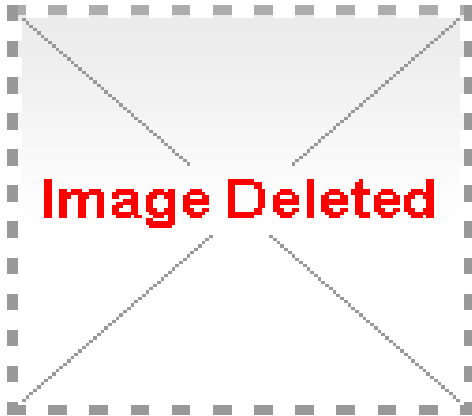


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### [Make Someone's Day - Nominate for Black Tie](#)

It's time to think about the people, businesses and organizations that you know are really special and nominate them for a Black Tie Award. There are 8 award categories to choose from covering: Business, Art, Volunteerism and Environmental Best Practices. Nominating is easy - everything is available online. Or [click here for a nomination form to download](#). Deadline is Jan. 31/16

[Nominate for the Black Tie Awards.](#)

*We contact all the nominees with the good news!*

[Watch the You-tube video showing how easy it is to nominate](#)



Chamber News & Events



### [Chamber Going to China - Info. Session Feb. 25](#)

The Chamber has partnered with Citslinc, the largest China tour providers in North America, and [Duncan Hill Travel](#) to offer an all-inclusive, eleven day tour of China. We join other Chambers across BC and Canada who have participated in this popular tour program. The trip is open to all Chamber members and their staff at an **all-inclusive price of \$2299 per person**, and the general public at \$2399 per person. The tour departs from Vancouver on October 4, 2016. Contact the Chamber for more information and plan to join us on February 25 for an orientation evening of what to expect on this 11 day tour of China.

**China Tour Information Session**

Thurs. Feb. 25, 5:30 - 7 pm

Cowichan Valley Inn, 6474 Trans Canada Hwy.

[Check out the China poster here](#)

[Email Sonja Nagel](#) to RSVP or call 250.748.1111

### [The Chambers Plan and RSP's with Glen Naylor - Jan. 26, Noon - 1 pm](#)

The Chambers Plan is the most popular insurance plan for companies with 50 or fewer employees in Canada .. and only available to Chamber members! Now members can also access RSP for themselves and their staff through the Chambers Plan. Attend this Lunch 'n Learn to learn about the advantages and enhancements of the Chambers Plan Insurance, and the new RSP's.

**Chambers Plan Insurance & RSP's with Glen Naylor**



## Business Resources

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## **Steelhead LNG Presents at Chamber Luncheon Thurs. Jan. 28**

Steelhead LNG is driving two LNG projects on Vancouver Island:

- Malahat Nation & Steelhead signed Mutual Benefits Agreement for a proposed [LNG facility on the Malahat waterfront](#) (formerly Bamberton). The facility would process up to 6 million tons annually for up to 30 years.
- Steelhead LNG and Huu-ay-aht First Nations are jointly developing the [proposed Sarita Bay project](#), about 10 km north of Bamfield on the west coast of Vancouver Island. The proposed Project would take natural gas from northeastern BC and Alberta, and process it into liquefied natural gas for export to Asia.



Steelhead LNG is a Vancouver-based energy company focused on LNG project development in British Columbia. Steelhead's commercial and technical expertise spans the LNG value chain. Come and hear about these initiatives and the potential for Vancouver Island and Cowichan.

### **Steelhead LNG Presents at Chamber Luncheon**

Thurs. Jan. 28, 11:30 am - 1 pm

Travelodge Siver Bridge Inn, 140 Trans Canada Hwy.

11:30 am Check in & Networking | 11:50 am Buffet & Presentation | 1 pm Wrap

\$29 Members | \$39 Non-Members

[Please Register Online](#)

5 Pack Members - RSVP to [chamber@duncancc.bc.ca](mailto:chamber@duncancc.bc.ca) or 250.748.1111

### **Consider Hosting a Mixer?**

Have you considered opening your business to Chamber Members by hosting a Business Mixer? These events are typically held from 5:30 p.m. - 7p.m. and includes hosting refreshments and light food. This is an excellent opportunity to get members and potential customers through the door to showcase your business and products. Sharing a mixer with other Chamber members is also an option. The Chamber promotes the event, administers the RSVP's and assists with gathering draw prizes (if you choose to include them). Mixers draw 20 - 40 attendees and are tons of fun. Contact Elizabeth or Sonja at the Chamber office to discuss some date options. [chamber@duncancc.bc.ca](mailto:chamber@duncancc.bc.ca)

### **Benefit Provider Shaw Sabey is Now Spark Insurance**

Spark Insurance offer nine types of nonprofit insurance in one package - more than any other Chamber of Commerce insurance provider in Canada.

- Nonprofit Directors and Officers Liability
- General Liability
- Contents and Assets Coverage
- Crime Liability
- Volunteer Injury (AD&D)
- Legal Expense



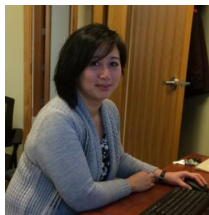
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**Additional help at the Chamber office to assist with Black Tie and Member Services - Volunteer Geoff Whitney-Brown and contractor Jennifer Yee Fairweather - WELCOME!**



**News from VIEA**

[Click here for VIEA news update - with highlights on the new BC Canada Job Grant](#)

**Chamber Events**

Feb. 3	<a href="#">Lunch 'n Learn: A New Hospital for Cowichan</a> <a href="#">Click here for the Regional Siting Study for the new hospital.</a>
Feb. 18	<a href="#">Luncheon: Mike Corrigan Pres. &amp; CEO BC Ferries Presenting</a>
Feb. 24	<a href="#">Social Media Trends for 2016 with Social Media is Simple</a>
Mar. 3	<a href="#">Breakfast: Business Leader Survey Results</a>
Mar. 5	<a href="#">Board Governance 101 Workshop</a> <i>NB: This session is 90% SOLD.</i>
Apr. 9	<a href="#">Black Tie Awards 2016</a>
Apr. 28	<a href="#">Luncheon: Greg Engle, CEO of Tilray (Medical Cannabis) Presenting</a>
May (Date tba)	Luncheon: MP Alistair MacGregor Presenting

**Business Leader Survey from MNP, Community Futures & the Chamber**

The survey is well underway, wrapping up the end of this month. If your business is called, please accept the call and participate in the survey. It will take 10 minutes max. Your input is valuable.

Cowichan's Business Leaders Survey is modeled after similar surveys conducted by MNP in BC and Canada; it is a short "pulse" survey to capture an economic snapshot of the local business climate and economic outlook for the Cowichan Region. The survey asks businesses for their take on hiring intentions, growth expectations, key challenges and opinions on key local issues. [Click here for full press release](#)

**Business Leader Survey Results Presentation - Breakfast - Mar. 3**

The results, and the economic outlook derived from the data, will be presented at a breakfast meeting on Thurs. Mar. 3 at the Cowichan Golf & Country Club. Registration information below.

[Business Leader Survey Results Presentation](#)

Thurs. Mar. 3, 7:30 - 9 am  
Cowichan Golf & Country Club  
\$20 + \$1 GST = \$21

[Click here to register online.](#)

Contact the Chamber for details:



Thank you Black Tie Media Sponsors



Coming Soon...

### [Corb Lund at Cowichan Performing Arts Centre - Jan. 28](#)

Cowichan Performance Arts Centre offers 4 great musical shows in January alone.

[Corb Lund](#) at the Cowichan Performing Arts Centre  
Thurs. Jan. 28, 7:30 pm  
2687 James St.

250.748.0054



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### [Social Planning Cowichan Workshop: The So What & What Now in Social Planning Thurs. Jan. 28](#)

Citizens in the Cowichan region shared their ideas about creating a better and more integrated community for all, including protecting community from negative social forces like major economic changes. Come and learn about what your neighbours think and how you can take action to create a Regional Social Policy Framework.

#### [Social Planning Cowichan](#)

Thur. Jan 28/16

Travelodge Silverbridge Inn , 140 TransCanada Hw

Free but must [Register online](#) in advance



This Just In ...

### [Marketing a Business on Facebook Workshop](#)

This course is designed for business owners looking to maximize results using Facebook as a strategic marketing tool. We'll start with an overview of some successful Facebook marketing campaigns as well as some not so successful ones and reverse engineer both. We will discuss the Pros & Cons of the platform and learn practical tips for time management, best practices, privacy issues, social media policy and risk management. Topics include: Branding, strategy, content development & curation, engagement, insights, building strategic lists, graphic design, best apps, Facebook Ads and more. This hands-on course is designed for students to follow a learning-by-doing structure in our computer lab. Prerequisite: Designed for confident, intermediate computer users.

[Marketing A Business On Facebook](#), instructed by Mark Collins

February 9 - 18, Tuesdays & Thursdays 7 - 9pm ( 4 sessions )

Vancouver Island University - Cowichan Campus

REGISTER: Call 1-866-734-6252

### [Island Time Tours Winter Tours Schedule Now Available](#)

Island Time Tours is excited to showcase their upcoming Wine Tours, Multi-Day Tours and Day Trips. Check out the



schedule for upcoming Island Time Tours across the Island including the Chemainus Theatre, Cowichan Wine Tour, Cowichan Bay, Tea Farm and The Raptors in Duncan and much more! Whether it's enjoying cheese fondue and wine or the back roads of the Cowichan Valley, you will have a unique adventure and taste local delicacies.

[Island Time Tours](#)

250.477.3322 | [ask@islandtimetours.com](mailto:ask@islandtimetours.com) | [Facebook](#)  
[Click here for Island Time Winter Tours Schedule](#)



[Queen Margaret's School Annual Fundraising Gala Sat. Feb 13](#)

The annual QMS Gala is the major fundraising event for Queen Margaret's School to raise \$70,000.00 for Phase II of The Learning Centre and to the Shirley Burr Equestrian Centre.

The Gala is a wonderful way to meet other QMS parents, alumni and staff. The committee would be thrilled if you could join us to celebrate and support our great School community held on Saturday, February 13, 2016, at Arbutus Ridge Golf Course.



[Queen Margaret's School 2016 GALA](#)

Sat., Feb. 13 Doors Open 5:30 pm  
 Arbutus Ridge Golf Course  
 Tickets \$125 by phone 250.746.4185 ext. 236 or  
 email [events@qms.bc.ca](mailto:events@qms.bc.ca)

[Job Opportunity at Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Assoc. - Deadline Jan. 27](#)

The Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association (CTRA) is looking for a dynamic individual to join our team. The Admin Assistant serves multiple roles within the organization. The Admin Assistant's primary duties are to work in the capacity of reception and administrative assistance. This role requires a diverse skill set, flexibility, excellent organizational skills, strong communication ability and the ability to prioritize and self-manage. Contact CTRA for details and full job description.

[Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association](#)

Job Opening: Admin Assistant  
[info@ctra.ca](mailto:info@ctra.ca)

[Chemainus & District Chamber of Commerce Golden Brush Awards - Nominations open to FEB 5](#)

Chemainus & District Chamber of Commerce Golden Brush Awards is Apr. 2. Golden Brush Awards nominations are due Feb. 5. Download a [Nomination Form](#) here or you can submit an [online nomination](#). We have new award categories, so check it out!

[Chemainus & District Chamber of Commerce](#)

102-9799 Waterwheel Cres, Chemainus  
 250.246.3944 | [chamber@chemainus.bc.ca](mailto:chamber@chemainus.bc.ca)



[Budget Brake and Muffler - 2016 Fleet Pricing Program for ALL Chamber members!](#)



That's right! A Fleet Management Program Exclusively for Duncan Cowichan Chamber of Commerce Members and their staff. Members may enjoy cost savings: Hourly preferred fleet program labour rate = \$79 +taxes (\$20 per hour savings!), also parts pricing discounted between 10 % and 35 %. Check it out..and print or send [this poster](#) to all of your employees to enjoy this special pricing. Drop by or contact Zan Boyle at Budget Brake & Muffler, let him know your a Chamber member to receive members-only pricing.

**Budget Brake & Muffler Auto Centre**

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[bbmduncan@shaw.ca](mailto:bbmduncan@shaw.ca) | 250-715-1573 | 1-888-877-7222

[Registration Open for Cowichan Fair - Registration Deadline Feb. 19](#)

If you are a Cowichan Valley employer planning to hire and want to connect with local job seekers, or you are a career and vocational training provider looking to connect with potential students, do not miss this no cost hiring and information event! Last year's job fair was widely successful with over 550 candidates attending from throughout Vancouver Island. Employers reported great satisfaction with the quality and quantity of job seekers attending.

[Register Online for the Cowichan Career & Job Fair 2016](#)

Wed. Mar. 9, 10 am - 2 pm

[Click here for more details](#)

Quw'utsun' Cultural and Conference Centre, 200 Cowichan Way,

## Member News

[Ease-Ability Looking for Lead Carpenter](#)

Ease-Ability Renovations is a Cowichan Valley based residential and commercial renovation/contracting company, specializing in solutions based barrier free renovations for seniors and/or those with disabilities. Ease-Ability is looking for a Lead Carpenter to help grow the position while contributing to the ongoing and future success of Ease-Ability.

[Complete Job Posting - Ease-Ability](#)[Ease-Ability Renovations and Construction](#)1.866.708.EASE (3273) | [info@easerenos.com](mailto:info@easerenos.com)[Employment Opportunities at the CVRD](#)

The Water Management Division of the [Cowichan Valley Regional District](#) is seeking a regular full time Senior **Engineering Technologist**. Complete job posting: [CVRD Senior Engineer Position](#).

The Cowichan Performing Arts Centre - Arts & Culture Division is seeking a temporary full time **Theatre Marketing Specialist** for a period of up to three months. [Click here for the Complete Job Posting](#).

CVRD is seeking a **Manager, Economic Development**. [Click here for Complete Job Posting](#)

[Resthouse Sleep Solutions January Offer](#)

Check out [Resthouse Newsletter and Sale](#) for great deals in January, including 15% off all Talalay Natural Latex Mattresses. Vita Talalay Natural Latex beds are of the highest quality in the world, made only with ingredients that will support our health and wellness. You deserve a good night's rest!

[Resthouse Sleep Solutions Ltd.](#)

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250.701.2197 or [gates@nutechitsolutions.com](mailto:gates@nutechitsolutions.com)[www.nutechitsolutions.com](http://www.nutechitsolutions.com)

[Visual Edge Graphic Design](#) is offering Chamber of Commerce members a **FREE** business card design with their logo, rack card and/or brochure design. That's a savings of \$125! Please contact owner Evelyn Koops for more details.

\*\*new email address: [evelyn@visualedgedesign.ca](mailto:evelyn@visualedgedesign.ca) Ph: 250.709.1796 [www.visualedgedesign.ca](http://www.visualedgedesign.ca)

[Confidential BC Tourism Labour Shortage Economic Impact Survey](#)

The BC Tourism Labour Shortage Survey will measure the economic impact of labour shortages in the province and in your region. Your participation will enable an accurate overview, including:

- Gain a solid understanding of the economic potential of tourism and hospitality businesses in BC;
- Gain a solid understanding of how labour shortages are impacting tourism and hospitality businesses; and,
- Estimate the potential economic losses to regional and provincial economies that result when tourism business do not operate at full capacity due to labour shortages

[BC Tourism Labour Shortage Economic Impact Survey](#)

**Deadline: Feb. 12**

Jennifer Nichol, [Grant Thornton LLP](#)  
604-443-2146 | [Jennifer.Nichol@ca.gt.com](mailto:Jennifer.Nichol@ca.gt.com)

or

Debbie Yule, [go2HR](#)  
604-633-9787 (ext. 228) | [dyule@gohr.ca](mailto:dyule@gohr.ca)  
*All collected data/participation is kept confidential*

**Small Business BC Art of Sales One-Day Conference - Feb. 5**

Small Business BC presents the Art of Sales on Feb. 5 at the Vancouver Convention Centre. World renowned speakers include: Daniel Pink, Jeffrey Gitomer and Brent Adamson. See the website for special pricing. Register using promo code SBBC27 and save \$50 per pass. Save an additional \$50 per pass when you buy 3 or more at the same time!

**[Small Business BC Presents - Art of Sales One-Day Conference](#)**

Fri. Feb. 5

**Rotary Heart of Gold Gala Auction - Feb. 13**

The Rotary Club of Duncan holds their annual Heart of Gold Gala Auction on Sat. Feb. 13. All year Rotarians are busy working on local and international projects. The Heart of Gold Gala Auctions is their main fundraiser.

Support can come in different ways; attend the dinner, donate an item for the auction, a monetary donation, a donation of your service or your time. All the money raised goes directly to Rotary projects. Rotary members cover all club operating and administrative costs through their annual dues.

**Rotary Heart of Gold Gala Auction**

Sat. Feb. 13

Travelodge Silverbridge Inn, 140 Trans Canada

Tickets \$60

[Email for details or tickets](#)

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**Chamber Members Special Pricing from Duncan Fitness Centre**

Duncan Fitness has just become accredited as a [Monkey Bar Gym!](#) The method is a wild and wonderful range of movement and fun that truly scales to everyone's age, fitness levels and interests. And to celebrate the Season, Duncan Fitness Center is offering Chamber members special pricing. Just \$99.99 for one of the following choices:

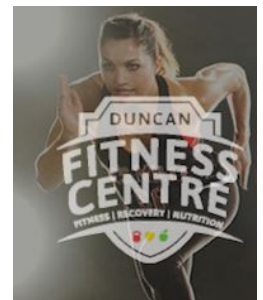
- A 10 pass punch card for Duncan Chamber members for \$99.99
- Monthly membership (12 visits per month, including our yoga & stability/alignment classes) for \$99.99 per month, based on 6 or 12 months commitment

**Duncan Fitness Centre**

3006 Boys Rd.

250.815.0135 |

[Click here for an overview of the benefits of Monkey Bar Gym with owner Simon Young and Coach Kathleen Neilson.](#)

**Submit Your Member News**

The Chamber eNews is disseminated to the business community every Friday and carries Chamber and Member news. Please send your news to [chamber@duncancc.bc.ca](mailto:chamber@duncancc.bc.ca) by noon on Thurs. for the Fri. eNews. Fifty word maximum, voiced in 3rd person. Please be sure to include date, time, location, and price as appropriate. We include links, contact information & social media. Items may be edited for brevity & clarity. Images should be suitable for thumbnail size. Items run for 3 - 4 weeks.

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