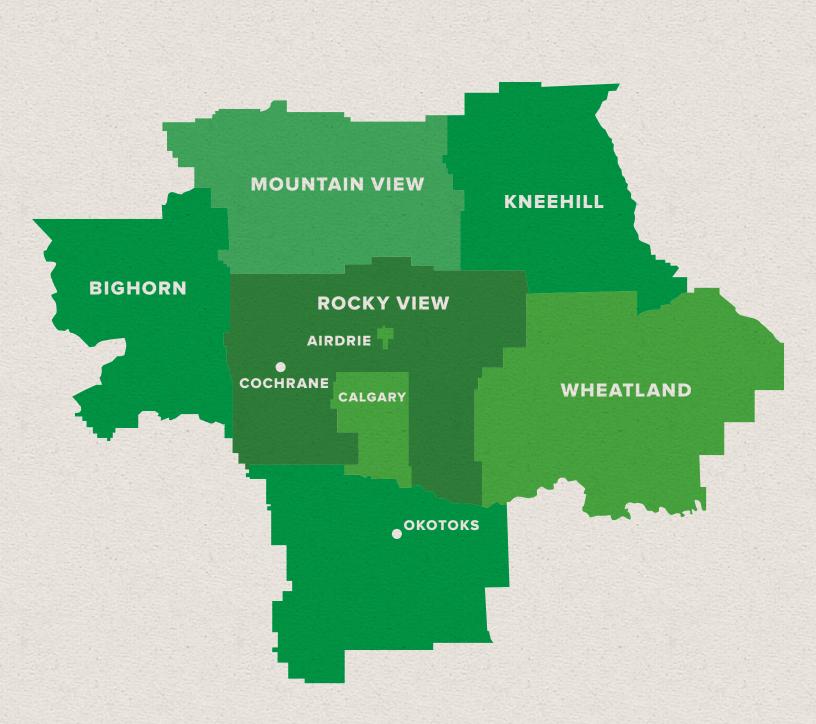
# THE STANPEDE CITY SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES



Helping Everyday People, Do Everyday Things

### Entrepreneurs in and around Calgary are always looking

to get better acquainted with their community and find their place in the business world. From one-man operations to industry disruptors, any small business owner can use this city guide to make their mark and help their businesses grow.



### **CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE**

One of the best places to start for any new business is your local chamber of commerce. Here you'll find resources to learn about local business trends and policies, get help with various paperwork and procedures and meet other local business owners and potential customers.

#### **Greater Calgary**

#### LEARN MORE

 Greater Calgary is Calgary's business opportunity and resource epicenter. Belong to the Chamber to help network, grow and promote your business as well as to improve their economic future.

#### Okotoks

#### LEARN MORE

 Okotoks' Chamber of commerce is committed to helping promote local businesses. By connecting with the Chamber, local businesses are able to exchange ideas, form new business contacts, solve problems, lend support, and plan for the future growth and direction of the business community.

#### Chestemere

#### LEARN MORE

• Learn the advantages of joining the Chestemere Chamber for your small business. Benefits include promotion, networking, education, support and member-to-member discounts.

#### Cochrane

#### LEARN MORE

• Although in the historic ranching town of Cochrane, the Cochrane Chamber is here to help your business strive for innovation. They are a small community with main business sectors in construction, retail trade, agriculture, business service and a growing technology sector.

#### Airdrie

#### LEARN MORE

• As one of Calgary's larger sectors, the Airdrie Chamber can offer ample business connections, networking events, and a chance to expose your business to a vast audience.

### **STARTUP & ENTREPRENEURIAL RESOURCES**

If you're interested in high tech startups, Calgary has a bustling scene with many resources across industries. These sites will help you find employees, customers, business ideas and networking opportunities. Many organizations will link new business owners with proven entrepreneurs who are willing to help teach best practices to help you get going!

#### Startup Calgary

#### LEARN MORE

• Reach out to Startup Calgary to launch your business and grow Calgary's tech ecosystem. Startup Calgary is constantly searching to cultivate the tech talent and build the community in Calgary through events and programs.

#### Innovate Calgary

#### LEARN MORE

- Innovate Calgary will take your idea and make it your business. Just ask them to be the driving force behind your startup.
- Alastair Ross Technology Centre
  <u>3553 31 Street Northwest, Calgary, AB T2L 2K7</u>

#### Assembly

#### LEARN MORE

- Fostering a coworking space of tech startups, Assembly offers a secure and professional turn-key office for those who want an interactive environment of like-minded business people.
- 119 14th Street NW, Suite 400, Calgary, AB T2N 1Z6

#### Team Think

#### LEARN MORE

- Look no further if your small Calgary business needs branding, marketing or project execution services. B2B services firms and technology companies are Team Think's specialty.
- <u>48 Tuscany Ridge Place Northwest, Calgary, AB T3L 2K7</u>

### A100

#### LEARN MORE

 Learn from a group of successful "been-there-donethat" entrepreneurs and executives in the tech field to get your Alberta-based startup off the ground. They offer incredible networking opportunities and connections to startups as well as mentoring.

#### C100

#### LEARN MORE

 Bringing together the next generation of young Canadian tech startups, this Silicon Valley-based company offers mentorship, partnership and investment opportunities. Check out their 48hrs in the Valley program (and their inspiring website) for these opportunities and more.

### Startup Grind

#### LEARN MORE

 Looking for a globally connected network of tech startups? Startup Grind hosts events in 42 countries and 100 cities where successful innovators share their personal stories and lessons. Join their community by launching a new Startup Grind chapter in your city.

#### Chic Geek

#### LEARN MORE

• Ladies, challenge the nerdy stereotype and empower that chic geek female tech force. The Calgary based Chic Geek is bringing the female perspective onto the technology startup scene.

### CONTINUED STARTUP & ENTREPRENEURIAL RESOURCES

#### AcceleratorYYC

#### LEARN MORE

- Operating as a launch pad for local startup companies, AcceleratorYYC's main focus is on facilitating programs and events to build a cohesive tech community. They are working to make Calgary a global hub of innovation for tech, social and energy endeavors.
- #200 12129 Ave SE, Calgary, AB, T2G 0T1

#### Plug and Play Canada

#### LEARN MORE

- Plug and Play Canada's specialty is funding and investing in the growth of tech startups. Their current network boasts 180 investors, 300 tech startups and leading University and Corporate partners. A few of their investment ventures have included Dropbox, Paypal, and Zoosk.
- Suite 400, 119 14th St NW, Calgary, AB, T2N 1Z6

## Momentum Community Economic Development

• Business start up expansion programs, business plan support and micro loan.

## Alberta Women Entrepreneurs

• Start up loans and workshops for women starting business in Alberta.

#### Futurpreneur

#### LEARN MORE

• Loans for start up and expansion, workshops, mentoring and business plan support.

## Business development Canada

• Business start up loans

#### **Business Link**

#### LEARN MORE

 Business resources, classes workshops and research support

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### **NETWORKING & EVENTS**

Sometimes networking and other social events can lead to new ideas, customers and partnerships that you wouldn't have thought of on your own. Check out these resources to find opportunities near you!

#### **Business in Calgary**

#### LEARN MORE

• Check out this monthly publication for the update on Calgary's latest business events, trends and people.

### Okotoks District Chamber of Commerce LEARN MORE

• By creating opportunities for members to engage, network, collaborate, support and plan, the Okotoks District Chamber of Commerce is fostering the ideal environment for future growth in the business community. See what they have planned here.

#### Meetup

#### LEARN MORE

• Meet some of your neighbors with something in common by using Meetup, and start making connections!

## Startup Calgary

• Find out when Startup Calgary's events and programs take place, and expand Calgary's tech ecosystem.

#### Small Business Week

#### LEARN MORE

 Small Business Week (Oct. 19th – Oct. 25th in 2014) is Calgary's hub for all activities and events small business. Don't miss this week, it could be what you've been needing to take that next step in growing your small business.

### LEARN MORE

Stay on top of what's happening in the business community and learn about key industries and news with these websites!

## Calgary Economic Development

• Be part of Calgary's economic growth: collaborate with other businesses, individuals and the government to help stimulate all areas of Calgary's growing economy.

#### Calgary Herald

#### LEARN MORE

• The Calgary Herald offers the latest buzz on business, real estate, energy, technology and trade news.

#### Alberta Venture

#### LEARN MORE

 Catch up on all things business industry with the Alberta Venture, from small business advice to Canada's hottest industrial news.

## Business Edge News Magazine

• Business Edge News Magazine presents Western and Central Canada's business decision makers with a first-class publication of business news.

## The Canadian Business Journal LEARN MORE

• Find your business news, economic developments, marketing advice and more in the Canadian Business Journal.