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## Spirit of the Season Event - November 17, 2023

ODC is pleased to host Members, Associates and industry friends for its first *Spirit of the Season* networking event on November 17, 2023 in Bolton, Ontario. The event begins with a networking breakfast followed by hands on activities to help support the [Caledon Community Services – The Exchange](#) and will finish with lunch and a silent auction. Activities will include supporting the food bank through food sorting and food preparation. Registration is limited, so please save the date. More information will be on its way to you directly including how to register, donate and sponsor. Look for details coming soon to your inbox.

## ODC is Moving

Since March 2023, ODC staff have been operating out of a temporary location while searching for a permanent office space. ODC is pleased to announce that in September 2023, ODC will be moving into its new home located at 2121 Argentia Road, Unit 105, Mississauga, Ontario L5N 2X4. Phone and emails contacts remain the same.

## Trade - United Kingdom's Accession to the CPTPP

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On July 16<sup>th</sup>, the United Kingdom became the first country to accede to the CPTPP since it came into force and, as a result, the agreement will represent 14.6% of global GDP and provide access to nearly 590 million consumers. Adding a third G7 economy with a GDP of \$3.6 trillion reinforces the influence of the Agreement, as well as its appeal to economies interested in joining.

Please reach out to [aaft.tand-dacn.aac@agr.gc.ca](mailto:aaft.tand-dacn.aac@agr.gc.ca) if you have any questions.

## Ice Cream Science and Technology Short Course at University of Guelph

The University of Guelph Laboratory Sciences Department will once again be offering their annual Ice Cream Technology course. Participants will learn about ingredients, processing and quality features of ice cream. There are two offerings, online November 6-24, 2023 or in person December 4-7, 2023. More information can be found on their [website](#) or by [email](#).

## Skills Training Across Canada (STAC)

[Skills Training Across Canada](#) (STAC) is a new national online learning program presented by Food Processing Skills Canada (FPSC) designed to advance workforce development. This ready to go training program is designed for food and beverage manufacturers in Canada and is ideal for supervisors and those aspiring to be a supervisor. Program supports include Chromebooks as required, babysitting subsidies and completion bonuses. More information can be found on the FPSC [website](#).

## Funding

[FoodTech Next Program](#) - This program will fund 45% to a maximum of \$225,000 to support prototype development, piloting and first demonstration of Canadian-made technologies/innovations in an operational environment. Projects must address one of the program's three priority areas:

- Smart Product and Process Development
- Food Ecosystem Sustainability
- Agile and Safe Supply Chains

Expression of Interest (EOI) must be submitted by 11:59 a.m. EST Wednesday, September 6, 2023. Successful EOIs will be requested to submit a full application by 11:59 a.m. EST Monday, November 13, 2023.

## New Product of the Year

Canadian Grocer is accepting submissions for their Product of the Year Award. As part of their End of Summer Entries Promotion, all winning entries submitted between now and the September 8 deadline will receive a free placement on *New on the Shelf Canadian Grocer or Convenience Store News Canada*. More information can be found [here](#).

## Upcoming Events

[International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit](#) - October 16-19, 2023 (Chicago)

[Grocery Innovations Canada](#) - October 24 and 25, 2023 - Toronto

[Grocery Connex](#) - November 20, 2023 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

[Private Label Manufacturers Association \(PLMA\) Trade Show](#) - November 12-14, 2023 (Chicago)

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