

Tourism Entrepreneurship Newsletter

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Community Futures



Are you one of the many rural Albertans that has dreamed of starting or buying your own business?

Have you put your dreams on hold because you are unsure where to start? Do you need assistance with financing your idea or business concept? [Community Futures](#) might just be your "one stop shop" to making your dream of becoming a business owner a

reality!

[Click here to find out more](#)

Growing the Tourism Industry, One Entrepreneur at a Time



Helping young aspiring business owners is at the heart of what [Futurpreneur Canada](#) does. In the past 12 months, we helped launch 55 businesses in Alberta through our [Start-Up Program](#). Start-Up offers entrepreneurs up to \$45,000 in financing, along with two years of support from a hand-matched business mentor and access to free resources like our interactive [Business Plan Writer](#).

[How Futurpreneur can help you](#)

Small and Medium Enterprises Profile: Tourism Industries in Canada

A [study by Industry Canada](#) shows the potential future growth for Tourism Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and possible obstacles to overcome towards that growth.

Tourism SMEs tend to be younger and larger businesses that are more growth oriented than other SMEs. Over 50 per cent of tourism SME's experienced growth between 1 to 10 per cent during 2009-11. This is expected to grow to 64.2 per cent over the 2012-15 periods.

[Click to learn more about SME's in Canada](#)

New Tourism Entrepreneur Seminars Available!

Set up with regional partners, Tourism Entrepreneurial Seminars offers ideas and tips on starting or expanding your business. Key stakeholders will provide an overview of their services and how they can help you as an entrepreneur. Following the seminars, participants will have the opportunity to network, discuss their opportunity and obtain advice, or schedule further one-on-one meetings. For more information on current seminars please check out [Events & Conferences](#).

River Valley Adventure Company: How the company got approvals



For the past four years, guests of the [River Valley Adventure Company](#) have glided through the Edmonton river valley on Segway guided tours.

Owner/operator Chris Szydowski has found the process of approvals more collaborative than obstructive, citing support from both the City of Edmonton and the Government of Alberta.

[Read on about how the company grew](#)

Rocking R Guest Ranch: Finding Many Paths to Approvals



On the road to [Rocking R Guest Ranch](#) you are greeted with gorgeous views of Eagle Lake and a backdrop of the majestic Rocky Mountains. Rocking R Guest will truly be "Your Little Piece of the Range."

Terri Kinsman shares her experience about getting approvals and getting started.

[Check it out](#)
