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Chamber Events

Up Next at the Chamber

An Even Dozen - Events Still to Come this Fall

[Gentlemen's Attire - Tips and Strategies at Outlooks for Men - Nov. 5, Noon](#)

[Benefits of Sleep - Nov. 13, Noon](#)

[Digital Media Advertising, Tools & Strategies - Nov. 18, 4:30](#)

[Duncan Cowichan Chamber AGM - Nov. 25, 5:30 pm](#)

[Mixer at Chemainus Village Computer Centre - Dec. 2, 5:30 pm](#)

[How to Save on Cell, Phone & Data Charges with Schooley Mitchell - Dec. 3, No](#)

And Save These Dates:

Mixer at Island Savings Nov. 6, 5:30 pm

New Members Breakfast - Nov. 6, 7:30 am

Making the Most of Your Chamber Mobile Listing Webinar - Dec. 2, 10 am

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*Thank you to our Chamber members who share their time, expertise and hospitality with the business community.*

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## Local News On-line

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Strategic Plan 2015/17](#)

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Analysis Tool](#)

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## Opportunities

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## Elections - Sat. Nov. 15

The Chamber salutes everyone who has stepped up and are standing for election in the upcoming November municipal, regional and School Trustee elections. We encourage everyone to participate, become familiar with issues and candidates' platforms - and of course to VOTE on November 15. Notices of All Candidates Meetings below. Please let us know of other forums.

Oct. 21, 7:30 pm - North Cowichan All Candidate Mtg. Hosted by Maple Bay Community Association (follows the at 7 pm) Maple Bay Fire Hall, 1230 Maple Bay Rd.

Oct. 29, 6:30 pm - Ladysmith All Candidates Meeting, Aggie Hall hosted by Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce

Oct. 29, 7 pm - School Trustees All Candidates Meeting - Centennial Hall, Lake Cowichan

Nov. 3, 7 pm - Town of Lake Cowichan All Candidates Meeting, Centennial Hall Lake Cowichan

Nov. 4, 8:00 am - All Candidates Meeting for the City of Duncan, Cowichan Green Community Meeting Room

[Municipality of North Cowichan](#) | [CVRD Election Information](#) | [City of Duncan](#) | [SD79 School Trustee Electic](#)

## Member News & Events

## Chamber News

**The Chamber recently launched our Business Advocacy Committee to a cross section of members**

On October 1, we held our first Business Advocacy Committee Forum, to launch our new committee and seek input from a cross section of our members. [Agenda and guest list from OCT 1 Forum](#) Thank you to our guests, who provided input to our process for receiving and reviewing business issues affecting businesses in the Cowichan. Advocacy input can now be submitted on our website: [Submission Form](#)

**Annual General Meeting of the Chamber set for Tuesday, NOV 25**

The Chamber Board will have a couple of vacant Director seats available at this upcoming AGM. If you have ever thought of serving on the Duncan Cowichan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, please let our Nominations Committee know of your interest. Contact Sonja Nagel, Executive Director at [manager@duncancc.bc.ca](mailto:manager@duncancc.bc.ca) or 250 748-1111 for a Board of Directors application form.

**Thanks and Congrats**

Congratulations Ehrlich Rural Woman of 2014

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**First Data - BC Chamber's merchant services provider - launches new website**

The new Chamber Merchant Services site by First Data is the Go-To-Source of information for our Chamber members. Get a quote to compare your current merchant services provider at:

[ChamberMerchantServices](#)  
[Check out the announcement here](#)

**Support the Chamber by advertising in Chamber News - NOV 19**



**News Leader Chamber News - Nov. 19 - Front Page Exposure & Centre Spread**

The News Leader is showing their support for the business community and pulling out all the stops to offer Chamber members enormous exposure at the lowest available prices. The quarterly [Chambers News appears in the Nov. 19 Cowichan News Leader](#). And for the first time - it will be a centre spread, meaning prime placement for members' ads, and keeping the business community front and centre with readers. The November Chamber News in the News Leader will feature the Chamber's processes and success in advocating for business. Booking deadline is Nov. 15 for the Nov. 19 issue.

[Chamber News Leader, Centre Spread in the Cowichan News Leader](#) - Nov. 19

Booking Deadline - Nov. 15

Contact a News Leader Representative about your ad:

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250.856.0050

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250-856-0052

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250.856.0054

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**It's Nomination Time!**

**Small Business BC Awards recognize the contribution and achievement of BC Small business owners**

Nominees have the chance to win \$1500 cash, SBBC All-Access Pass, Mentorship, Extensive Media Exposure. From October 1 - November 30, nominate your business or business you love in any of 10 categories.

[Check out Cowichan's very own Bamboletta Dolls success story](#). Christina Platt, Bamboletta Doll, was last year's winner of Best Community Impact Award.

Bamboletta Dolls was also featured in BC Business. [The Pros and Cons of Running your business in a small town](#)



### Also Nomination Time for the 15th Annual Vancouver Island Business Excellence Awards

Calling all Island companies which have had a good year of growth, expansion, or introduction of new products and/or services. The Awards Gala is set for January 22, 2015. Hayes Stewart Little and Company and RBC are major sponsors of the event. To nominate a business, visit [www.businessvi.ca/events](http://www.businessvi.ca/events) and click on Vancouver Island Business Excellence Awards to download a nomination form.

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### This Weekend & Coming Soon ...

#### Member News

#### Dynamic HR Solutions: Fall Lunch & Learn Skills Builder Series Thursday's - November 20, 2014

Bring your lunch and join us for 60 minutes of valuable learning, networking & discussion about specific HR-related topics.

**Nov. 6:** Making the Most of Your New Hires Probationary Period - **Facilitator:** Ginger Brunner, Dynamic HR Solutions

**Nov. 13:** Change Management & Resistance to Change - **Facilitator:** Ginger Brunner, Dynamic HR Solutions

**Nov. 20:** Whistle While You Work: Being Healthy & Happy in the Workplace - **Facilitator:** Wendy Bowen, Start Line Health & Wellness Group

[Lunch 'n Learn Skills Builder Series](#) at [Dynamic HR Solutions](#)

Thursdays - Oct. 23 - Nov. 20, Noon - 1:00pm

204, 64 Station St.

\$25.00/per person (plus tax) | Includes Handouts & Coffee/Tea/Water

[Register Online](#)

Contact us for details on these & other sessions E: [jassica@dynamichrsolutions.com](mailto:jassica@dynamichrsolutions.com) | T: 250-597-1901

#### Island Savings is recommending a new partnership with First West Credit Union

Members of Island Savings Credit Union will be asked to vote on Special Resolution for this unique and collaborative multi-brand model. The results of the voting on the resolutions will be announced on November 14, 2014. Happy to share this information video, featuring Andrew Higginson, Black Tie 2014 Award Winner, Small Business Award category.



Four stories, one vision

### [Cowichan Sportsplex - Referendum](#)

The November 15 CVRD election will contain a question on the ballot regarding the structure of funding for the Cowichan Sportsplex. Voters in the CVRD are asked to consider reclassifying the annual Sportsplex funding from a Grant-in-Aid, to a budget line item. Get some background on this important referendum via Shaw Go!Island's feature video:



"go! Island" visits the Cowichan Sportsplex on Shaw TV Duncan

Once Upon a Year DVD on sale at the Visitor Centre

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