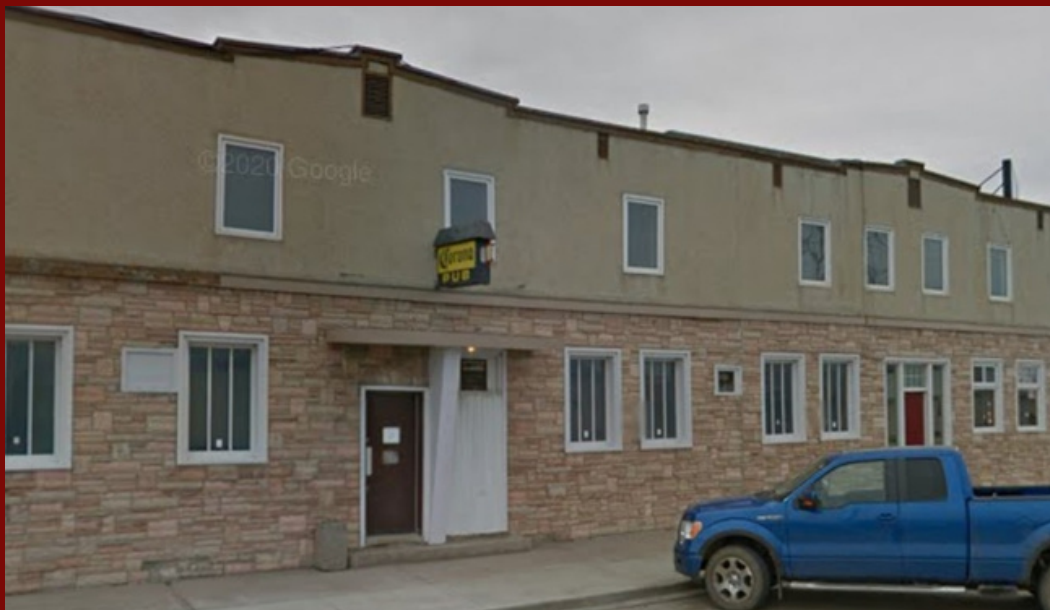




Wednesday February 1st, 2023

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 WELCOME
THE NEW OWNERSHIP OF THE
CORONA TO THE VDCC

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

Contact Information:
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Danna Ferguson
403-894-0923

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VAUXHALL, AB
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info@vauxhallchamber.ca

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





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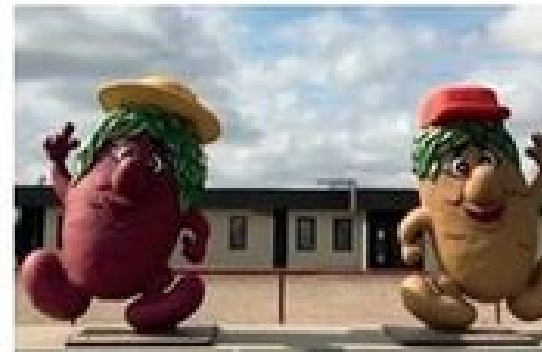


chinook.alberta.ca/programs/beautification-loan-program

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.



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.

ALBERTA SOCIAL ECONOMY DESIGN CAFE

A day of collaboration for Alberta's Social Enterprise and Social Finance Ecosystem



DETAILS

WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS THING?

The Alberta Social Economy Design Cafe is a one-day immersive experience for individuals and teams who are focused on building and growing Alberta's **social economy**. Part workshop, part collaboration, and part strategization, the Design Cafe is an opportunity for **projects and ideas** that are making Alberta the best place to build and grow.

WHAT IS THE SOCIAL ECONOMY?

The Social Economy consists of social enterprise and social finance organizations working towards increasing the scale of our impact and improving social outcomes for all Albertans.

WHEN WILL IT BE?

The Design Cafe is being held Early March, with the location to be determined based on the overall location of the selected projects. Travel bursaries will be available if required.

IS THIS FOR YOU?

Do you have a project or idea that brings together different groups or people in support of the broader social enterprise space in Alberta?

Do you have an idea that addresses a gap or unmet need when supporting socially minded businesses in Alberta?

Do you have a way to help increase the understanding and participation of parts of our community in social enterprise and/or social finance?

Do you have something that we haven't even considered yet that you know will benefit the broader Social Enterprise and Social Finance space in Alberta?

If you answered yes, we invite you to submit your project for the Design Cafe!

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO ATTENDING?

The Design Cafe is an opportunity to:

- Build relationships with resource organizations.
- Gain insights from resource organizations. Come prepared to ask your questions.
- Develop a clear understanding of the three lenses of design and their role in your project or idea.
- Create a path forward with clear next steps.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY PROJECTS AND IDEAS?

The Design Cafe is intended for projects that are:

- **Collaborative in nature**, either by those doing the project or through the project participants.
- **Supports general social entrepreneurship** in Alberta (is not directly supporting a specific social enterprise or business).

I HAVE QUESTIONS, WHAT DO I DO?

- You can find more information on our website at www.ab-seed.ca/design-cafe
- Reach out directly to us with your questions at designcafe@ab-seed.ca.
 - Please note that it can take up to 2 business days for a response, please do not leave your questions until right before the application deadline.

Q AND A SESSION

Attend our Q & A session on January 16, 2023 from 11am-12pm via zoom.

This session is your opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification on if your project is a good fit, and how to submit your project for consideration.

Register via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).



APPLICATION DETAILS

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

We welcome projects from all stages of readiness: from idea, prototype, or minimal viable product, to an initiative ready to scale. If you have a project that supports the capacity of the Alberta social enterprise and social finance ecosystem, you can apply. There is no requirement to have any level of incorporation or structure.

HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply to participate in the Design Cafe, please complete the expression of interest, via [google form](https://forms.gle/xHtOp7thongA1fW8) (<https://forms.gle/xHtOp7thongA1fW8>), by Wednesday January 25, 2023 at midnight.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY?

Selected projects will receive a letter of invitation early February, including the details of the event, the expectations for participation, and how to prepare. Attendees will be required to participate in a pre-interview in February, as well as a follow up session 3-6 months after the Design Cafe for updates and evaluation.

Get free 1-on-1 business coaching & advice.



A.B.E. Alberta Basic Education PATHWAY TO G.E.D

NEW

Improving opportunities by improving reading, writing and math

Our Adult Basic Education Program prepares you for further education and employment. Students who have completed this program may ladder directly into the General High School Equivalency Preparation (GED) program.

Feb. 7 to Apr. 27, 2023

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

in Taber at the Provincial Building Boardroom

Students must
be 18 years of age
or older, be a Canadian
citizen or permanent
resident

INCLUDED IN THIS CLASS: 99 hours of instruction with an in-house facilitator and supplies

Students MAY qualify for Alberta Works Part-Time
Studies grant to cover training and testing.

\$200.00 tuition fee for those who do not
qualify for funding.

Seats are limited and available on a first come basis.

Funded by the
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For more
information or to
register call
403-223-1169

Taber Region Long Table Dinner July 2023

Feature Sponsor \$5000

8 Tickets to the Event

Name announced from the podium

Logo placement on keepsake lanyard

The unique option to sponsor a
signature dish

Gold Sponsor \$ 2500

4 Tickets to the Event

Name announced from the podium

Your logo on the keepsake lanyard

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Your logo on the keepsake lanyard

Bronze Sponsor \$500

Your logo on the keepsake

lanyard

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podium and printed on the
keepsake lanyard.

Call us at 403-223-5500 Ext.5514 or 6865
email: amy.allred@taber.ca or shannon.bos@taber.ca



APPLY BETWEEN
FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 1, 2023



It'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!

VDCC Contact Information: 403-654-2122

OPPORTUNITIES

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 mowing 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.

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.



**SUMMER
EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES**

Learn. Grow. Contribute.





DISTRICT GRADER OPERATOR



mdtaber.ab.ca/p/employment



DEVELOPMENT OFFICER



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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



BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!



Vauxhall & District
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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
- Free Advertising
- First Year Membership 1/2 price

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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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VDCC INFORMATION!

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