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Subject: Invitation: Grand Opening of Business in Strathcona and Chef's Table Society Commons (Oct. 9)

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Dear Mayor and Council,

You are invited to the opening of a business in a new industrial location and launch of the Chef's Table Society Community Commons. This is a strong opportunity to connect with leaders in the hospitality sector and industrial businesses in the Strathcona (DTES) neighbourhood. The City's Business & Economy Office will be at the event.

Date: Thursday, October 9, 2025

Time: 2:00 – 3:00pm main program for VIPs and tour of facility; 2:00 – 6:00pm open window to attend

Location: [1250 East Georgia Street, Vancouver BC V6A 2B1](#)

RSVP to Shawna Gardham, Executive Director, Chefs' Table Society of BC at [ed@chefstablesociety.com](mailto:ed@chefstablesociety.com), cc: Siobian Smith ([siobian.smith@vancouver.ca](mailto:siobian.smith@vancouver.ca)) so we know you plan to attend.

Background: Bargreen Ellison is a wholesaling business that caters to the restaurant and hospitality sectors across Western and Central Canada. They recently purchased a new building in the Strathcona BIA area and are holding a grand opening. In addition to the open house for the public from 4pm-6pm, a private pre-event will recognize founding members of Chefs' Table Society – culinary legends such as Chef Robert Clark, Vikram Vij, Scott Jaeger and John Bishop.

Thanks,  
Donny

Donny van Dyk (he/him)  
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