track walk alongside an experienced instructor. Gear Up Like a Pro – Suit up in an official EIR driver suit and helmet for your commemorative photo. Hit the Track – Buckle into your race car and follow the Instructor's Pace Car for 5 warm-up laps, followed by 10 fast-paced laps at speeds tailored to your comfort and skill level. Tailgate BBQ Lunch - Including BBQ cheeseburgers, EIR's famous crispy fries, caesar salad, coleslaw and an ice cold EIR Righand Distillery's speciality brew 'raceway beer' @ Edmonton International Raceway \$195 + GST / person <a href="https://www.yourchamber.ca">www.yourchamber.ca</a>

Tues June 10 7am 2025 **WeBA Golf Tournament (West Edmonton Business Association)** includes 18 hole green fees / Power cart equipped with GPS / Breakfast sandwich and coffee / Buffet Banquet @ The Ranch Golf and Country Club 9574 Pinchback Rd Acheson Early Bird Draw **before Apr 30** / after Member \$180 / \$195 Non-member \$180 / \$220 www.weba.org

Tues June 10 6 to 8pm Online From Intention to Impact: Defining Vision, Mission, & Values That Work with Stephanie Gloyn This two-hour working session will guide your team through what vision, mission, and values are (and are not), why they matter, and how to make them truly useful in your day-to-day work. Hosted by Edmonton Unlimited Free - Register @ www.edmontonrin.ca/events

Wed June 11 9:30 to 11am **Pride Coffee Connect!** Drop by for coffee, snacks, and great conversation as we celebrate Business in Pride and the incredible contributions of 2SLGBTQIA+ entrepreneurs and allies in our community. Whether you're a business owner, professional, or just looking to connect, this is a welcoming space to network, celebrate, and show your support for diversity and inclusion in Fort McMurray. No RSVP needed - just bring your pride, your love for community, and your coffee cravings! @ **Fort McMurray** Chamber of Commerce office <a href="www.fortmcmurraychamber.ca">www.fortmcmurraychamber.ca</a>

Wed June 11 11:30am to 1pm **2025 State of the Town of Devon Luncheon** Join us to hear from keynote speaker Rebecca Bultsma, AI Strategist and Speaker who will share insights on how to use AI in your business to drive innovation and success. Plus, Mayor Jeff Craddock will provide an update on the latest developments and initiatives in the Town of Devon. @ Devon Community Centre, 20 Haven Avenue Members \$35 Non-members \$45 <a href="https://www.yourchamber.ca">www.yourchamber.ca</a>

Wed June 11 11am to 1:30pm **Business @ Lunch - State of the City with Mayor Cathy Heron** @ The Moonflower Room 101 Riel Drive St. Albert Members \$65 Non-members \$75 <a href="https://www.stalbertchamber.com">www.stalbertchamber.com</a>

Thurs June 12 9 to 11am next Microbusiness Training Centre Networking Event

Thurs June 12 11:45am to 1:30pm **Social Media Trends, Tips, and Tricks** Presented by: Small Town Girl Promotions Is your social media strategy keeping up with the latest changes? Join us for an engaging Lunch n' Learn designed for businesses and non-profits looking to stay ahead of the curve. Through expert insights and practical examples, you'll leave with a clearer understanding of where to focus your time and energy – and actionable steps you can put into practice right away! @ JA Room – Chamber office Members \$30 Non-members \$40 <a href="https://www.reddeerchamber.com">www.reddeerchamber.com</a>

Sat June 14 / July 12 / Aug 9 / Sep 13 10 to 11am **Startup Fundraising Event** To Learn How To Raise Funds \$\$ For Your Startup Business: If you have an idea for your Startup Business or if you are at MVP stage & you want to know how to assimilate funds \$\$ through PRE-SEED & SEED rounds / If you already have a Startup Business & you need more funds in SEED or SERIES A, B, C rounds (\$10,000 - \$50 Million) **Calgary** Virtual Online Register \$32.64 @ <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/startups-fund-raising-program-tickets-121842184253">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/startups-fund-raising-program-tickets-121842184253</a>

Tues June 17 1:30 to 3:30pm Workshop Your Business - Click to Convert: Boost SEO and Drive Online Sales Unlock the secrets to improving your online presence. This workshop will focus on SEO fundamentals, online sales strategies, and how to get found by your audience. Speaker and session details to be updated soon. @ Centre 2000, 11330 106 St Grande Prairie Limited spots available—secure yours today! @ www.grandeprairiechamber.com

Tues June 17 5 to 7pm Join us for **Chamber on Tap** (Greater Parkland Regional Chamber) a lively monthly gathering where chamber members connect, network, and build relationships in a fun, casual setting! Each month, we spotlight a different member's business, offering a unique backdrop for meaningful conversations and new opportunities. Don't miss the energy, connections, and great company - see you there! @ TBA Members \$25 Nonmembers \$35 <a href="www.gprchamber.ca">www.gprchamber.ca</a>

Wed June 18 10 to 11am **Unlock the Power of AI Agents** AI agents are taking automation beyond simple chat interfaces, and 2025 is set to be their breakout year. This webinar breaks down the role of AI agents in customer service, empowering business leaders to understand and implement this transformative technology. Enroll now to discover how AI agents can revolutionize your business operations and position your team for success in the AI-first future. Hosted by Better Business Bureau / Edmonton Unlimited Zoom Online Free Register @ www.edmontonrin.ca/events

Tues June 19 9 to 11am Marketing Series: Website and SEO 101 (Hybrid in person or online) Join us for a hands-on session where we'll explore three beginner-friendly website builders: Squarespace, Wix, and Weebly. Are you a small business owner without a website? Maybe you're a startup or a long-standing business that's never gone online. If you're feeling overwhelmed by the idea of building a website or simply don't know where to start, this workshop is for you! @ Manluk Theatre 5002 - 53 Ave Wetaskiwin Member in-person (includes refreshments): \$15 / Non-member in-person (includes refreshments): \$20 / Virtual attendance: \$10 www.yourchamber.ca

Tues June 24 9 to 10:30am **NEBA Coffee Talk** (North Edmonton Business Association) We strongly believe that by working together with businesses, professionals, government and communities, we will contribute to continually improving the profile of our geographical area and creating additional business opportunities in our growing and vibrant community. @ The BoxCar Cafe 11926 129 Ave Members \$10 Future Members \$20 Register @ www.neba.ca

Wed June 25 7am to 2:30pm **2025 Chamber Golf Tournament** @ Broadmoor Golf Course 2100 Oak Street **Sherwood Park** Members \$195 Nonmembers \$225 <a href="https://www.sherwoodparkchamber.com/events/calendar/#id=231&cid=352&wid=501&type=Cal">www.sherwoodparkchamber.com/events/calendar/#id=231&cid=352&wid=501&type=Cal</a>

Wed June 25 10am to noon **Monthly Meetup YYB Connect** Join us every month for a relaxing in-person networking meetup, where you can connect authentically and casually with like-minded women professionals. Free for members, but spots are limited—come as you are and make meaningful connections! Members Free Non-members \$15 Location: local Edmonton cafe TBA <a href="https://www.yybconnect.com">www.yybconnect.com</a>

Thurs June 26 7:30am to 4pm **2025 Chamber Golf Tournament** This is a fore-fun tournament (Scramble format) for golfers of all skill levels. Connect with regional businesses + community! Golfers receive green fees & shared power cart, meal, snacks & beverages. Plus, the opportunity to win great prizes! @ RedTail Landing Golf Club 435 Airport Perimeter Rd #7 Edmonton International Airport Members \$190 Non-members \$225 www.yourchamber.ca

Thurs June 26 noon to 7:30pm Get ready for a golf tournament like no other! **The Birdies Fore Business Icebreaker Tournament** is deliberately designed to maximize networking, spark new connections, and help your business grow - all while enjoying a fantastic day on the course. This sell-out event is one of the Chamber's biggest fundraisers of the year, supporting the programs and initiatives that elevate local businesses. It's also an unmatched opportunity to connect with fellow professionals, potential clients, and industry leaders in a fun, interactive setting. **@ Fort McMurray** Golf Club \$275 www.fortmcmurraychamber.ca

Thurs June 26 4:30 to 6:30pm Member Appreciation BBQ Join us in thanking our 2024-25 Board of Directors and welcoming our 2025-26 Board of Directors. This is our last networking meeting until September so please join us for a great networking experience. Bring your family! Thank you to The Busy Backyard Beaver for supplying the barbecues and cooking the burgers. @ Sherwood Park & District Chamber of Commerce 100 Ordze Avenue Sherwood Park <a href="https://www.sherwoodparkchamber.com/events/calendar/#id=242&cid=352&wid=501&type=Cal">www.sherwoodparkchamber.com/events/calendar/#id=242&cid=352&wid=501&type=Cal</a>

Wed July 9 5 to 7pm **Synergy Cocktail Mixer @ Lone Pine Distilling** Synergy Network is a group of business and community leaders in Edmonton. We meet monthly to hear influential speakers, share ideas and promote camaraderie among members. Membership is by Invitation @ Lone Pine Distilling 10375 59 Avenue NW Edmonton <a href="https://www.synergynetwork.org/">https://www.synergynetwork.org/</a>

Thurs July 10 6 to 10pm Step up to the plate for **Networking at the Ballpark**, an exclusive event in a VIP box at a Fort McMurray Giants game! Connect with fellow chamber members, enjoy the game in style, and make meaningful business connections as the Fort McMurray Giants take on the Okotoks Dawgs! @ Legacy Dodge Field at Shell Place **Fort McMurray** \$50 www.fortmcmurraychamber.ca

Fri July 18 7:30am to 4pm **2025 Devon Chamber Golf Tournament** This is a fore-fun tournament (Scramble format) for golfers of all skill levels. Connect with regional businesses + community! Golfers receive green fees & shared power cart, meal, snacks & beverages. Plus, the opportunity to win great prizes! @ Devon Golf and Conference Centre 1130 River Valley Road **Devon** Members \$150 Non-members \$170 @ www.yourchamber.ca

thurs Aug 21 7am to 2:30pm **The Annual Chamber Golf Tournament** is a popular summer event, featuring a Texas Scramble style format for teams of four golfers. The rules emphasize fun, with everyone playing off from the best shot spot without the pressure of keeping individual scores. Fees include 18 Holes of Golf, a Golf Cart, Breakfast, and a BBQ Lunch. Early bird to June 13 Members \$199 Non-members \$225 @ Sturgeon Valley Golf Club 25114 Sturgeon Rd, Sturgeon County <a href="https://www.stalbertchamber.com">www.stalbertchamber.com</a>

Thurs Sep 25 noon to 6:30pm Join us for an exclusive **EBA Talks** event (Edmonton Business Association), designed to inspire and educate professionals on motivation, leadership, innovation, and the impact of AI in business. This premier event will bring together thought leaders, industry experts, and the Edmonton business community for an engaging day of discussions, networking, and professional development. Keynote Speaker: Lori-Ann Muenzer is an Olympic Gold Medalist in cycling, a 2 time Olympian, and now a High-Performance Business Mindset Coach who helps professionals achieve breakthrough results in 6-12 months by transforming their thinking, execution, and success. @ DoubleTree by Hilton West Edmonton 16615 109 Ave NW Earlybird to **July 31** Members \$99 Non-Members \$119 <a href="https://www.yegba.com/events-2#levent/2025/9/25/eba-talks">www.yegba.com/events-2#levent/2025/9/25/eba-talks</a>

## TRADE SHOWS, CONFERENCES & FESTIVALS:

May 14/15 **Nisku Energy Show** This inaugral 2-day event brings together leaders from all parts of the energy sector. As a hub for local innovation and collaboration, this show highlights the expertise and advancements shaping Alberta's future. Explore the possibilities and excellence in the heart of Alberta. @ Silent Ice Sports & Entertainment Center, 1515 35 Ave, **Nisku** Tickets \$15 online @ <a href="https://business.yourchamber.ca/chamber-events/Details/2025-nisku-energy-show-1234907?sourceTypeId=Website">https://business.yourchamber.ca/chamber-events/Details/2025-nisku-energy-show-1234907?sourceTypeId=Website</a>

May 20 to 23 **Upper Bound 2025** Bridging the gaps between technical and non-technical, theory and practice, academia and industry, current capabilities and future trends, Upper Bound pushes beyond the basics to deliver an Al conference like no other. Be one of the thousands of Al professionals, researchers, business leaders, entrepreneurs, investors, and students from around the globe to gather in Edmonton this spring to discuss, debate, and design a positive Al future. @ Edmonton Convention Centre \$500 @ <a href="https://www.upperbound.ai/?layout=linear">www.upperbound.ai/?layout=linear</a>

June 6 to 8 **Africanival** is to share and celebrate with Edmontonians, the colorful, rich, inviting and diverse cultures of peoples of African descent in Edmonton and beyond. Produced by Microbusiness Alumni (Group 13 Oct 2010) **Frankline Agbor** @ Churchill Square, Edmonton Consider applying as a Volunteer! https://africanival.org/

Sat June 7 9am to 4:30pm **One Woman Fearless** unites women around the world who are letting go of fear to create the life of their dreams. Join our Calgary event to discover your path during an incredible day of inspiring speakers and meaningful connections. @ Sheraton Cavalier Hotel 2620 32nd Avenue NE **Calgary** \$100 @ <a href="https://onewoman.ca/fearless-womens-summit-calgary-2025/">https://onewoman.ca/fearless-womens-summit-calgary-2025/</a>

June 10 to 12 **Global Energy Show Canada** fosters innovation, leadership and synergy between all energy verticals within three fully-packed days. Canada's national energy exhibition and conference bringing technology, innovation and the transfer of knowledge under one roof. Hosting five halls of exhibition space, two conferences and an awards gala. @ BMO Centre Calgary Register for your FREE Pass up to May 26 @ www.globalenergyshow.com/register/

June 11 to 13 **Social West** Discover cutting-edge strategies and connect with industry leaders. Join 850+ professionals at Canada's premier marketing event, where you'll gain insights from industry leaders, connect with peers, and take actionable strategies back to your team. \$849 @ TELUS Convention Centre136 8th Avenue SE **Calgary** @ www.socialwest.ca

June 13 to 15 **Game Con Canada** is a three-day gaming expo where attendees will have access to play hundreds of games from video game studios and board game developers from around the world. Join us for a weekend full of gaming, entertainment, making new friends and discovering new experiences. @ Edmonton Expo Centre \$47.25 <a href="https://gameconcanada.com/">https://gameconcanada.com/</a>

Jul 24 7:30am to Jul 25 9pm Africa-North America Business & Networking Conference Join us for a day filled with insightful discussions, networking opportunities, and collaboration between businesses from Africa and North America. This in-person event aims to foster partnerships, exchange ideas, and explore new opportunities in the global market. Don't miss this chance to expand your business horizons and build valuable connections. Whether you are a seasoned entrepreneur or just starting out, this conference is the perfect platform to learn, grow, and succeed in the international business arena. @ Nova Chateau 13920 Yellowhead Trail Early Bird \$375 @ <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/africa-north-america-business-networking-conference-tickets-1013951384887">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/africa-north-america-business-networking-conference-tickets-1013951384887</a>

July 26 to 27 **Afro Caribean Festival** Celebrating African and Caribbean culture in Calgary @ Central Memorial Park, **Calgary** https://africanival.org/afocaribbeanfest/

## **RESOURCES:**

**Business Networking Reimagined** - Unlock the power of word-of-mouth marketing & get hundreds of quality referrals flowing into your business. Bx® has helped thousands of businesses create meaningful, long-lasting referral partnerships to unlock an abundance of leads quickly. Every 2 weeks / \$45

/ Find a location @ www.bxnetworking.com Calgary Blackfoot Fri 8am May 23 June 6/20 Calgary Barlow Thurs noon May 15/29 June 12 Calgary Shawnessy Thurs noon May 22 June 5/19 St. Albert Fri 8am May 16/30 June 13 Sherwood Park Tues 8am May 20 June 3/17

Edmonton West Wed noon May 21June 4/18
Edmonton Windemere Thurs noon May 15/29 June 12
Spruce Grove Wed noon May 28 June 11
St Albert Fri noon May 23 June 6

**Upcoming Grants:** David Kincade MA is a former client of Microbusiness Training Centre. His business is Alberta Business Grants Ltd. He can connect you with upcoming grants that may be available to you and their application deadlines!! Alberta Business Grants has helped hundreds of businesses just like yours find grants, prepare a stellar application, and win thousands of dollars — the first time they apply. www.albertabusinessgrants.ca

National Angel Capital Corporation (NACO) members have invested \$1.54 billion into more than 2,000 Canadian companies. Incorporated in 2002, NACO is Canada's professional association for 4,000 angel investors and the national umbrella for 100+ organizations including angel groups, incubators and accelerators, and early-stage venture funds. We enable collaboration, investment opportunities and faster access to Canada's investment ecosystem. <a href="https://www.nacocanada.com">www.nacocanada.com</a>

The Go-To Podcast For Entrepreneurs In The Know has 3 seasons of free episodes. Dive into the minds of Canada's leading entrepreneurs and get the inspiration & insider knowledge you need to see measurable growth in business. Theses podcasts are produced in Vancouver in collaboration with The Scotiabank Women Initiative™ by the Founder and CEO of The Forum which is a Canadian-based charity that energizes, educates, mentors, and connects self-identified women entrepreneurs to be wildly successful, promoting strengthened economies and thriving communities. www.theforum.ca/thegoto

"The Shocking Truth About Happiness" by T. Harv Eker and 6 other FREE videos - Using the principles he teaches, T. Harv Eker went from zero to millionaire in only 2 1/2 years! He combines a unique brand of 'street-smarts with heart'. Eker's high-energy, 'cut-to-the-chase' style keeps his audience spellbound. T. Harv Eker's motto is "talk is cheap" and his unique ability is getting people to take "action" in the real world to produce real success. Register for the videos under Free Trainings @ www.harveker.com/free-trainings/

Wait for Change or Be the Change! Sign up for the **2025 Trend Report** @ <u>www.trendhunter.com</u> Scroll through Ideas and Innovations / Events / view past Webinars @ <u>www.trendhunter.com/innovation-webinars</u> Insights

River City Venture Legal Services Our team of volunteer law students and lawyers are helping local ventures avoid legal problems in the future and training future lawyers through increased exposure to the entrepreneurial world. The services we provide focus on the legal problems that young ventures face, ranging from incorporation to employment contracts. <a href="https://www.venturelegalsupport.ca">www.venturelegalsupport.ca</a>

At **Startup TNT**, we understand that accessing capital is the biggest hurdle for startups. That's why we organize 30+ Angel Syndicates in Western Canada per year, to invest in both new and existing startups. We strongly believe that local startups stand to benefit from raising capital from local investors. We also believe that building companies and investing in startups is more enjoyable when done as a team, with friends. And we can confidently say that we have the most fun doing it. Check out their entrepreneurship videos@ <a href="www.youtube.com/@StartupTNT/featured">www.youtube.com/@StartupTNT/featured</a> Join us today! @ <a href="www.startuptnt.com">www.startuptnt.com</a>

**Edmonton Community Legal Centre** Can't afford a lawyer? We can help. Free legal coaching. Phone or inquire online. Other legal clinics are based in Fort McMurray, Calgary, Red Deer, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, and Grande Prairie. Separation/divorce - Guardianship, parenting, custody/access - Child Support - Spousal/partner support - Property Division 780.702.1725 <a href="https://www.eclc.ca">www.eclc.ca</a>

**Start Alberta** provides the gathering space for Alberta's Innovation Ecosystem. Community stakeholders alike, ranging from entrepreneurs, founders, start-and scale-up teams, active investors, policymakers and service providers receive near-real time updates on the movement in the innovation ecosystem through its digital platform. <a href="https://www.startalberta.com">www.startalberta.com</a>

**Edmonton Regional Innovation Network** (ERIN) is a coalition of organizations in the Edmonton region that support innovation, technology, and knowledge-based startups and enterprises. Our collective goal is to build a collaborative, cohesive innovation ecosystem that efficiently connects entrepreneurs to resources, capital, customers, and the community through alignment of service providers. ERIN is funded by Alberta Innovates' Regional Innovation Network to support programs and services offered by Edmonton service providers to address the needs of the innovation community. Sign up for newsletter @ www.edmontonrin.ca

Universal Womens Network - ChangemakeHERs are committed to driving change for women to succeed! ChangemakHERs are CEOs, entrepreneurs, business owners, and leaders making a contribution in their network, workplaces and communities to drive change for women! Your ChangemakHER membership helps us to build our network and drive the change to break the concrete ceiling. You can opt to jump in or cheer from the sidelines! Either way, we thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you! Entry membership \$199/year <a href="https://www.universalwomensnetwork.com">www.universalwomensnetwork.com</a>