## BBE Trade Show 2026

## Day 1: Business Workshop Series

## Theme: Empowering Entrepreneurs Through Learning, Leadership & Connection

## Friday, September 4, 2026
## Time: 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

## Venue: Beaumont Community Center

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| **2:00 PM – 2:30 PM** | **Arrival, Networking & Traditional Coffee Ceremony**<br><br>Participants arrive, connect with fellow entrepreneurs, speakers, community leaders, exhibitors, and partners while enjoying a traditional coffee ceremony celebrating culture, hospitality, and meaningful conversations. | *Awelbuna to host coffee session*<br>*Emcee Tanya to open the event* |
| **2:30 PM – 2:40 PM** | **Opening Remarks & Land Acknowledgement** | *Emcee Tanya* |
| **2:40 PM – 3:00 PM** | **Indigenous Knowledge Sharing**<br><br>Honouring Indigenous traditions, perspectives, and teachings while exploring opportunities for collaboration, reconciliation, and shared prosperity through business and community. | *Indigenous Elder / Knowledge Keeper*<br><br>*(Andrea Jenkins)* |
| **3:00 PM – 3:30 PM** | **Guiding Someone (Sighted Guide): Creating Accessible & Inclusive Spaces**<br><br>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. | *Canadian National Institute for the Blind (now operating as the CNIB Foundation)*<br>*Taylor Bauer* |
| **3:30 PM – 3:50 PM** | **From Hustle to High Performance: Building Systems That Scale Your Business** | *Allister MacIsaac, MBA, CMC, COO, RIVR Solutions Ltd. and Greg Hastings, CTO, Founder & Partner* |

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| | | *RIVR Solutions Ltd.* |
| **3:50 PM – 4:15 PM** | **Funding Your Business for Growth: Access to Capital & Financial Readiness**<br><br>Preparing entrepreneurs to access financing, build strong banking relationships, manage cash flow, and scale sustainably. | *ATB Financial (Unnati Patel)* |
| **4:15 PM – 4:30 PM** | **Networking Break** | |
| **4:30 PM – 5:00 PM** | **Mental Health & Wellness for Entrepreneurs**<br><br>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. | *Celeste Ryan from Oasis by AquaLab Inc. and Alric Reid from ReiDefine Wellness* |
| **5:00 PM – 5:25 PM** | **Business Funding Resources Every Entrepreneur Should Know**<br><br>Futurpreneur programs, resources available and community engagement strategies. | *Futurpreneur*<br><br>*Amaka Onwubuya* |
| **5:25 PM – 5:55 PM** | **Sustainable Procurement**<br><br>Learn how the City of Edmonton incorporates social, environmental, and economic considerations into its procurement practices. | *City of Edmonton* |
| **5:55 PM – 6:05 PM** | **Business Spotlight by Mopawo**<br><br>Powering local businesses to sell, grow and deliver, while connecting customers to local shopping, food, venue bookings and event add-ons, all in one marketplace. | *Ayo Lasisi* |
| **6:05 PM – 6:30 PM** | **Building Inclusive & Resilient Communities: Anti-Racism in Action**<br><br>An engaging closing session featuring a live cultural performance, storytelling, and dialogue on how arts, culture, businesses, educators, and government can build stronger communities. | *Okama* |
| **6:30 PM – 7:00 PM** | **Networking, Closing Remarks & Day 2 Preview** | *IBK* |

**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.

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| **12:00 PM** | Doors Open | *Emcee Esther* |
| **12:30 PM - 12:40 PM** | Welcome Address | *Emcee Esther* |
| **12:40 PM - 3:00 PM** | Business Exhibition & Networking | *Exhibitors & Partners* |
| **3:00 PM - 3:20 PM** | Remarks | *MLA Brandon Lunty* |
| **3:20 PM - 3:40 PM** | Remarks | *MLA David Shepherd* |
| **3:40 PM - 4:00 PM** | Remarks | *Councillor Jon Morgan* |
| **4:00 PM - 4:10 PM** | BBE Community Leadership Award Presentation | |

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| **4:10 PM - 4:20 PM** | BBE Community Service & Humanitarian Award Presentation | |
| **4:20 PM - 4:30 PM** | BBE Financial Empowerment Award Presentation | |
| **4:30 PM - 4:40 PM** | Community Hero Award | *Presented by Neighbourhood Heroes* |
| **4:40 PM - 5:20 PM** | Business Exhibition & Networking | *Exhibitors & Partners* |
| **5:20 PM - 5:50 PM** | Live Music | *Sam Wortey* |
| **5:50 PM - 8:45 PM** | Business Exhibition, Networking, Marketplace & Entertainment | *Exhibitors & Partners* |
| **8:30 PM - 9:00 PM** | Closing Remarks & Appreciation | *Ibukun (IBK) Orefuja, Founder & CEO, Black Business Edmonton* |