



BC CHEFS' ASSOCIATION FALL 2026 NEWSLETTER

Connecting chefs. Supporting our community. Building the future of our profession.

As we move into the fall season, there has been plenty happening within the Vancouver Chapter and across the Culinary Federation. Thank you to everyone who continues to attend events, support fellow members, contribute to our community, and help strengthen the association.

A Great Day at Belcarra Park

On September 13, members, families and friends gathered at Belcarra Regional Park for our annual picnic.

It was a fantastic afternoon centred around good food and good company, with a BBQ, plenty of food, and a kids' piñata helping make it a fun day for the whole family.

A special thank you goes to the many sponsors who generously donated food and products for the event. Their continued support allows us to bring our chef community together and create events that members and their families can enjoy.

We also want to thank everyone who attended, volunteered and helped make the day such a success.

September Meeting at Café Kú

Just two days later, on September 15, the chapter came together again for our monthly social meeting at **Café Kú** in Maple Ridge.

The evening gave members an opportunity to visit and support one of our members at their newest restaurant, while reconnecting with colleagues from across the industry.

Supporting our members and showcasing the work they are doing throughout the local hospitality community is an important part of what BC Chefs is all about.

Thank you to **Café Kú** for hosting us and to everyone who made the trip out to join us.

October 20th Meeting at Pasta Polo

A fantastic evening of great food, learning, and conversation at Pasta Polo in Coquitlam!

A special thank you to **Emily Lycopolus**, olive oil critic and olive expert, for joining us to share her knowledge of California ripe olives and guiding us through an informative table olive tasting. We explored the different processing methods used in Greece, Spain, and California, learning how these techniques influence flavour, texture, and the finished product. It was a fascinating presentation that sparked some great discussion among our members!

Following the tasting, we enjoyed a fantastic dinner prepared by the team at **Pasta Polo**, featuring homemade lasagna, chicken pizzaiola, and delicious thin-crust pizza. Everything was made in-house and was a wonderful showcase of the quality, craftsmanship, and hospitality that Pasta Polo is known for.

A huge thank you to the entire Pasta Polo team for hosting us and providing such a memorable meal, and to Emily for sharing her expertise and passion.

Finally, thank you to everyone who attended! It's always great to bring our culinary community together to learn, connect, and enjoy great food.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting!



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Next Meeting – November 17th at

Core Foods #101 – 250 Schoolhouse St, Coquitlam, BC V3K 6V7

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

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The evening will feature an educational seminar, along with another opportunity to connect with fellow chefs, suppliers, students and industry professionals.

We encourage members to come out, learn something new and continue building connections within the local culinary community. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

President's Meeting Update

Representatives from Culinary Federation branches across Canada met virtually on September 26 for the latest National Presidents Meeting.

Topics included upcoming regional meetings, national culinary team activity, young chef programming, membership initiatives, branch development, educational programming and updates from chapters across the country. The Vancouver Chapter also shared updates on upcoming events, competitions and the ongoing effort to strengthen our local board.

There continues to be a strong focus nationally on developing young chefs, strengthening local chapters, supporting culinary competitions and creating more opportunities for chefs to connect with one another across Canada. Branches also shared examples of community involvement, fundraising, education and member engagement taking place across the country.

For additional information or a copy of the full President's Meeting notes, please contact:

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Get Involved - Join the Board

The Vancouver Chapter is currently looking for additional board members who want to become more involved with BC Chefs.

Our association is strongest when chefs from different backgrounds, workplaces and stages of their careers contribute their ideas, experience and energy.

Whether you are interested in helping with events, education, competitions, young chef development, membership, sponsorship or simply want to give back to the chef community, we would love to hear from you.

If you would like to participate and help support your local chef community, please contact:

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Even a small commitment can make a meaningful difference.

Stay Connected

Thank you to our members, sponsors, partners and volunteers for your continued support.

There are plenty of opportunities ahead this fall to connect, learn and support one another, and we hope to see more of you at upcoming BC Chefs events.

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