



Good day to all of our dedicated members,

Advocacy is a passion of ours, and the Bonnyville Chamber wants to ensure you are being heard and that progress is made on the biggest challenges you are facing. Top of that list is CRIME!

We have heard you and we have been working behind the scenes to develop a proposal for provincial government officials. Our MLA Scott Cyr is aware of this proposal and has worked with us on it to ensure it gets the attention that it deserves.

In the meantime we need YOUR help to take this across the finish line by allowing us to capture some basic data and making it easy for you to share your concerns with our elected officials. Please fill out the attached survey (link below) to ensure we can gain an accurate idea of just how many local businesses are impacted.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6N3JHTR>

In addition to the survey, it is important that this message comes from as many of those impacted as possible. I have taken the liberty to **draft a letter** that you can send to MLA Scott Cyr and Minister Ric McIver, as well as the Premier's office. Please feel free to edit the letter with your own personal experiences. The addresses are as follows:

**minister.municipalaffairs@gov.ab.ca**  
**premier@gov.ab.ca**  
**Bonnyville.ColdLake.StPaul@assembly.ab.ca**

Unfortunately these projects take time, time we simply do not have, but please know we understand the challenges you are facing as we are facing them head on with you and we will continue to advocate until action is taken!

Kindest regards,

Serina Parsons (she/her)  
Executive Director

We would be delighted to provide more information and explore this exciting opportunity further.

# Chamber Events



Looking for vendors for our Chamber Christmas Craft Show & Expo

Register your company or home based business today:

[Registration Package](#)

Interested in sponsoring?  
Here is the [sponsorship package](#)



Want the big party feel? Want us to do all the planning for you??

Look no further, join us for our Community Christmas Party!!

Does your company want to help other smaller companies or non-profits to attend?

Table Sponsors available for \$1000

Give your favorite business or group 8 free tickets to celebrate with us.

In return you will have logo recognition throughout the event.

Coupon books now on sale for \$20 plus GST at our chamber office.  
Over \$200 in value!!

Do you know an organization looking to fundraise? We partner with local groups to help us sell the books and in return we give back \$5 per book sold to your group.

Please contact Megan at 780-826-3252 or [info@bonnyvillechamber.com](mailto:info@bonnyvillechamber.com)

The presentation will cover, What the Work Integrated Learning office role is at Portage College now, and how they partner with local Industry Partners to get students “practicum” experience. Which can lead to possible employment for students which can stock the labor force.

**Register for Free**



## DO YOU WANT TO HOST THE NEXT **BUSINESS MIXER?**

This is a great opportunity to network with your peers in a social setting to discuss current events, share ideas and come together as a strong business community. This is also a great opportunity to feature and promote your business.



To host a mixer, please contact [info@bonnyvillechamber.com](mailto:info@bonnyvillechamber.com)

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## Member Flyers

BE KIND, IN KIND

 **PARTICIPATING  
BUSINESS**

Snow Clearing  
Bonnyville Businesses  
for in kind compensation.



Building Community Through Kindness.  
Brought to you by the Bonnyville Wellness Coalition.

The Bonnyville Wellness Coalition would like to invite you and your business or agency to participate in their Be Kind, In Kind campaign this winter.

When the snow falls, they are encouraging snow shoveling for those agencies & businesses participating in the campaign. The ask is for the individual(s) who cleared the walkway to receive an in kind in return such as a service (meal, haircut, etc.), gift card, or cash option.

[Sign up letter](#)

[Danielle.Larsen@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:Danielle.Larsen@albertahealthservices.ca)

**Are you getting the most out of your membership?**



2023

BONNYVILLE AND DISTRICT  
Chamber  
of Commerce

## MEMBER TO MEMBER VALUE ADDED BOOKLET -

Did you know that the Bonnyville and District Chamber of Commerce publishes a booklet annually that has exclusive offers that all members can advertise their deals in?

The Value Added Booklet is a unique promotional opportunity for our membership to offer exclusive member to member deals! In addition, we are pleased to provide offers from our affiliation program with the Alberta and Canadian Chambers of Commerce. This year's Value Added booklet contains over thirty opportunities for extra value.

## 2024 Member Services Guide

DO YOU WANT TO ADD AN OFFER TO OUR  
2024 MEMBER SERVICES GUIDE?



Email  
[info@bonnyvillechamber.com](mailto:info@bonnyvillechamber.com)  
to add your member  
to member deal

## News & Information



Facing challenges hiring skilled workers in Alberta? You're not alone.

We've heard from you that Alberta is experiencing a skills shortage - and we want to learn more about the ***challenges that you face hiring the skills you need.***

The Alberta Chambers network has partnered with industry partners and the Government of Alberta to explore skills shortages and labour market issues.

If you're struggling to hire skilled talent, this is your chance to have your voice heard.

The survey will take **5 minutes** to complete and is open until **5:00 P.M. on November 17<sup>th</sup>**. Survey results will be made publicly available on the Alberta Perspectives insight community Hub.

**Share your perspective!**

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Register today for the Canadian Apprenticeship Service and receive up to \$20,000 in grants for hiring and training first year-apprentices in 39 Red Seal construction and manufacturing trades.

In addition to financial incentives, resources and training are provided to assist with recruiting, onboarding, and retaining apprentices.

The Canadian Apprenticeship Service is administered in partnership with The Canadian Apprenticeship Forum, Aboriginal Apprenticeship Board, Canadian Construction Association, BuildForce, SkillPlan and Apprenticesearch.com.

Supporting skilled trades employers in our network with help in hiring and onboarding skilled trades talent and accessing grants, including the [Canadian Apprenticeship Service](#).

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**The Canada Small Business Financing Program** makes it easier for small businesses to get loans from financial institutions by sharing the risk with lenders. The maximum loan amount for a borrower is \$1.15 million.

- Up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 for term loans for any one borrower, of which no more than \$500,000 can be used for purchasing leasehold improvements or improving leased property and purchasing or improving new or used equipment and of that amount, a maximum of \$150,000 could be used for intangible assets and working capital costs.
- Up to a maximum of \$150,000 for lines of credit.

Financial institutions deliver the program and are solely responsible for approving the loan. For more information download their [PDF](#) pamphlet or click here to find a [lender near you](#).



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