Shediac Pizza Delight back in business

New location rises from ashes of January fire

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The new Pizza Delight in Shediac. PHOTO: RON WARD TIMES & TRANSCRIPT

Three weeks into 2014, disaster struck for the owners, staff, and customers of the Shediac Pizza Delight restaurant. Now with two weeks left to 2014, the new year is looking a whole lot brighter.

After a disastrous fire last January, the Shediac Pizza Delight at <u>526 Main St.</u> has been rebuilt and is better than ever, now featuring a Scores Rotisserie Chicken and Ribs in addition to all Pizza Delight's menu items.

Scores is a restaurant chain that is famous in Quebec and Ontario for its rotisserie chicken, ribs, all-you-caneat soup and salad, their fruit bar and more. This opening is the 12th co-branded location for Pizza Delight.

"Pairing our Pizza Delight menu with the Scores menu gives our customers even more choice and variety that they come back again and again" said Pizza Delight's Amber Coggan Imbeault in a press release.

The new restaurant reflects an updated décor concept that Pizza Delight has adopted, including new lighting, tables, flooring, fireplaces and historical photographs of the local area.

The old location at the same site was destroyed by fire over two days last winter. On Jan. 23, fire broke out and travelled through false walls and wiring in the roughly 60 year old original building, which had seen multiple renovations over the years.

Firefighters thought they had got the fire completely extinguished. The damaged portion was cordoned off and electricity was re-established to keep the building heated and refrigerators running.

Unfortunately, as often happens in older structures especially, the fire reignited in the wee hours when no one was around to detect and stop its spread.

By the time the secondary fire was spotted the following day, the it was too advanced to be stopped. Despite the combined efforts of Shediac and Dieppe firefighters, the restaurant was soon fully engulfed and a complete loss

At the time, co-owners Julien Boudreau and John Mazerolle vowed they would reopen and get their 30 employees back to work.