

# Time for a new romance

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Spring has sprung, and so has a new trend in dating for Calgary singles looking to partner up with Mr. or Mrs. Right.

An interactive alternative to the usual dating scene, services around Calgary such as Six Minute Dates Inc. and Round Table Events' Seven Minute Power Dates are sweeping past convention and offering high-speed encounters in minutes flat.

"It's so necessary these days," said Six Minute Dates Inc. co-owner Dana Blonde.

"It's an alternative for people who aren't interested in the bar scene, or not comfortable with Internet dating. It's a great way for nice people to meet in a safe environment."

And contrary to many other dating services where women are in hot demand, Blonde said she and her partner Christine Hart can hardly keep up with the abundance of attractive single women who want a piece of the action.

"There are obviously a lot of single men in Calgary, but we really need to get some good ones out just to catch up with all the women who are waiting anxiously," she said.

Organized power dating pairs up couples at a set venue for a few minutes of getting to know each other before they move on to the next prospective partner. Then, each person submits his or her choices who are later notified by their hosts through e-mail.

For singles looking for more information on Calgary's power dating services, contact [www.sixminutedates.com](http://www.sixminutedates.com) or [www.RoundTableEvents.com](http://www.RoundTableEvents.com).

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**MATCH-MAKERS ...** Dana Blonde, left, and Christine Hart have started a speed-dating business in Calgary where singles meet and spend six minutes together to see whether or not they click.