



Wednesday February 15th, 2023

This Bi-weekly Newsletter is available to members and non-members of the Vauxhall & District Chamber of Commerce and features information of importance to, and about local business and upcoming events!

2023 MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



WE WOULD LIKE TO
HIGHLIGHT AVAIL LLP
A LONG TIME MEMBER

Small Business Tax Relief



mdtaber.ab.ca/p/small-business-subclass

Is all or part of your property eligible to qualify as a **SMALL BUSINESS** in the MD of Taber? The Annual Small Business Application deadline is February 15th, 2023 for the following non-residential assessment subclasses:

- Vacant Non-Residential Property
- Small Business Property
- Other Non-Residential Property

Applications must be received before February 15th, 2023 to be considered for the 2023 tax year. This allows Council to consider differentiating tax rates for each non-residential subclass during the annual budget process.

To learn more about non-residential subclasses and the Small Business Subclass Bylaw No 1997, or to download an application, visit: mdtaber.ab.ca/p/small-business-subclass

VDCC 2023 Memberships are now due!

March 31st, 2023 is the deadline to purchase your VDCC membership and have your business printed in the 2023 / 2024 Business Directory.



Office Hours

Monday

- 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Tuesday

- 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Wednesday

- 8:30 am - 2:30 pm at home/office closed

Thursday

- By appointment

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

- Office is Closed

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VDCC Contact Information: 403-654-2122



Did you know?

Monday, March 27, 2023, Vauxhall will hold a by-election to fill 1 vacant council position. Contact the town office for an information package or download one from our website. Your package contains details on council responsibilities as well as your nomination papers.

Who can run for Council?

A person may be nominated as a candidate in an election if on nomination day the person:

- Is eligible to vote in the election;
- has resided in the municipality for 6 consecutive months immediately preceding nomination day;
- is not otherwise ineligible or disqualified

Do you have the time?

Being a member of Council can be a rewarding commitment. You will be elected for a four-year term and will be expected to:

- Attend regular council & committee meetings.
- Attend workshops, seminars and conference for training.
- Read and research on your own time
- Meet with other boards, committees & agencies to which you have been appointed as Council's representative.
- Attend social events within the municipality

What's in it for you?

As a member of Council you will have the ability to significantly influence change in our community. As an added incentive the position is paid and comes with a few perks (which are not all listed here) Per Council Remuneration Policy No. 027-2017

- As Mayor you receive \$500 per month.
- As Deputy Mayor you receive \$300 per month.
- As a Councillor you receive \$300 per month.
- You will receive \$90 per regularly scheduled council & budget meetings
- You will receive \$30 per hour for Special Council Meetings, Public Hearings, Board Meetings, and Community Forums, (paid in 30 minute increments) to a maximum of \$200 per day. This applies to meetings both within and outside the municipality and travel is included in the time duration.
- You will receive an annual expense allowance of \$500 to compensate for personal use of your cell phone, internet, and stationary supplies.

DO YOU have
WHAT IT TAKES





BUSINESS BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

The Town of Vauxhall and Community Futures Chinook is pleased to offer businesses in the Vauxhall area an opportunity to receive a beautification loan and grant to enhance the appearance of a business.

Businesses can apply for up to \$10,000 in funding, of which 80% would be an interest-free loan, and 20% would be a grant. Successful applicants could receive up to an \$8,000 loan and a \$2,000 grant.



403-223-2984



chinook@alberta.ca



chinook.alberta.ca/programs/beautification-loan-program



Welcome to Vauxhall

Beautification Program



GENERAL OVERVIEW

The purpose of this program is to encourage and provide Vauxhall businesses with the opportunity to improve the appearance of their premises, utilizing grant dollars and interest-free loans to a maximum of \$10,000.00 (maximum \$2,000 grant and \$8,000 interest-free loan per applicant).

The Town of Vauxhall will provide the grant funds and pay the interest on the loan, and Community Futures Chinook will provide the loan.

BEAUTIFICATION OPTIONS

- ☒ Signage
- ☒ Display Areas & Lighting
- ☒ Patio Areas
- ☒ Accessibility Options
- ☒ Painting, Flooring & More
- ☒ Interior & Exterior Lighting

And So Much More

Community Futures Chinook



The program provides an incentive for local business owners to invest in façade renovations and interior upgrades.

Tax Return Assistance

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program is a **FREE** service and is available to all eligible residents in the Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS service area. Eligibility is based on income threshold and the simplicity of the tax return.

FAMILY SIZE	TOTAL FAMILY INCOME
1 person	\$35,000
2 persons	\$45,000
3 persons	\$47,500
4 persons	\$50,000
5 persons	\$52,500
More than 5 persons.....	\$52,500
plus \$2,500 for each additional person	



Call or text to make an appointment:

403.915.7063

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To book an appointment online, please scan the QR code

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FEB 20TH - FEB 26TH 2023

Closed

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS
WILL RESUME
FEBRUARY 27TH, 2023

**Vauxhall
AG SOCIETY**

Furniture Refinishing Course

Have you always wanted to learn how to refurbish and/or refinish your own furniture?

The Vauxhall Ag Society is interested in hosting a furniture refinishing course for our community members.

- The cost of this course would be \$140.00 each.
- You would have to supply your own furniture piece to refinish for the course.
- This would be hosted on a Monday evening.
- Minimum of 6 people registered will be required to host this course.

If you are interested in taking part in this course please comment below on this post or email the office today!

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- Directors & Officers Liability (Non profit and for-profit entities)
- Special Events Coverage including Host Liquor Liability
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Contact: Wanda Quail, Account Executive Direct: 780-930-4399 Fax: 780-486-0169 Email: Wanda.Quail@fpb.ca



Best Rate Home & Auto Insurance

Johnson Insurance, offers Chamber members discounted Home and Auto Insurance. In addition to exceptional coverage and premiums, Johnson Inc. also offers 1 Air Mile for every \$20 in premium.

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- ✓ 4.5¢/min Audio Conferencing rate for Chamber Members
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VALUE ADDED PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR OUR MEMBERS!



APPLY BETWEEN
FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 1, 2023



t's February 1st which means the application phase for Community Spaces is OPEN! Check out www.CommunitySpaces.ca for information on the program and how to apply. Make sure you submit your application before March 1 to be considered for up to \$150,000!

OPPORTUNITIES

We Are Hiring!

Stop by with a resume or apply online today!

Job Details

Description

Reporting to the Agro Manager, the File Maintenance Clerk is responsible for ensuring the overall accuracy and maintenance of the store price file; inventory maintenance and margin reconciling; receiving product into Tronix; receiving product into CRS mainframe; processing invoices and transfers; and reporting and reconciling. The File Maintenance Clerk is responsible for setting and modelling the standard for internal service and will be expected to resolve internal and external invoicing and receiving concerns within established guidelines and in consultation with the Agro Manager.

Qualifications: Candidates should possess some Agriculture industry experience and crop protection knowledge or previous file maintenance experience; basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Office programs, including Word and Excel, are required. Data entry skills are considered an asset. Candidates must demonstrate effective organizational skills and the ability to work well within multi-generational teams. Applicants should be self-reliant, goal-oriented, and able to learn new skills quickly and set and adjust priorities and schedules.

- High School diploma or equivalent required
- Tronix and CRS Mainframe knowledge preferred
- Ability to adapt to new technology
- Attention to detail, organizational skills, and competent math skills
- Exceptional internal and external customer service skills
- Must be physically able to perform job functions: some heavy lifting required; crouching; squatting occasionally
- Positive attitude with a willingness to learn
- Ability to adapt to new technology
- Ability to deal with people sensitively, tactfully, diplomatically, and professionally at all times
- Ability to effectively communicate both orally and in writing
- High flexibility with strong interpersonal skills that allow one to work effectively in a diverse environment
- Ability to respond quickly in a dynamic and changing environment
- High level of integrity, confidentiality, and accountability
- Sound analytical thinking, planning, prioritization, and execution skills

Availability: Monday to Friday



Seasonal Staff for Vauxhall Golf and Country Club

The Vauxhall golf and country club is looking to hire a few seasonal staff both for outside maintenance and for clubhouse duties.

Groundskeepers: We are looking to hire for several positions.

- A four-month position beginning around May 1 and ending at the end of August. This would be between 35 and 40 hours per week. Some weekends required.
- We are also looking at hiring a high school student that could work July and August approximately 35-40 hours per week.

Duties will be mostly moving along with other jobs required of maintaining a golf course.

Please contact Henry Tolsma @403-654-8023 or send resume to tolsmah@hotmail.com. Applicants should be 16 years of age or older.

Clubhouse Staff: We are looking to hire staff to work in the clubhouse. Must be 18 years of age or older. Hours will be between 35 and 40 hours per week. Working weekends is required.

Contact Sandy Doerksen (clubhouse manager) at 403-654-0714 for more details.

Taber and District Community Adult Learning
invites you to a

FREE

Employer Breakfast

Wednesday 01 March – from 8:00 – 10:00 am at

The Heritage Inn, Taber AB



Come learn more about the services we offer to employers, and how we can help with your staffing needs, advertising, screening, referral, retention and any other concerns you have as a small business owner.

Hear employer testimonials, meet and greet other local employers, network and enjoy a full, hot breakfast to get your day off to a great start.



Registration must be in by Friday 17 February to reserve up to two seats for your business. Contact Lynda or Andy at 403-223-1169 or email andy.puskas@taberadultlearning.com

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WE ARE GROWING OUR SALES TEAMS

- Full time permanent positions, Monday to Friday 8:30 - 4:30
- Full benefits and pension plan after 3 months
- Opportunity in selling digital, print and special projects with our current team.

THE INDIVIDUALS WE ARE SEEKING

Post secondary education in any or all of marketing, sales, multimedia would be an asset but not a necessity, we are happy to train. The ambitious outgoing individuals must have great communication skills and be confident and willing to work with some of Southern Alberta's largest and progressive businesses. All potential candidates must have a valid drivers license and a reliable vehicle to perform outside sales functions.

COMPENSATION

- Guaranteed base as you learn
- Commission once you are established and exceeding your base plan.
- Vehicle / mileage allowance, based on kilometers driven.

HOW TO APPLY

Please forward cover letter and resume no later than February 17, 2023 to rmcadams@abnewsgroup.com

We look forward to hearing from you.
Only applicants chosen for interview will be contacted.
We thank you in advance for considering this position.



Employment Opportunity at Vauxhall Golf and Country Club

We are a nine-hole golf club that has wonderful grass greens, a challenging layout with four sets of T-boxes and a membership of about 100.

Head Greenskeeper.

Our head greenskeeper will be responsible for keeping the course in tip top playing condition. They will have a staff of 2 or 3 workers and will need to play an active role themselves in daily mowing and irrigating. They must be willing to work with a very proactive group of board members and will work directly with a greens committee of 3 or 4 members.

Knowledge and experience in the following areas would be a great asset.

1. Use of, maintenance and repair of small machinery such as mowers, golf carts, etc.,
2. Knowledge of irrigation and ability or willingness to fix small water breaks and replace sprinkler heads.

This is a 7-month contract position that begins approximately April 1 and ends October 31. Salary is negotiable and dependent on the experience and expertise of the individual.

Please send applications to Henry Tolsma at tolsmah@hotmail.com or Dale Cummings at dalecummings56@yahoo.com. Should you want more information contact Henry Tolsma at 403-654-8023.



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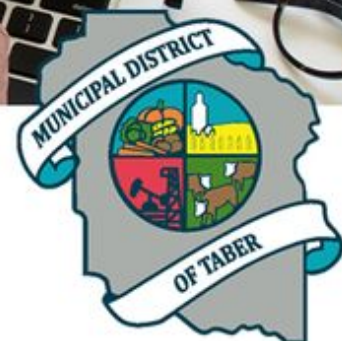


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Columbia Seed Co. Ltd, Vauxhall – Plant Personnel**Full Time position****Job Includes:**

- * Loading and unloading grain from trucks into containers
- * Safe forklift operation
- * Seed packaging
- * Day to day machinery maintenance
- * Maintaining a clean and safe work environment
- * Good record keeping – filling out all applicable documents and forms
- * Other duties needed and assigned by supervisors
- * Work safely with all equipment and fellow employees
- * Possess good communication skills

Experience and Training

- * Equipment operation experience and mechanical skills an asset
- * On site training will be provided for
 - WHIMS
 - Food Safety
 - Fire Safety
 - Other applicable courses
- * Preference given to those with a Class 3 or Class 1 license

Education

- * Grade 12 or GED is an asset

Physical Demands

- * Must be able to stand/walk for long periods of time
- * Be able to lift heavy object up to 50kg
- * Must be able to work outdoors for long periods of time



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Do you know what the VDCC can do for you?

- Listing on our website with your logo
- Social Media coverage
- Promotion of your events in our bi-weekly newsletter
- Spotlight in our bi-weekly newsletter as a Member
- Access to the Chambers Plan, the most popular benefit plan in Canada for businesses
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Not a Member?

Becoming a VDCC member is easy and affordable.

Our 2023 yearly memberships for not-for-profit organizations / individual are \$50 (restricted to clubs, schools and such).

Business fees are \$150.

First time Members receive 50% off the first year, don't miss out!



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