

Local Beer Served Here

OTTAWA CENTRE ECODISTRICT

Sustainable Beer Champions

Big Rig Brewery

Founded: June 2012

Availability: LCBOs in Ottawa and across Ontario. Bars & restaurants in Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto and Waterloo. Retail at the Big Rig Brew Pub and at their new production facility at 103 Schneider Rd in Kanata.

Seasonals: Big Rig has 8 full time styles accompanied by 2-4 seasonals including: Scotch Ale, ESB, Belgian Blonde, Saison, Dunkelweizen, Czech Pilsner, Schwarz bier, Pumpkin Porter, Harvest Ale, Gingerbread Porter, Raspberry Ale, and Triple Chocolate Cherry Milk Stout.

Local Impact: In their 3 locations (Schneider, Iris and Blair), Big Rig creates over 200 fulltime and part time jobs. They are also a visible community member, consistently participating in functions across the city for many organizations and charities like:

- Wine for Wishes (Children's Make a Wish Foundation)
- Gold Medal Plates (Canadian Olympic Foundation)
- Home Runs for Autism (CHEO Foundation)
- Manotick Miler (University of Ottawa Heart Institute)
- Iron Arse Ale (A special seasonal beer in which the proceeds go towards the Ride For Dad charity)
- Also, golf tournaments for Candlelighters, CHEO, The Sens Foundation and many more

Sustainability

Spent grain is provided to local farmers to be used as feed for livestock.

Growlers are returned, cleaned and re-used reducing waste.

Locally sourced ingredients are used for as many brews as possible.

- Hops for Big Rig's Harvest Ale are grown on Chris Phillips' Manotick farm

- Canadian 2 row malted barley is the base malt of most Big Rig beers

Green products as used as much as possible, like plant based plastic products for branded beer cups.

Inspiration

Big Rig is passionate about beer and committed to quality.

They use time honoured and perfected brewing traditions that have been passed down from brewmaster to brewmaster for centuries. These methods are steeped in artisan spirit and have the precision of science. Using these methods with their state of the art brewing system allows them to produce hand crafted beers that are pure, free of added chemicals and preservatives, full of flavour and rich in character.

Big Rig makes beer because they love beer. The satisfaction of a job well done is confirmed with the good times, new friendships and community that is formed around sharing a great pint.

For the love of beer.

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