

Starting a Business in Fernie Resource Sheet

The first step to starting any business is to build a solid business plan. There are a number of online resource available to help you do this including:

- [Small Business BC – how to write a business plan](#)
- [BDC – free business plan template](#)
- [Community Futures – small business toolkit](#)

BDC and Community Futures are also excellent resource to help with financing questions and strategies.

The following is a list of resources that will help you set up shop in Fernie, BC.

Business Name Registry can be done at the [Service BC](#) office inside the Fernie Courthouse. Depending on the type of business you are setting up, you may require legal advice on your business structure. Law firms in the area include:

Ethridge Law	401 – 2 nd Ave	250-430-0007
Leffler Law Office	862 – 3 rd Ave	250-423-3904
Majic & Purdy Law Office		250-423-7457
Rockies Law Corporation	#202 502-3 rd Ave	250-423-4446

[Local Business License](#) – [City of Fernie Business License](#), [click here for more details](#).

Obtain a business licence with the City of Fernie. A business licence is required for home based, commercial and industrial businesses, and rental properties. Also for businesses that are not located in Fernie but do work in Fernie. For example, contractors and trades persons. Businesses licence fees vary depending on the type of business.

[Banking](#) – there are several banking options in Fernie to support your business needs. You should create a partnership with your banker so it is important to shop around and interview bankers to find one you can work with. We recommend you talk with the following Chamber member institutions:

CIBC	501-2 nd Ave	250-423-4426
East Kootenay Community Credit Union	1601 9 th Ave	250-430-7676
Scotiabank	502 – 3 rd Ave	250-423-8443
TD Canada Trust	391 – 2 nd Ave	250-423-2100

Insurance – you should investigate the insurance needs of your new business. An insurance broker can walk you through details specific to your situation. We recommend you talk with the following Chamber member organizations.

Western Financial	691 B – 2 nd Ave	250-423-6831
Westland Insurance	512 – 2 nd Ave	250-4236-6851

Location – there are many realtors in the area that can find you space to buy or rent.

Century 21 Maximum Realty	1361 B 7 th Ave	250-423-4113
Fernie Real Estate Company	1602 -9 th Ave	250-423-6233
Re/Max Elk Valley Realty	Box 1049	250-423-4622
Royal Lepage East Kootenay Realty	561A Hiway 3	250-423-3422

Get connected to the business community. Once you have your business set up, sign-up for your Chamber of Commerce membership to connect you to education opportunities, to meet other business professionals, to save money on benefits and merchant services, and the many other services offered to members. [Details available on our website](#), or come in and visit with us and discuss how the Chamber of Commerce can support your business goals.

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