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



One of the newest Members of the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce has stepped up to be our **TITLE SPONSOR** for the Community Excellence Awards version 2.19. *Our theme by the way.....THE LOVE BOAT. Three weeks later the first of three CRUISE SHIPS ARRIVE IN PORT ALBERNI.*

This article really describes some of their many accomplishments here in Port Alberni over the past 12 + months. Pretty incredible.

A couple of highlights within the article:

- 40 new employees
- \$100 million over next five years
- 100 new employees over next five years - most of them in Port Alberni.
- *"Without a doubt, we can say that we are the only mill operation that has been adding shifts."* Kamal Sanghera - San Group CEO

- Here is the article

And while you're at it.....check out This Video



Current Councilor and Mayoral Candidate Ms. Sharie Minions takes the lead during our October 3rd Coffee with the Candidate forum. Ms. Minions has been the Council Representative on the Chamber Board and we thank her in advance for her hard work and commitment over the past four years. Well done and thanks Sharie!

[Book your seat here](#)



Visit with us at Smitty's on Wednesday, October 3rd @ 10:00am.



Two All-Candidates Forums this week:

- Wednesday, October 3rd 7:00pm @ the Italian Hall and Events Centre - Councillor Candidates.
- Thursday, October 4th 7:00pm @ the Italian Hall and Events Centre - Mayoral Candidates



Your Chamber of Commerce is here to support and promote local business. Community



PADLC

means

Port Alberni District Labour Council

by acronymsandlang.com

THE Port Alberni District Labour Council is your way of connecting to the benefits of membership.

A wonderful local facility that we often use - including for our annual Community Excellence Awards (coming to you. 04.26.19)

[Find them here!](#)

Excellence Awards, #TryHomeFirst, the Paper Chase, Networking Meetings, Business Training Programs, Tri-Conic and No. 7 Challenge, Visitor Centre, Light-Up Alberni, Breakfast with Santa - 2017, Member Spotlights, Member Benefits Programs, Policy Initiatives and Development, Civic Affairs, Proponent of MRDT (ask us how to help with that one). And much more. PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Small Business Walks 1pm - 3pm

On **Tuesday October 9**, 2018 the Chamber is participating in Business Walks Program through Port Alberni. We're looking for 12- 16 volunteers to join us for this fun and productive day of interviews. Please call our office to join the team! 250.724.6535.

1:00pm - 3:00pm - at the Chamber Office

I'm on this team....



On October 10th we'll see you once again at Smitty's to learn what Mr. Wright's platform is.



Mayoral Candidate and local Businessman Mr. Kevin Wright will be our guest on the 10th of October. Mr. Wright is a former Board Member for the Chamber of Commerce and a winner of a past Community Excellence Award.

[Book your seat here](#)



DYK that there is a referendum coming shortly after the Civic Elections? Join us on October 10th to here the messaging.

Chamber Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, October 10

Hospitality Inn 5:30pm - 8:30pm.

Seating will be limited. Register [HERE](#)

Three Guest Speakers:

Dale Wheeldon speaks on Disaster Management and how to do business in such circumstance

Bob Plecas speaks on the Proportional Representation - he is for maintaining the current First Past the Post system

Jamie Death speaks on the same topic however he is speaking in favour of the proposed system.

Learn a bit more in advance of this meeting...

[Right Here](#)



Dale has 26 years of economic development experience. Starting out as an economic development officer in a rural BC community he received a number of awards including for his economic development website, community profile and investment attraction marketing. From there Dale moved on to Chilliwack, BC, with a population base of 80,000, where he was Director of Economic Development for the Chilliwack Economic Partners Corporation.

[Read more here](#)



Jamie Deith is a Vancouver Island businessman who has lived in Courtenay for 15 years. He is co-founder and President of Pacific Sleep Care, Vancouver Island's most successful sleep therapy provider. He is also the founder and CEO of Eagle Graphite, which owns western North America's only graphite quarry. Prior to this he was at TD Securities, where he was Global Co-head of the Customized Solutions financial derivatives group. Over his 12-year career at the bank, he was stationed at various times in Toronto Ontario, in London UK, and Dublin Ireland. He has also lived in Germany, meaning that he has experienced first hand most of the voting systems involved in the upcoming referendum, including of course the current first past the post system.

Mr. Deith has a degree in Systems Design Engineering, and has analyzed in depth virtually all voting systems in use



Meet Bob Plecas


Bob is a former senior public servant in BC, including a role as Deputy of a Ministry that included the Elections Branch, where significant policy changes were enacted during his tenure.

He headed up negotiations in the softwood lumber trade action between Canada and the US and has helped successfully mediate litigious land disputes between First Nations and industry. He is a best-selling author and a keen political observer, returning for a third time to accept a leadership role in defending our current voting system.

BOOK YOUR SEAT SOON FOR THIS EVENT.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018

5:30PM - 8:30PM



today, as well as several systems that have never been used for elections. He has no official role in any of the referendum campaigns, nor with any political party, and speaks as an independent citizen for this event.

HOSPITALITY INN

[REGISTER for the event HERE](#)

Oh and by the way....if you register for the above Dinner Meeting you ALSO register automatically for the November 7th Dinner Meeting. That's right TWO for the price of ONE!

**Making Resilience and Recovery Seminar -
Thursday, October 11 - [Register here](#)**

Making Resilience and Recovery the New Norm for Your Business

Thursday, October 11, 2018

8:30am to 3:30pm

Port Alberni City Hall, Council Chambers
4850 Argyle Street, Port Alberni V9Y 1V8

We have all heard the stories of the disasters that have impacted communities and business. The fact is that the number of disasters happening around the world, including BC, is increasing and going to continue to get worse. **IT IS THE NEW NORM.** But you can survive.

Is your business ready for a disaster? Do you know what kind of disasters to expect? Would you be in business today if an evacuation order had taken you from your business for days or weeks? Is your current plan sufficient for your business to survive if your building is destroyed by an event? What about your employees? Where are your records stored?

As a Canadian leader in Economic Disaster Recovery, BCEDA has worked with communities and businesses in BC, Southern Alberta, Saskatchewan and the US Virgin Islands on both preparing for and overcoming the impacts of disasters.

Benefits of attending:

- Get the templates you need to develop an effective continuity plan
- Prepare a risk assessment to identify vulnerabilities
- Learn about options for critical information storage
- Assess whether you have the appropriate insurance
- Learn examples of business continuity from various disaster including those in BC, Alberta and the US Virgin Islands
- Get your business recovery team organized
- Provincial and other resources to help in your recovery
- How to get emergency government procurement contracts in the event you are not impacted

Cost to attend: \$50.00 per person (includes lunch)

Registration is required: [Click here to register](#)

SPEAKERS



DALE WHEELDON
President & CEO,
BC Economic Development
Association



COLLEEN BOND
Disaster Recovery Partner,
BC Economic Development
Association



JOHN JOHNSTONE
Manager, Stakeholder
Engagement; Office of Small
& Medium Enterprises
Public Services and
Procurement Canada



Public Works and
Government Services
Canada

Travaux publics et
Services gouvernementaux
Canada



THE CITY OF
Port Alberni



Meet the Candidate. Gary Robertson.
10:00am - 11:30am Wednesday, October
17th.



[Book your Seat Here](#)



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



Wonderful Opportunity!

[Find out more here](#)

In early September I witnessed one of the best presentations I've ever seen. Crafted by the Owner of JELLY DIGITAL MARKETING it was simply fantastic.

Their team are bringing the training to Nanaimo between October 26-28. It's well worth the investment for anyone wishing to venture in to this fast growing field. Read the article on the link below to find out more and to register.

Clear your calendars if you're in the game of Marketing and PR

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

Chances RimRock



Reserve your seat here. If you've purchased a ticket for Oct 10th please call us to confirm your plans for this meeting. If not, and you're just coming to this meeting please purchase ticket here

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

This Meeting is really shaping up well! Three Guest Speakers and NO Charge for anyone who purchased a ticket for the October 10th Meeting. Two for the price of ONE!

Hosted by AVCOC and the BCLC our speakers include:

Brad Desmarais Bio:

Brad provides leadership and strategic direction for gaming facilities, marketing and product development as well as operational responsibility for the delivery of products and services for players and business partners.

Brad joined BCLC in February 2013 as VP of Corporate Security & Compliance. His responsibilities included all aspects of security, compliance, legal services, privacy and Freedom of Information administration. [More here](#)

Mr. Peter Wienold - The Capitol Theatre - BIG Plans for 2019!

and Deb McLelland Bio:

Deb McClelland has served on many boards over the past 35+ years,



some following the policy governance model, most not. She has studied board governance for over 18 years and has become the go-to person for chambers across the province in all matters pertaining to governance.

Deb began her career at the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce in 1999. [More here](#)

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

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

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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KAMLOOPS CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE

Some examples of our Uniforms, and....similar products will be available for purchase soon at the Visitor Center.



A career with Catalyst Paper - Port Alberni

Job Posting

September 2018

Junior Accountant, Port Alberni Division

Make a bold move for the career you have always wanted. Where your skills are valued, your goals are supported, and a balanced lifestyle comes naturally.

Catalyst Paper is western North America's largest producer of mechanical printing paper and manufactures a broad range of high quality products ideally suited to our times. With mills in Western Canada, Catalyst serves a global customer base that includes retailers, publishers and commercial printers. We are recognized for our industry-leading customer service and a focus on environmental sustainability demonstrated by partnerships and certifications that underscore our commitment. Catalyst offers a competitive compensation and benefits package, and the unique opportunity to advance your career in an innovative and dynamic business that values great ideas and rewards performance.

The Port Alberni Division has an opening in their Finance team for an Accountant. Reporting to the Controller, this position is accountable for the efficient delivery and reporting of financial information.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Accountant plays a key role in month-end processes and many related accounting assignments. This position participates in key initiatives and provides manufacturing cost, operating and financial analysis to support business decisions. The Accountant also plays a key role in the development of the annual operating plans for the mills. Strong leadership, communication, and variance analysis skills are vital to this position, as is the ability to build a working knowledge of the mill's cost structure and processes.

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

This is an excellent opportunity for an organized person who has completed, or is working toward, a CGA, CMA or CA designation. This person is a self-starter, proactive, has excellent PC skills (MS Office), and is a good communicator with an inquiring mind. This person has a demonstrated commitment to accuracy and diligence to the business process.

If you would like to join us for a strong future together, and you meet the requirements above, please apply without delay to www.catalystpaper.com/careers. Please note only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

[Interested? Follow this link to apply](#)

Coming VERY Soon! Workshops and Lunch 'n Learns. NO CHARGE to attend! Presented by Skilled Professionals in their trade.

[Email Reana to register](#)

GET ALL UP IN YOUR BUSINESS:

Professional Development for Entrepreneurs (and Almost-Preneurs)

Fall 2018 Schedule

LUNCH N' LEARNS
12:00pm-1:00pm

WORKSHOPS
6:30pm-8:30pm

FREE!

- Oct 26: Topic coming soon!
- Nov 2: The Mental Work of Business Ownership
- Nov 16: Funding Opportunities in the Valley
- Oct 25: Critical Insurance for Business
- Nov 1: Financial Management
- Nov 15: Managing Staff Relations

Lunch is provided!

@ the Chamber of Commerce, 2533 Port Alberni Highway

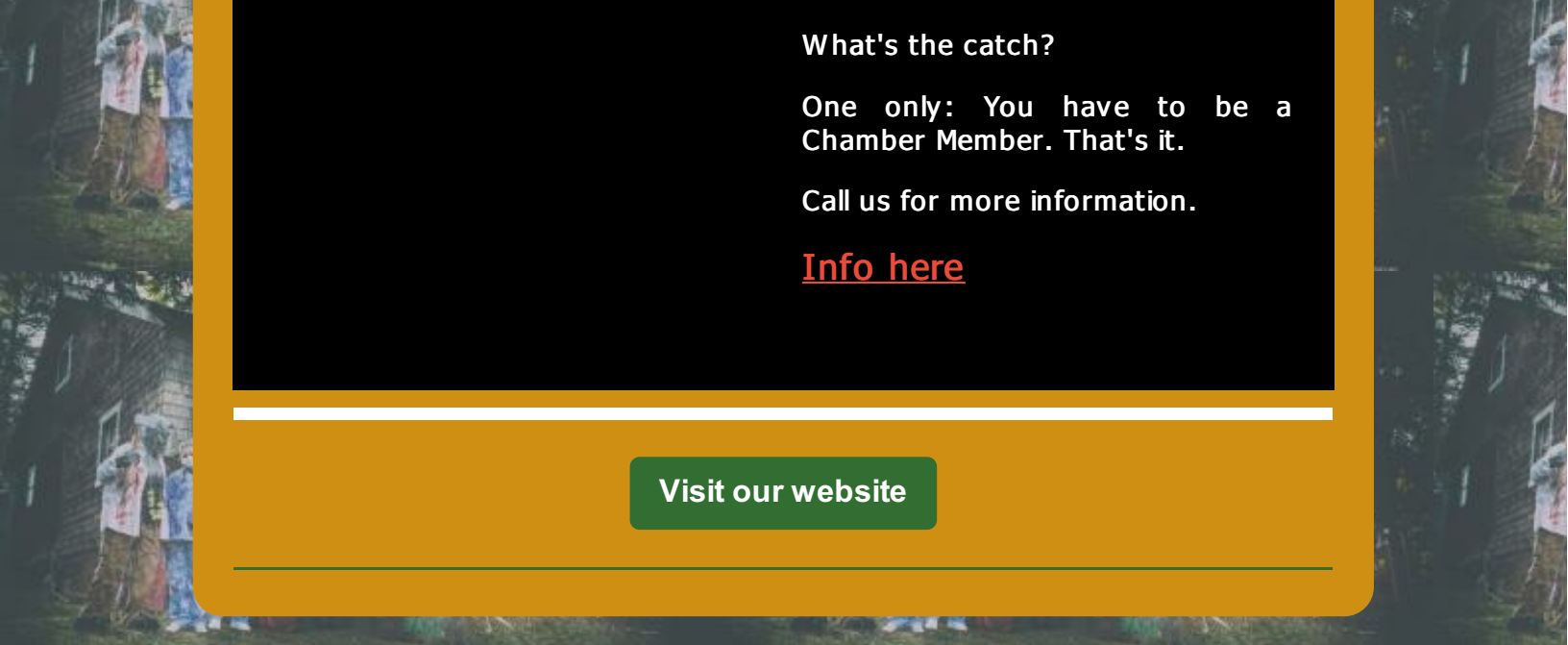
Register today! 250-724-6535 reana@albernichamber.ca albernichamber.ca



Paying too much?

Three weeks ago I walked in to a local Chamber Member to spend some hard earned money. A major local business with many employees and significant sales. Known by you as Alberni Industrial Marine. When I paid I noticed that they use FIRST DATA but I also knew that I didn't know that. So, after chatting with ownership I made some calls on their behalf and....like others before them: Houle Printing, Clydesdale Automotive etc. AIM are now going to save even more on their annual fees for Payment Purchases. Note that due to their volume AIM were already receiving a very favourable rate.

Do you receive payments? Bet you do! First Data are linked to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and pretty much guarantee best industry rates for Chamber Members.



What's the catch?

One only: You have to be a Chamber Member. That's it.

Call us for more information.

[Info here](#)

Visit our website
