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Our Mission: We support and promote our Business Community through advocacy, education and communication

Our Thanks and our Welcome



Thank you Mayor Ruttan

The Chamber of Commerce expresses its thanks to outgoing Mayor Mike Ruttan for his hard work and dedication to Port Alberni. Mr. Ruttan accomplished quite a bit during his tenure and must be acknowledged for his commitment to the community. He led with conviction and he helped forge relationships with major players who are now investing in Port Alberni. He did much more than can be summarized here. Well done Mike; and thanks!

The Chamber also expresses its thanks to outgoing Councilors: Chris Alemany, Denis Sauve and Jack McLeman. Mr. McLeman was a staple at Chamber Board Meetings for many years. We'll miss him!

Welcome Her Worship
Mayor Sharie Minions

The Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome Her Worship Mayor Sharie Minions to her new role as Mayor of Port Alberni. Ms. Minions brings a wealth of experience to the role after serving the last four years as a well-respected and admired City Councilor. She was also the City's representative on the Chamber Board and through that role she brought many ideas to the forefront for us.

We have no doubt that Ms. Minions will represent Port Alberni extremely well.

We also welcome returning Councilors Mr. Ron Paulson and Mr. Dan Washington to Council. They were / are both capable and committed leaders for Port Alberni. Ms. Cindy Solda - it's nice to see her back in a Council chair. She knows her stuff, she is a voice for Port Alberni and she of course brings her wealth of experience to the table. Newcomers Helen Poon and Ron Corbeil look to be huge assets for Port Alberni. Ms. Poon is known to the Chamber as a local Business owner / Investor and Chamber Supporter. We are thrilled to see her at the table. And last, but not least..., it's wonderful to see Ms. Debbie Haggard on Council. Ms. Haggard has been a Chamber Director for many years and most recently was the Chair of our Board. Her shoes cannot be filled. Impossible task. I wouldn't want to be next in line....

We also recognize the commitment of all who ran in the Election. Whether elected or not it is clear that those folks have the best interests of Port Alberni in mind. We're fortunate.



Congrats also to our School District Trustees - an easy group to overlook yet vital to the health and future of Port Alberni. Our respect to all who participated. The team now looks like this:

Larry Ransom, Pam Craig, John Bennie and Rosemarie Buchanan have all been re-elected to the board. New trustees include Connie Watts and Christine Washington

Do yourself a favour.....Book Tickets - LSOH

The Portal Players Dramatic Society have once again outdone themselves! This production is wonderful. Put it in your calendar - don't delay because tickets will become very hard to get. [Find tickets here](#)

PORTAL PLAYERS DRAMATIC SOCIETY PRESENTS AT THE CAPITOL THEATRE



LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Book & Lyrics by Howard Ashman • Music by Alan Menken
Based on the film by Roger Corman, Screenplay by Charles Griffith

On Select Dates from October 17 - November 3

OPENING NIGHT FUNDRAISING GALA on October 17

TICKETS › INFO › PODCAST: WWW.ATTHECAPITOL.ORG

Dinner Meeting - Wednesday, November 7 @ 5:30pm

- Games and Swag on Site courtesy of BCLC
- Prizes for someone(s).
- This will BE OUR FEATURE DINNER MEETING OF THE YEAR!

Chances RimRock



Reserve your seat here.

Hosted by the BCLC
and Alberni Valley
Chamber of Commerce -
join us!

Our Agenda:

5:30pm Networking

6:10pm Dinner

6:40pm Chamber Welcome

6:45pm Self Introductions

7:00pm Her Worship Mayor
Sharie Minions

7:15pm Mr. Ron Paulson -
Major announcement - the 'H'



word

7:20pm - Peter Wienold - The Capitol Theatre - Major announcement for July 2019

7:25pm - Mr. Paul Desmarais - VP Corporate Security and Compliance - BCLC

7:45pm - Ms. Deb McLelland - Executive Director - Kamloops Chamber of Commerce

8:05pm - Closing words - Chamber of Commerce

Jeepers Creepers returns....Oct 26-28 McLean Mill. [More information here](#)



Jump on Board the Haunted Train or simply meet out at the McLean Mill. Friday, Saturday, Sunday nights - 5:00pm - 8:00pm. October 26, 27, 28

- **Food Trucks - including Mini- Donuts**
- **Beer Garden on Saturday night**
- **Dr. Slime/Mad Jenn - Science Show**
- **Scarecrow Maze**
- **Pumpkin bowling**

Pictures from last year right [Here](#) [About the Photographer](#)



GOVERNANCE TRAINING WORKSHOP

Thursday, November 8, 2018 - Governance Training Workshop - Hosted by the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce

[Register Here - Space is limited!](#)

Accepting WAIT LIST SPOTS ONLY.

CALL US: 250.724.6535

Take your board to a **whole new level!**

BOARD GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP



Presented by:
Deb McClelland
Executive Director
Kamloops Chamber of Commerce

Date: Thursday, November 8, 2018

Time: 10:00am-3:00pm

Location: Chances Rim Rock

Cost: Members & Not-for-Profits | \$80.00+GST

Members Tbl of 6 | \$475.00+GST

Non-Members | \$125.00+GST

RSVP: bill@albernichamber.ca
250.724.6535

This workshop is designed to inform, educate and assist both volunteer **board members** and **staff** about **governance best practices** and the **effective operation** of a board.

Some of the **strategies** and **best practices** you will learn in this dynamic and highly engaging workshop include:

- Principles for governing your organization
- The seven components of good governance
- The board/CEO partnership
- Sample terms of reference for committees and boards
- Board & CEO roles, responsibilities & authority
- Developing board agendas & the consent agenda
- CEO performance evaluation
- Policies you need

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FREE Evening Workshops & Lunch N Learns
Featuring local experts and business owners

OCTOBER 25 & NOVEMBER 1, 2, 15, 16, 23



Register today!
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**Workshops FREE TO ATTEND start NEXT
Thursday evening 6:30pm.**

**Thursday's topic - Boring...really boring.
Insurance.**

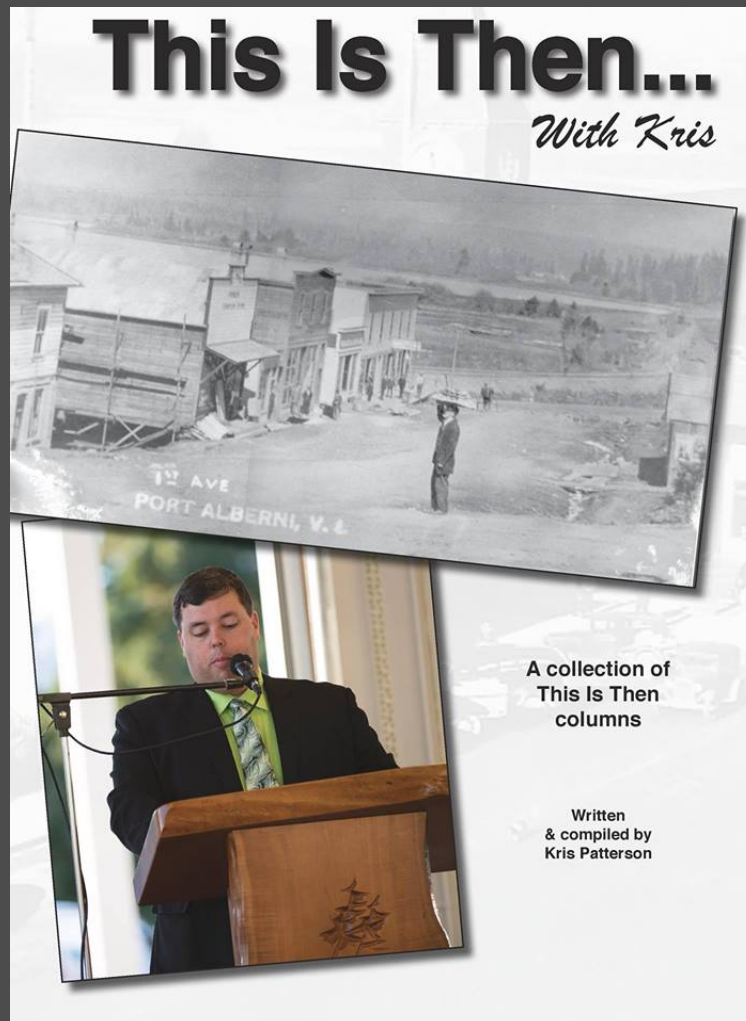
Featured Speakers - two groups:

- **Ramon and Tara speaking about the Chambers Group Insurance Plan.**
 - Will you ever need Group Insurance?
 - Nothing will go wrong, right?
 - What about your spouse?
 - Your child?
 - Your employee(s)?
 - Do you travel?
 - Have teeth?
 - Do you ever have trouble recruiting or keeping staff? Hmmm?
- **Bob Collette - former Adjuster with Adjusters Canada will speak about the what ifs...you know 'what if' you do need to leverage your insurance?**
 - he looked after multiple claims during the Kelowna Fires. Won't happen here....or could it?
 - he looked after the Montreal Ice Storms, Winnipeg Floods and other major catastrophes.
 - he might scare you.....

[Email Reana to register Full schedule for the Fall](#)

[right here](#)

This is Then Book Launch. Thursday, November 1 (7pm - 10pm) @ Echo Center.



Do you have an interest in Food Recovery, Food Waste, Redistribution? This is an interactive workshop where your input and ideas will count.

Wednesday, October 24th 1:00pm - 4:00pm - Black Sheep Rugby Club. [Contact Genevieve here](#)

IMPROVING THE
FOOD ACCESS
SYSTEM THROUGH
RECOVERY AND
REDISTRIBUTION OF
AVAILABLE FOOD

OCT 24, 2018 1:00-4:00PM
NOVEMBER 14, 2018 9:00-5:00PM

ARE YOU A PLAYER IN THE
FOOD RECOVERY SYSTEM?
YOU ARE INVITED!



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