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Light Up Alberni





This year our friends at Home Hardware are sponsoring the Residential side of the Light Up Program. Our winners as selected through our Website will receive a \$100.00 gift card for 1st prize, \$75.00 for 2nd and a \$50.00 GC for 3rd. Nice eh! [Register your home here](#)



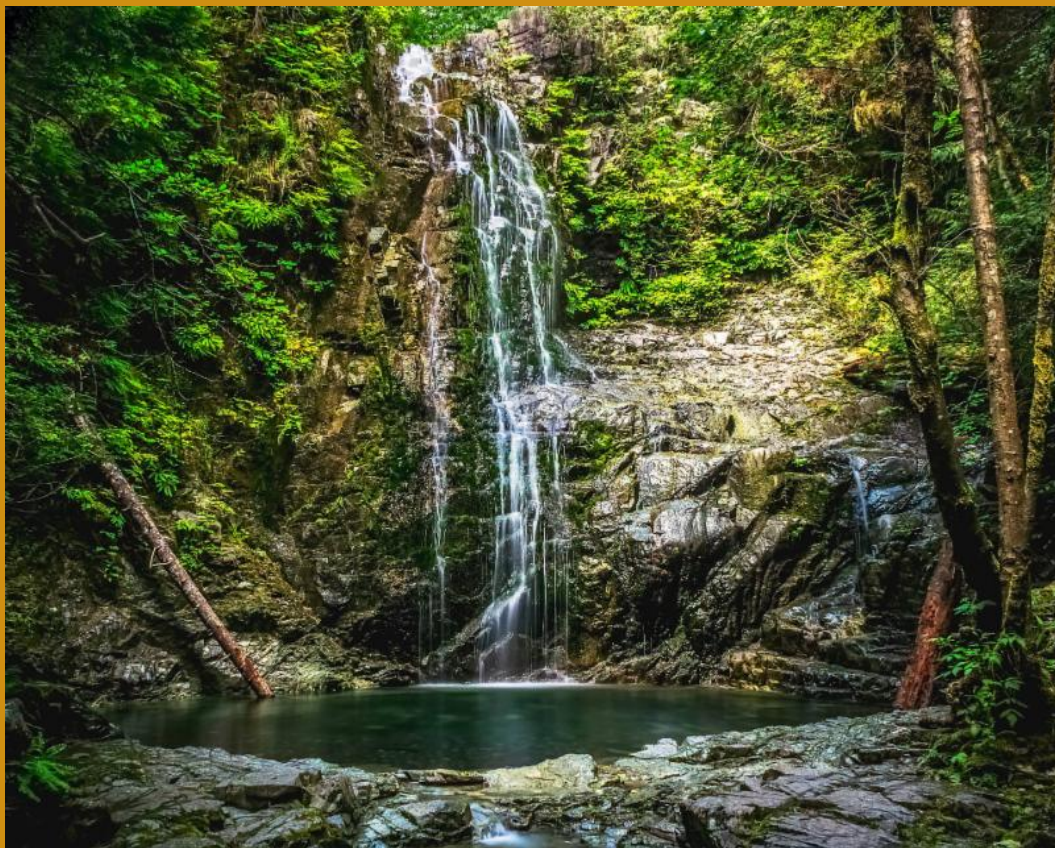
Our friends at Canadian Tire are the sponsors for the Commercial side of the contest this year. Same deal! \$100.00 gift card for 1st, \$75.00 for 2nd and \$50.00 for 3rd. Again: [Register your business here](#)

Tours happen this Sunday night (and on Sunday, Dec 23) starting at Naesgaard's Farm Market 6pm, 7:30pm and 9pm. Visit our Site to book a seat on the bus and/or to Vote for your picks on who has the best Light Displays - both Businesses and Residences. [Vote, Register and Book here](#)

Kudos to the [Blue Marlin Inn](#) for once again organizing and hosting the Annual Sail Past!



The Two photographs you've enjoyed so far....Courtesy of [Lyndon Cassell Photography](#)



Speaking of Photos

The Chamber of Commerce AND the AV News are Co-producing the 2019 Visitor Guide for the Alberni Valley. THE BIGGEST GUIDE YET AT 48 PAGES.

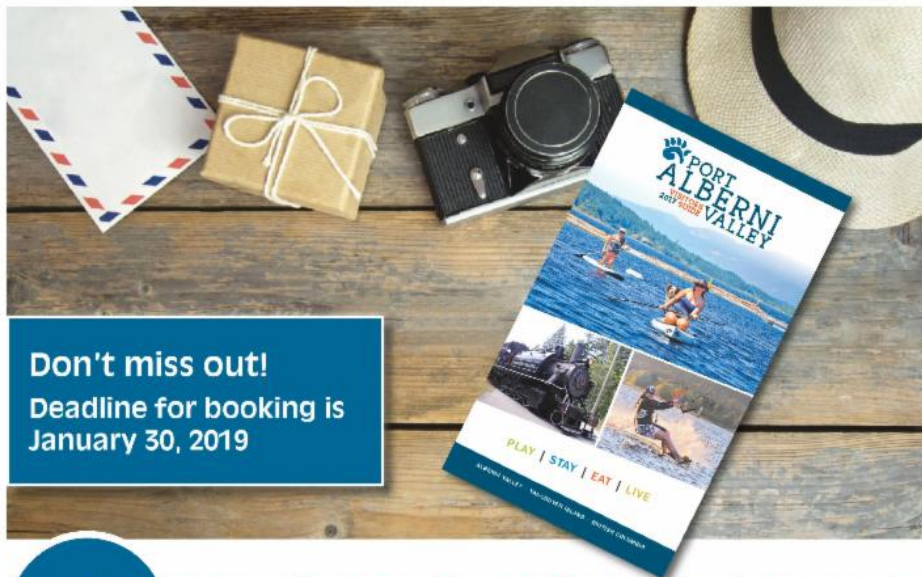
We're looking for....PHOTO'S. Do you have some? Gather them then watch our site and the AV News sites for information on a PHOTO CONTEST to Showcase your work and our Community. There will be some C\$SH awarded to the Winner who's art will be showed on the COVER of the Guide. Other pictures may show up inside the Guide.

Watch for updates on how this contest works in early January.

Picture above by Photographer Darran Chaisson (Wiener Falls)

Chamber and AV News developing the Visitor Guide for 2019

- 48 Pages - biggest guide ever
- Chamber Members receive a 10% advertising discount
- Chamber Members included in guide listing for Restaurants, Hotels, Motels, B&B's
- Guide placed on the BC Ferries, at Island Visitor Centres, distributed locally and nearby



Don't miss out!
Deadline for booking is
January 30, 2019

VISITORS' GUIDE 2019

RATES:

Premium Full Page.....	\$2,000
(Back Inside Back or Inside Front Page)	
Full Page.....	\$1,800
1/2 Page.....	\$1,000
1/4 Page.....	\$650
1/8 Page.....	\$450
Directory Display Ad.....	\$199
Directory Listing Only.....	\$99
(free for Chamber members or with Display ad booking)	

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- Comox and Nanaimo Airports
- Visitor Centres on Vancouver Island

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Alberni Valley Chamber
members!

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NEWS

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Thursday, December 20

- 6pm - 10pm
- [Char's Landing](#)
- Wine/Cheese by [Pressed Events](#)
- Guest Presentation - Ministry of Transportation - CATHEDRAL GROVE
- Guest Presentation - [Tourism Vancouver Island](#)
- Ambassador of the Year Award - Chamber of Commerce - Sponsored by: [Bare Bones Fish and Chips](#)
- Music by: Doug Gretsinger - Doug is a Guitarist specializing in Jazz, Classical and Bosa Nova. A member of the Codi Band who often play at Deez and the Shady Rest in QB. [See Doug here](#)

This event is open to all. Please register [here](#) - \$20.00pp

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Our Title Sponsor for 2019
is THE SAN GROUP!

Other Sponsors will be
named Shortly

The Props are turning for the
Community Excellence Awards
version 2.19. Here's what you

need to know now:

- April 26, 2019
- Italian Hall and Events Center
- Event Planning by Pressed Events
- Theme of THE LOVE BOAT
- Emcee - Ms. Naomi Nicholson
- Guest Speaker - Someone from the Cruise Ship Industry
- Catering by Chances Rim Rock
- Music by Alberni Teens Can Rock
- Nominations are NOW OPEN
- **NOMINATE**
HERE



The SAN GROUP recently won TWO major awards!

- EXPORTER OF THE YEAR PRETIGIOUS OVERALL
- EXPORTER OF THE YEAR NATURAL RESOURCES

See our acknowledgement of these awards in next weeks' edition of the AV News.

[Visit Kamal and team here](#)

Chamber Advocacy - it's what

we do.

AVCOC Aligns with BC Chamber and 17 other Island Chambers to press Government into further talks regarding the Critical Habitat zones along the west coast of Vancouver Island. More consultation is needed as is more science. The Chamber(s) want to ensure the well-being of the SRKW & the hundreds of Island Businesses that contribute significantly to the economic health of Vancouver Island. [See one of more than 300 Media hits across the Country](#)



Find this information in your Renewal Packages. A new Chamber Membership Benefit. Could you be doing anything better in your business? Is their waste that you generate that perhaps you don't need to? We look forward to 'our internal audit here' knowing full well that we don't do everything right. Hopefully we do something right...We'll find out soon! Note the 50% Discount EXCLUSIVE to Chamber Members.



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THE DETAILS

The Vert-Biz Assessment Program is designed to provide an introduction to sustainable business practices. Our consultants dedicate one-on-one time to walk through your place of business and review your current operations. We highlight what you are doing well, and areas that can be improved upon. The assessment of your business is organized through a report so that you can clearly see how your business is doing in relation to green business standards.

THE COST

\$300.00

50% OFF
For AVCO
MEMBERS

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- 1 Hr business walk through
- 1 Hr green business planning and overview
- Assessment Report
- Resource package for green business next steps
- Vert-Biz Initial assessment badge added to your AV chamber member profile

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Chamber welcomes Kazakhstan and then
Switzerland - Sold - out Multiplex!



The West Coast General Hospital Foundation is looking for support for much needed equipment. [Please consider - here](#)

**We need your help to reach our goal of \$100,000.00
for the purchase of this
much-needed Ultrasound equipment.**



West Coast General Hospital Foundation

3949 Port Alberni Highway, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 4S1

Phone: 250-731-1370 ext. 48148 www.wcghfoundation.com

Sign up at: wcghfoundation@viha.ca to receive future newsletters by email.

Workshops - Lunch 'n Learns returning soon!



The above program is a Workshop - planned for
February 7th 6:30pm - 8:30pm

- Other dates/topics include: LUNCH/LEARNS 12:00n - 1:00pm AVCOC Boardroom
- Look better using Photography - Feb 1
- Export Navigator - Feb 8
- Social Responsibility - Feb 22
- Succession Planning - March 1
- WORKSHOPS - 6:30pm - 8:30pm - AVCOC
- Graphic Design - Jan 31
- Social Media - Feb 7 (as above)
- Tax credits - CRA - Feb 21
- The art of your presence - Feb 28

[Find out more here](#)

[Register early with Reana](#)

Chamber taking a major role in the Welcome to the Maasdam. Do you have a skill-set to offer our team? Time on your hands? Able to roll up your sleeves? **[Let's meet](#)**



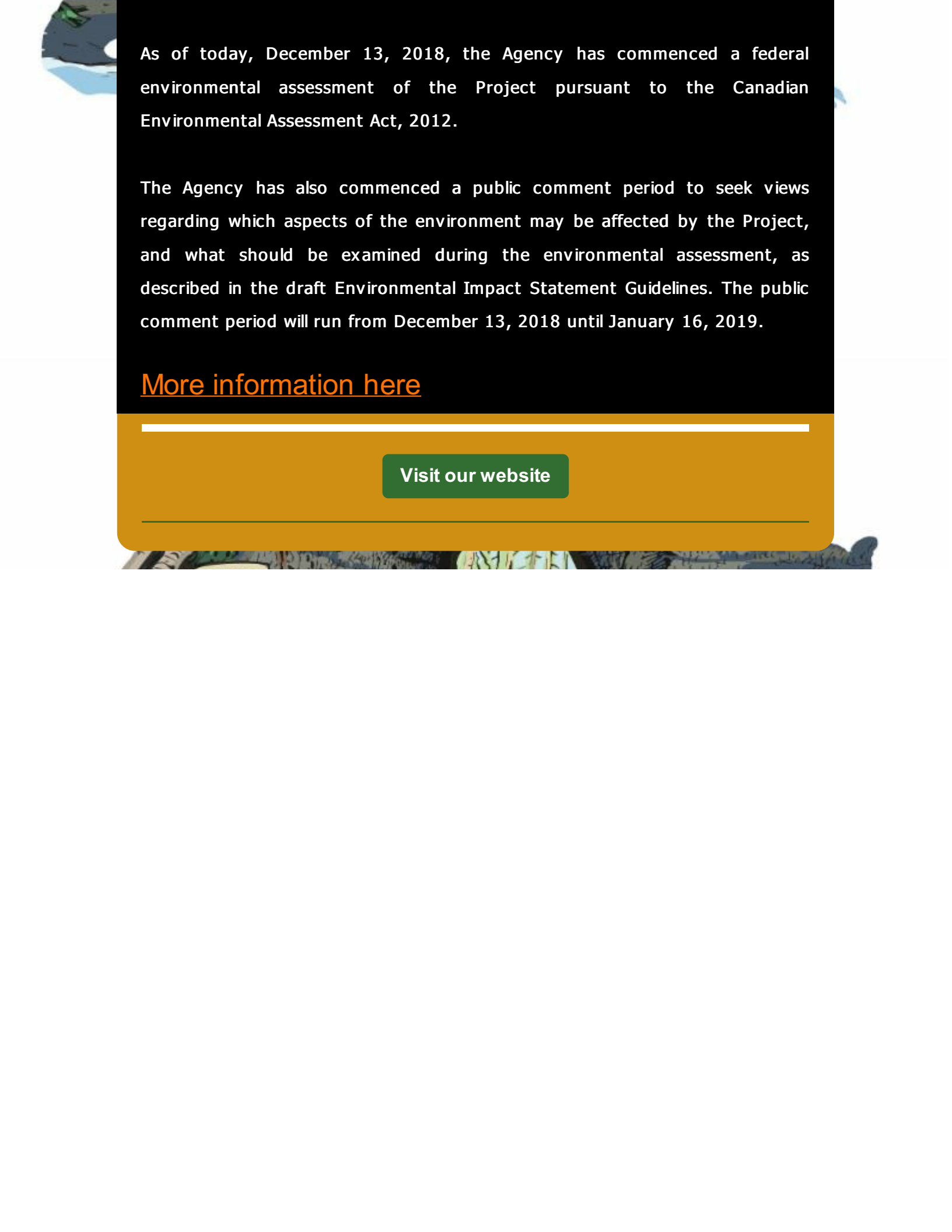
Take FIVE and Read about ACCELERATING THE PACE OF CHANGE

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency



Kwispaa LNG Project
- entering next phase

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, taking into account advice from federal departments and comments received from Indigenous groups and members of the public, has determined that a federal environmental assessment is required for the Kwispaa LNG Project, a proposed liquefied natural gas export facility located at Sarita Bay, about 10 kilometres northeast of Bamfield on Vancouver Island, British Columbia.



As of today, December 13, 2018, the Agency has commenced a federal environmental assessment of the Project pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012.

The Agency has also commenced a public comment period to seek views regarding which aspects of the environment may be affected by the Project, and what should be examined during the environmental assessment, as described in the draft Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines. The public comment period will run from December 13, 2018 until January 16, 2019.

[More information here](#)

Visit our website
