

THE DRIVE

MEMBER

NEWSLETTER

FALL 2025

As we head into fall, the Commercial Drive Business Society continues to advocate for members and strengthen The Drive as one of our city's most vibrant districts. Our focus remains on attracting visitors, supporting businesses, and building community.



COMMERCIAL DRIVE
BUSINESS SOCIETY PRESENTS

COMEDY ON THE DRIVE

SAT. OCT 25, 2025 | YORK THEATRE
TWO SHOWS: 7:00 PM | 9:30 PM

LAUGH & DINE
Show your ticket at
participating locations
for exclusive deals!

2025 CDBS BUSINESS AWARDS

We are proud to recognize three long-standing, family-run businesses whose excellence, service, and legacy continue to shape the heart of Commercial Drive and Little Italy. This year's recipients — **Angelo Tailors, La Grotta del Formaggio, and Continental Coffee** — have each demonstrated deep community roots, a commitment to quality, and a lasting contribution to the cultural fabric of the neighbourhood. **Their decades of dedication and connection make them true cornerstones of The Drive.**

TRESPASS PREVENTION PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

Participation is free, but businesses must enroll to authorize INTERCOMLUX SECURITY to act on their behalf under the B.C. Trespass Act and local bylaws. **To sign up, visit the Member Resources section at TheDrive.ca**

FREE TO JOIN!

2025 AGM NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of the Commercial Drive Business Society will take place on **Wednesday, October 1, at 7:00 PM** in the Mezzanine Amenity Room, Britannia Community Centre Ice Rink. Members may attend in-person or virtually. **Please note: Registration is required for all attendees.**

REGISTER!

REGISTER TO ATTEND

To register, complete the online **Membership Form** and return it by email no later than **6:00 PM on October 1st.**

Doors (and virtual check-in) open at 6:30 PM, with the meeting starting promptly at 7:00 PM. Virtual attendees will receive login credentials prior to the meeting. **Please note: late or unregistered attendees will not be admitted.**

BOARD NOMINATIONS

Interested in joining the CDBS Board? Complete the online **Nomination Form** and submit it by email or Canada Post to the CDBS mailing address. Nominations must be submitted by a voting member in good standing and seconded by two additional voting members in good standing. **Forms must be received by September 2nd.**

VOTING MEMBER BY PROXY

If you're unable to attend the AGM and wish to have another member in good standing vote on your behalf, please complete the online **Proxy Form** and return it by email or Canada Post to the CDBS mailing address. **Forms must be received by September 29th, and all fields must be completed.**

To vote, you must be a member in good standing and either own or lease a Class 5 or 6 property within the BIA catchment for at least six months prior to the AGM, or hold a lease with an unexpired term of no less than six months. **Please note: No individual may hold more than 10 proxy votes at the AGM. One vote per proxy only.**

CHECK IT OUT!

AGM INFORMATION AND FORMS

All AGM details — including registration, proxy, and nomination forms — can be found at **TheDrive.ca/AGM**. Please visit this page to access important dates, required documents, and additional information about the meeting.

The Commercial Drive Business Society invites members to participate in our Annual General Meeting—a key opportunity to stay informed, have your voice heard, and contribute to the future of The Drive's Business Improvement Area (BIA).

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EVENTS ON THE DRIVE

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The Drive is wrapping up the year with an exciting calendar of events that bring thousands to the neighbourhood. It's your chance to put your business in the spotlight, meet new customers, and join the celebration. Sign up, get involved, and enjoy the fun!

SEPTEMBER

September 6 | Car Free Day on The Drive | 12:00 – 7:00 PM
From Grandview Highway to 1st Avenue, The Drive becomes a car-free zone packed with food, shopping, entertainment, and fun! This event is hosted by the Car Free Vancouver Society. Visit carfreevancouver.org for info and to sign up.

**September 22 – Oktober 2
Oktoberfest on The Drive**

Join the celebration and get featured on The Drive's Oktoberfest Map! This is your chance to tap into the festive energy, attract new customers, and boost sales with an East Van twist. Don't miss out — sign up now to be part of Oktoberfest on The Drive! Sign up by September 2nd to participate. Visit TheDrive.ca/oktoberfest-signup.

DEADLINE!

OCTOBER

October 1 | CDBS Annual General Meeting (AGM)

For members only—join us at 7:00 PM (in person or virtually). Pre-registration is required to attend and vote, in person or by proxy. Visit TheDrive.ca/AGM for info and to register.

**October 25 | Comedy on The Drive
York Theatre | Two Shows: 7:00 & 9:30 PM**

Comedy on The Drive returns to the York Theatre with two back-to-back shows and 700 tickets up for grabs. It's a full house of locals looking to dine before or after the show — and we want to send them your way. Create an offer, and we'll promote it to attendees. Sign up by September 5th to participate. Visit TheDrive.ca/comedypartner to sign up.

DEADLINE!

**October 31 | Trick'r Treat on The Drive
3:30 – 5:30 PM | Participating Merchants**

CDBS invites families to get an early start on Halloween by visiting participating businesses displaying a Treats Here poster for free candy! This fun, family-friendly tradition brings trick-or-treaters to The Drive, where local merchants help create a festive and welcoming atmosphere. Free candy and a Treats Here sign will be provided to the first 50 merchants who sign up. Sign up by September 30th to participate. Visit TheDrive.ca/treats2025 to sign up.

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NOVEMBER

**November 30 | Christmas Wonderland on The Drive
Grandview Park & Commercial Drive | 2:00 – 5:00 PM**

Help bring the holiday spirit to life at our annual Christmas Wonderland event, taking place at Grandview Park. This free, family-friendly celebration features live music, horse-drawn carriage rides, free Santa photos, complimentary treats, and a tree lighting ceremony.

Businesses are encouraged to get involved and help make the event shine — whether by decorating storefronts, offering in-store promotions, or simply helping spread the cheer. View and share this event on Facebook.

OKTOBERFEST ON THE DRIVE SEPTEMBER 22 – OKTOBER 2



LET THE GOOD TIMES FLOW ON THE DRIVE
FROM FIRST SIP TO LAST DROP

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Oktoberfest → September 2
Comedy on The Drive → September 5
Halloween → September 30

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