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Coast Inn of the North to undergo multi-million dollar renovation

At the same time, new award-winning executive chef renovates the hotel dining experience

Prince George, B.C. – The Coast Inn of the North is getting a spring facelift. Coast Hotels today announced that the company is investing more than \$2 million to modernize and refresh the guest rooms. Work is set to begin in the coming weeks and will be completed by this fall.

The investment will include a full update to the guest rooms including new bathrooms, carpets, window coverings and wall finishings. Guest beds will also be fitted with Coast Hotels' refreshing triple sheeting to provide all the comforts of home away from home.

"These improvements will ensure that the Coast Inn of the North continues to delight our guests and deliver the service and amenities they have come to expect from the Coast Hotels experience," said Shu Naito, Senior Vice President of Coast Hotels and Vice President, Okabe North America, who are the property owners. "The investments that we're making in the Coast Inn of the North will impact every aspect of our guests' stay."

In addition to the guest bedroom updates, the Coast Inn of the North's restaurants are already enjoying an evolution under the helm of new award winning executive chef Tony Heesterman.

The Coffee Garden now offers redesigned breakfast, lunch and dinner menus, with contemporary comfort food features such as chicken vindaloo and wild mushroom ravioli that perfectly complement the casual room and relaxed atmosphere.

Chef Heesterman will also soon launch a new menu for Shogun, the on-site authentic Japanese steak house.

Locals and guests alike will also be able to quench their thirst with a visit to the new on-site specialty liquor store Denman Wine & Spirits, which will open once renovations are complete.

With the capping of one era and the ushering in of another, Coast also announced that Winston's Dining Room will close June 15. The former Winston's space will be available exclusively for private catered and dining events.

Coast Inn of the North invites the Prince George community and guests to enjoy its special 'Ushering Out' three-course menu for \$29.95 available now through June 15. Or recapture those memories of yesteryear and savour vintage tableside classics such as Steak Diane and Winston's Caesar salad.

Reservations can be made by calling 250.563.0121.



About Chef Tony Heesterman

Chef Heesterman has competed in numerous culinary shows in B.C. and Washington State during his 33-year career, winning a bronze medal in the Charcuterie category at the World Culinary Arts Festival in Vancouver, amongst other honours. In his new role as Coast Inn of the North's Executive Chef, Tony will continue to indulge his passion for fresh, high-quality local ingredients.

About The Coast Inn of the North

Centrally located in downtown Prince George, the Coast Inn of the North is close to movie theatres, live theatres, restaurants, boutiques, and more. The hotel features a range of spacious guest rooms and suites, all with free Wi-Fi. The on-site conference centre is the largest in the area.

About Coast Hotels

Coast Hotels is headquartered in Vancouver, British Columbia, with properties throughout British Columbia, Alberta, Northwest Territories, the Yukon, Alaska, Arizona, California, Oregon and Washington. Coast owns, manages and franchises properties in cities large and small, as well as resort destinations. As one of North America's growing – and Canada's largest - hotel brands, Coast owes its continued expansion to its commitment to exceptional service, prime locations, value, and guest satisfaction. Visit <u>coasthotels.com</u> or call 1.800.663.1144.

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