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Stratford Chefs School and The Prune Restaurant announce unique alliance.

The Prune to operate out of Chefs School premises for summer of 2023.

Stratford Chefs School and **The Prune Restaurant** (The Prune) announced today a unique dimension to their longstanding business relationship, whereby The Prune will operate out of the Chefs School premises at 136 Ontario Street for the summer of 2023. This alliance represents a continuum of the strong bond between the two businesses, as Stratford Chefs School was co-founded in 1983 by **Eleanor Kane**, then co-owner of **The Old Prune** which, along with **Rundles Restaurant**, provided cooking facilities and invaluable dining room experience for the School's culinary arts students.

"This alliance is a real win/win," says Chefs School Board Chair, **Nigel Howard**, "a win for the School's summer program students, as well as an opportunity for The Prune to continue its operation during the summer season. For some time, the School has been looking for the best way to provide our Level 1 Summer Program students with quality dining room experience, and recently identified this as a strategic priority. It's going to be great for our students to have exposure to and gain first-hand experience in a top-level dining establishment."

The Prune Restaurant owners **Bill and Shelley Windsor** recently decided not to operate from their current Albert Street location, and the building is currently for sale.

"We're thrilled to see our historic alliance with Stratford Chefs School continue in this way," says **Shelley Windsor**. "This venture builds on our long-standing, symbiotic business relationship. While continuing to operate independently, both organizations are committed to creating an amazing and sustainable culinary recruitment pool for Stratford and surrounding areas. Our team looks forward to this opportunity to contribute to the School's programming, while wowing our guests once again this summer with the exceptional food and service that is so much part of The Prune brand."

Formerly branded as The Prune Restaurant, **The Prune @ Stratford Chefs School** will operate on a partial sub-lease basis out of the School's dining premises at 136 Ontario Street from June 1st to September 30th, 2023.

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