

BBE Trade Show 2026

Day 1: Business Workshop Series

Theme: Empowering Entrepreneurs Through Learning, Leadership & Connection

Friday, September 4, 2026

Time: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Venue: Beaumont Community Center

Time	Session	Presenter
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Arrival, Networking & Traditional Coffee Ceremony Participants arrive, connect with fellow entrepreneurs, speakers, community leaders, exhibitors, and partners while enjoying a traditional coffee ceremony celebrating culture, hospitality, and meaningful conversations.	<i>Awelbuna & BBE Team</i>
2:30 PM – 2:40 PM	Opening Remarks & Land Acknowledgement	<i>Black Business Edmonton</i>
2:40 PM – 3:00 PM	Indigenous Knowledge Sharing Honouring Indigenous traditions, perspectives, and teachings while exploring opportunities for collaboration, reconciliation, and shared prosperity through business and community.	<i>Indigenous Elder / Knowledge Keeper</i>
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Guiding Someone (Sighted Guide): Creating Accessible & Inclusive Spaces Learn practical techniques for guiding individuals who are blind or partially sighted while fostering accessibility, inclusive communication, and equitable participation in workplaces, businesses, and community events.	<i>Canadian National Institute for the Blind (now operating as the CNIB Foundation)</i>
3:30 PM – 3:50 PM	From Hustle to High Performance: Building Systems That Scale Your Business	<i>Allister MacIsaac, MBA, CMC, COO, RIVR Solutions Ltd. and GREG HASTINGS, CTO, Founder & Partner RIVR Solutions Ltd.</i>

Time	Session	Presenter
3:50 PM – 4:15 PM	Funding Your Business for Growth: Access to Capital & Financial Readiness Preparing entrepreneurs to access financing, build strong banking relationships, manage cash flow, and scale sustainably.	<i>ATB Financial (Unnati Patel)</i>
4:15 PM – 4:20 PM	Networking Break	
4:20 PM – 4:45 PM	Mental Health & Wellness for Entrepreneurs Supporting the wellbeing of entrepreneurs by addressing the unique challenges of building and leading a business. Topics: Men's mental health, Women's wellness, Managing stress/burnout, Work-life balance, and long-term resilience.	<i>Mental Health & Wellness Partner</i>
4:45 PM – 5:10 PM	Business Funding Resources Every Entrepreneur Should Know Futurpreneur programs, resources available and community engagement strategies.	<i>Futurpreneur</i>
5:10 PM – 5:55 PM	Building Inclusive & Resilient Communities: Anti-Racism in Action An engaging closing session featuring a live cultural performance, storytelling, and dialogue on how arts, culture, businesses, educators, and government can build stronger communities.	<i>Okama Ekpe Brook</i>
5:55 PM – 6:00 PM	Closing Remarks & Day 2 Preview	<i>BBE Team</i>

BBE Trade Show 2026 - Day 2

Theme: Exhibition, Commerce & Culture: Celebrating Business Excellence

Date: Saturday, September 5, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Venue: Beaumont Community Centre, 5204 50 Avenue, Beaumont, Alberta

Overview:

Join us for a vibrant celebration of entrepreneurship, innovation, commerce, and culture. Day 2 features a dynamic business exhibition showcasing Black-owned businesses, networking opportunities, remarks from distinguished guests, live cultural performances, and opportunities to connect with entrepreneurs, corporate partners, procurement leaders, and the wider community. Discover innovative products and services, support local businesses, and experience the richness of Black excellence in business and culture.

Time	Session	Presenter
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Doors Open & Exhibition Begins	<i>BBE Team</i>
1:00 PM - 1:20 PM	Welcome Address	<i>Premier Danielle Smith (Invited)</i>
1:20 PM - 2:00 PM	Business Exhibition & Networking	<i>Exhibitors & Partners</i>
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Live Performance	<i>Septimus Alexander</i>
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Business Exhibition & Networking	<i>Exhibitors & Partners</i>

Time	Session	Presenter
3:30 PM - 3:50 PM	Remarks by the Mayor of Edmonton	<i>Mayor Andrew Knack (Invited)</i>
3:50 PM - 4:00 PM	Award Presentation 1	
4:00 PM - 4:10 PM	Award Presentation 2	
4:10 PM - 5:00 PM	Business Exhibition & Networking	<i>Exhibitors & Partners</i>
5:00 PM - 5:20 PM	Remarks	<i>MLA David Shepherd (Invited)</i>
5:20 PM - 5:50 PM	Live Music	<i>Nonye Toria</i>
5:50 PM - 8:45 PM	Business Exhibition, Networking & Marketplace	<i>Exhibitors & Partners</i>
8:45 PM - 9:00 PM	Closing Remarks & Appreciation	<i>Ibukun (IBK) Orefuja, Founder & CEO, Black Business Edmonton</i>