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## AUBURN EXTENDS WARM WELCOME TACO BELL

AUBURN, ME. - The City of Auburn is pleased to welcome Taco Bell to 458 Center Street in the former Tim Hortons location. A ribbon cutting was held Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and Taco Bell is open for business. The new location is larger than most of their stores - the largest in Maine, in fact - and may be the largest in New England.

Auburn Mayor Jonathan LaBonté is pleased by the new arrival. "Center Street in Auburn has long been the commercial center of Lewiston-Auburn. I'm excited to see buildings along the corridor repurposed with significant new investment and this is another example."

Wednesday's ribbon cutting was well-attended and hot fresh tacos, burritos and chalupas were enjoyed by all. Attendees included Mayor LaBonté; James Pross, Auburn City Councilor Ward 1; members of Auburn's Economic Development Staff and many other local Taco Bell fans.

Taco Bell is hiring at the Auburn store and offering positions with competitive wages at all levels in new restaurants throughout Maine. Hugo Cardenas, Director of Operations for Maine said, "We are excited to serve our community and to bring the Taco Bell experience to the City of Auburn. Stop in for lunch, dinner or a job application any time."

"The City of Auburn is open for business, said Acting City Manager Denis D'Auteuil. "We appreciate this investment by Taco Bell in our community."

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Pictured left to right: Michael Chammings, Auburn's Director of Economic & Community Development; Hugo Cardenas, Taco Bell's Director of Operations for Maine; Auburn Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté; General Manager for Auburn Taco Bell, Stephanie Trejo; and Auburn's Ward 1 City Councilor, Jim Pross.