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#### Wine Down Wednesday at Cow Cafe West Coast Grill - May 25

It's Wednesday Wine Down at Cow Cafe West Coast Grill in Cowichan Bay May 25, Cow Cafe West Coast Grill is dedicated to presenting fresh stylish cuisine and providing cheerful service. Featuring local wines and beer, with delicious west coast cuisine.

Special Wednesday pricing - \$5 per glass of wine, and Fish 'n Chips just \$10. 5:30 pm. Sit in the sun, a glass of wine, and watch the seals. What could be better?



View from Cow Cafe deck

#### Wine Down Wednesday at Cow Cafe West Coast Grill

Wed. May 25, 5:30 pm  
1765 Cowichan Bay Road

Wine \$5 per glass | Fish 'n Chips \$10  
Many other menu items to choose from!

Everyone Welcome

RSVP to [chamber@duncancc.bc.ca](mailto:chamber@duncancc.bc.ca) | 250.748.1111  
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## **MP Alistair MacGregor Presents at May 26 Chamber Luncheon**

Hon. Alistair MacGregor, MP for Cowichan-Malahat-Langford, presents at the May 26 Chamber Luncheon.

One of the most pressing federal debates is about the need for firm action against climate change. Mr. McGregor will consider the key aspects of climate change and the economy, and the on-the-ground implications for economic development in Cowichan. Managing and mitigating climate change presents both challenges and opportunities for business and society.

### **MP Alistair MacGregor**

#### **Presents at Chamber Luncheon**

Thur. May 26, 11: 30 am

Travelodge Silver Bridge Inn, 140 Trans Canada Hwy.  
\$30.45 Members Tax Incl. | \$40.95 Non-members Tax Incl.

[Register Online](#) or [Contact the Chamber](#)

Please [contact the Chamber office](#) if you require a vegetarian meal.



Alistair MacGregor

# Canada

# CHINA

## **Unbeatable Inclusive Pricing for the Chamber's China Tour! Info Session May 26**

The Chamber is going to China Oct. 4 - 11. Just \$2299 for members, the price includes flights, 5-star accommodations, meals, tour guides, tours and ground transport. You'll visit the Temple of Heaven, the Great Wall, Lingering Gardens, Lingyn Temple and more. Or add an optional tour to the Terracotta warriors. Attend the information session on May 26 for all the details.

### **China Tour Information Session**

Thurs. May 26, 5:30 pm

Cowichan Regional Visitor Centre, Trans Canada Hwy & Bell McKinnon Rd.

RSVP to: [manager@duncancc.bc.ca](mailto:manager@duncancc.bc.ca) | 250.748.1111

For more information [email Sonja Nagel](#) today.

## **Cowichan Chambers Kick Off Summer BBQ June 23**

Join us for the Chamber's annual Kick Off Summer event. This year we're having a BBQ at the Visitor Centre. This is a rain-or-shine, bring your-own-lawn chair event. [Vancouver Island Event Catering](#) is running barbie, and [Unsworth Vineyards](#), [Enrico Winery](#), [Rocky Creek Winery](#) and [Averill Creek Vineyard](#) are pouring. Plus - the [Time to Heal](#) team will be on-site offering "try-it" massages!



### **Cowichan Chambers Kick Off Summer BBQ**

Thurs. June 23, 5:30 pm

\$25 Tax Incl. | Cash Bar

Cowichan Regional Visitor Ctr, Bell McKinnon & Trans Canada

[Register online](#), or contact the Chamber: [chamber@duncancc.bc.ca](mailto:chamber@duncancc.bc.ca)

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### **2016/17 Event Season**

We've started booking the 2016/17 Event Season. Register now, or save the dates.

[Luncheon - Vancouver Island Motorsport Circuit, Thurs. Sept. 29](#)

Lunch 'n Learn Intercultural Fluency with Cowichan Intercultural Society - Wed. Oct. 5

[Luncheon - John Hankins, CEO Nanaimo Economic Development Fri. Oct. 21](#)

Annual Business Showcase Fri. Oct. 21 at Travelodge Silver Bridge Inn

Annual General Meeting - Duncan Cowichan Chamber of Commerce, Tues. Nov. 22

Luncheon - [SD79 Supt Rod Allen & Chair Candace Spilsbury, Thurs. Nov. 24](#)

Luncheon - [Destination BC CEO Marsha Walden, Jan. 28/17](#)

### **Celebration of Life for Michael Shaw - May 29**

Michael Shaw, owner of Excellent FrameWorks and the E. J. Hughes gallery for over 30 years, passed away on May 14th. Michael was a big part of the business community over the years and his business was an example of how service and excellence can survive in the good times and the tough times in our supportive Cowichan Valley. Michael sold Excellent FrameWorks in 2014. Michael the new owner will keep his legacy alive. Michael will be missed by family and friends. A celebration to honour Michael will be held on Sunday May 29. Michael's family invites you to attend, refreshments will be served.

#### **Celebration of Life for Michael Shaw**

Sun. May 29, Drop In 2 - 5 pm

Heritage Hall, 246 Ingram Street

**Donations can be made in Michael's name to the SPCA.**

To donate, call the SPCA at 250.746.4646 or via mail to:

7550 Bell McKinnon Road Duncan, BC V9L 6B1

### **Visitor Centre News**

#### **Visitor Centre Looking for Summer Volunteers**

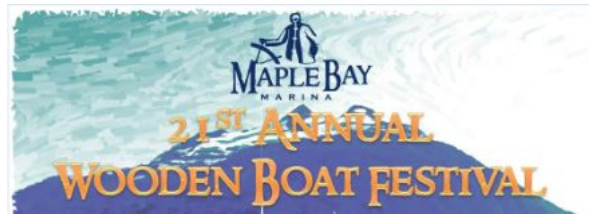
We are gearing up for a busy summer, as we expect the trend to continue with an increase in American visitors, Canadians doing staycations, and International visitors. We rely heavily on volunteers to support the visitor services team and provide the outstanding customer service we are well known for in the visitor info network. Please reach out to friends, family, and colleagues who might wish to volunteer in the Visitor Centre - 4 hours a week. We provide lots of training and we have a ton of fun! Contact Kirsty if you know someone that might be a good fit for our team.



## Coming soon

### [21st Annual Wooden Boat Festival at Maple Bay Marina - May 21 & 22](#)

The Annual Wooden Boat Festival returns for its 21st year. Come down to Maple Marina for the Wooden Boat Owners Rendezvous, live music, local vendors and artisans, Model Boat Show & Pool, and top it off by voting for your favourite boat. Everyone welcome, by land or sea.



21st Annual Wooden Boat Festival at [Maple Bay Marina](#)

Sat. May 21 & Sun May 22

6145 Genoa Bay Road

Contact for details: [info@maplebaymarina.com](mailto:info@maplebaymarina.com) | 250.748.8482

### [Shibui Gallery Features Yab-Yum, an Erotic Art Show - May 20 - 23](#)

The SHIBUI Gallery will be featuring YAB-YUM, an EROTIC ART SHOW this May long weekend. The show opens today and runs through to Sun. May 23. Gallery hours are 10 am to 5 pm. The *Yab-Yum Erotic Art Show* is for adults only please.



Yab-Yum, An Erotic Art Show at [Shibui Art Gallery](#)

1100 Genoa Bay Rd, Maple Bay

Fri. May 20 - Sun. May 23, 10 am - 5 pm

ADULTS ONLY PLEASE.

### [Harvey at Chemainus Theatre Festival May 6 - 28](#)

Elwood P. Dowd is unlike anyone you've ever met. He insists on introducing his friend Harvey to everyone around town - trouble is, Harvey is an invisible six-foot-tall rabbit. Such eccentric behaviour embarrasses his social-climbing sister, who arranges a trip to the sanitarium where an injection will "cure" Elwood. But things get even stranger when the real patient is mistaken and the doctors begin to behave oddly. This comedy of errors will make you laugh, and wonder: does the world need another normal chap, or more Harveys? Starring Mark DuMez, Chemainus Theatre Artistic Director.

[Harvey - Chemainus Theatre Festival](#)

May 6 - 28, [See website for Showtimes](#)

Box Office: 1.800.565.7738 | [info@chemainustheatre.ca](mailto:info@chemainustheatre.ca) | [Tickets Online](#)



## This Just In ...



### [Time to Heal's Erin Kapela Featured on CBC's All Points West](#)

Chamber member Erin Kapela was interviewed on *All Points West* regarding the support she and the Time to Heal community provided to Huntington patient Lee-Ann Peters.

Erin Kapela on *All Points West* [Available online here.](#)



### [Hatton Insurance Don Hatton Honoured with "Eddy" Award for Outstanding Canadian Motorcyclist](#)

Don Hatton received the Editor's Choice Award at the Toronto International Motorcycle Spring Show. The Award is presented to an "an individual, club or association that contributes the most for the good of the sport in the community. Congratulations Don!



**[Hatton Insurance Agency](#)**  
1.250.597.2899 | [info@hattonins.ca](mailto:info@hattonins.ca)



### **Seaside Computers Moved to Beverly St.**

Seaside Computers has moved from their downtown location to a new location - 4 - 2628 Beverly St. Seaside Computers sells computers and provides service and support for computers and peripherals. Boasting the largest computer repair facility in the Cowichan Valley, they have experienced technicians who can repair your computer quickly and efficiently.



### **Seaside Computers - New Location**

4 - 2628 Beverly St.  
Duncan, BC V9L 5C7

[seasidecomputers@shaw.ca](mailto:seasidecomputers@shaw.ca) | 250 746-9715

### **Tourism Cowichan Society Town Hall Meetings - 4 Dates to Choose From**

Tourism industry leaders came together to actively advance the tourism sector in the Cowichan region. The Tourism Cowichan Society (TCS) worked closely with the Cowichan Valley Regional District, Tourism Vancouver Island and Tourism Victoria to improve the delivery of tourism services and provide exciting new marketing initiatives. To support these initiatives, the Tourism Cowichan Society secured new funding from Destination BC and created strategic alliances with other tourism associations. To find out more, and see how you can get involved, attend one of four Town Hall Meetings being held in May and June.



### **Details & Invitation Tourism Cowichan Society Town Hall Meetings**

Wednesday, May 25, 5pm: Merridale Cider, 1230 Merridale Rd, Cobble Hill  
Thursday, May 26, 5pm: Best Western Cowichan Valley Inn, 6474 Trans Canada Hwy, Duncan  
Tuesday, May 31, 5pm: Chemainus Theatre, 9737 Chemainus Rd, Chemainus  
Wednesday June 1, 4pm: Country Grocer Meeting Room, 83 Lk Cowichan Rd, Lake Cowichan  
RSVP to [info@tourismcowichan.com](mailto:info@tourismcowichan.com) with the location in the subject line, or call 250-510-5586.

### **Summer at the Cowichan Valley Museum and Archives**

"The Big House Remembered: An Expo 86 Legacy" opens at the Museum on June 7 in downtown Duncan. The display commemorates the placement of the Folklife Long House building of Expo 86, and its subsequent move to Duncan. The official opening is at 11 am, with Chief Chip Seymour and colleagues. There will be special presentation in advance of the opening on May 19 by Eugene Jobagy who worked on the original construction.



Cowichan Valley Museum & Archives

### **The Big House Remembered: An Expo 86 Legacy**

Grand Opening Tues. June 7, 11 am

[Cowichan Valley Museum & Archives](#)

130 Canada Ave.

**Eugene Jobagy Presentation - The Big House - from design to relocation.**

Thurs. May 19, 7:30 pm

St. Peter's Church Hall, 5800 Church Rd

### **Sharing Knowledge - Building Relationships Conference at VIU, June 7 - 8**

The Building Relationships national Conference seeks to address vital issues for Aboriginal employees' health and well-being and to promote relationships between Aboriginal people, organizations and scholars. Using participatory discussion methods consistent with, and respectful of, Aboriginal culture, the conference aims to increase understanding of Aboriginal experiences in the workplace with an emphasis on understanding how to increase workplace well-being, and decrease turnover of Aboriginal workers. In addition, this conference will help guide collaborative research and interventions to address



common challenges faced by Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal employees and employers. Long-term goals are to create partnerships and conduct collaborative, participatory action research in these areas.

[Sharing Knowledge - Building Relationships Conference](#)

June 7 & 8

Vancouver Island University, 2011 University Way

[Download & Register](#) or Contact Warren Weir: 250.746.3506

*Hosted by U. of Windsor, U. of Waterloo, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology & Vancouver Island University*

[Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program - Call for Proposals May 24 - June 22](#)

The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program is part of *Canada 150 Celebrates*. Through investments in community infrastructure, the Government of Canada will invest in projects that celebrate our heritage, create jobs, and improve the quality of life for Canadians.

Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) has received an additional \$46.2 million in funding to invest in projects that rehabilitate existing community infrastructure in Western Canada.

WD will be seeking new applications under a second call for proposals that opens May 24. Priority will be given to:

- Recreational facilities;
- Projects that support a clean growth economy (i.e., energy efficiency upgrades); and/or,
- Projects that support Indigenous communities and Peoples.

[Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program](#)

*Applications in Western Canada will be accepted Tues. May 24 - Wed. June 22 @ 1 pm Pacific Time*

[Cowichan Performing Arts Centre - Seeks Volunteer Ushers](#)

The Cowichan Performing Arts Centre is looking for volunteer ushers to start this Sept. Volunteering offers you an opportunity to:

Connect with your community | Be part of a great team | Participate in Recognition Program  
Have fun and build friendships | Help live performance thrive  
And last, but not least, take in some of the show!

**Volunteer at Cowichan Performing Arts Centre (CPAC)**

Download an [Application Form](#)

Or contact CPAC [ushers@cvrd.bc.ca](mailto:ushers@cvrd.bc.ca) | 250.746.3426

*Submit by Aug. 1*



[MP Alistair MacGregor - Langford Open House - May 27](#)

Alistair MacGregor and team recently opened their Lanford Community Office and all are invited to drop by the Open House on Fri. May 27, 4 - 6 pm. You'll meet Alistair and team members, hear from some special guests and light refreshments will be served.

**Open House - Alistair MacGregor - Langford Community Office**

Fri. May 27, 4 - 6 pm

[3202B Happy Valley Road \(Sooke Rd. intersection\)](#)



**United Way**  
Central and Northern  
Vancouver Island

[Cowichan United Way Joins Central and Northern Vancouver Island Offices](#)

On April 1, Cowichan United Way joined forces with United Way Central and Northern Vancouver Island to create a larger and stronger regional United Way model. [See the press release here](#)

**Member News**

[Cowichan Intercultural Partnership Summit - Registration Deadline May 19 for June 2 Event](#)

The Cowichan Intercultural Partnership Summit invites community organizations, municipal and government services, educators, health care providers, and supporters of diversity and inclusion - to engage in a day of exploring and understanding intercultural fluency, building awareness of resources and resource sharing, and, coming together in our commitment to create a more inclusive and integrated community for newcomers.

Reserve NOW! \$50 covers up to 3 seats.

[Cowichan Intercultural Society Presents:  
Cowichan Intercultural Partnership Summit](#)

Thur. June 2, Registration Deadline: May 19  
9:00 am - 5:30 pm. Doors open at 8:30 am  
Oceanfront Suites at Cowichan Bay  
\$50 for up to 3 participants per organization

Contact CIS to Register: [partnerships@cis-iwc.org](mailto:partnerships@cis-iwc.org) | 250.748.3112 ext. 209



[Island Coastal Economic Trust - Strategic Plan 2016 - 2018](#)

The Island Coastal Economic Trust is now available. Their Strategic Priorities for the next two years are:

- Seek Additional Funding from the Province of BC
- Continue to Maintain or Exceed Leveraging Targets
- Increase the Diversity of Matching Funding Partners & Sources



Read more on the development of the Plan, an organizational overview and more in the complete [Island Coastal Economic Trust - Strategic Plan 2016 - 2018](#)

[BC Economic Summit - June 12 - 14 in Richmond](#)

This year's Summit, Past, Present & Future, will celebrate BCEDA's 35th Anniversary by respecting the Past, embracing the Present, and shaping the Future. Connect with forward-looking strategic leaders to learn how to increase productivity, competitiveness, and make the most of your community's economic development potential. The program features keynote presentations by distinguished experts, relevant, interactive workshops on hot topics, such as:

- Under the Microscope: Economic Development Websites
- Special Report: Economic Development Survey Results
- You Did What? And it Worked?
- And more

[2016 BC Economic Summit June 12 - 14](#)

Pacific Gateway Hotel, Richmond

[Early Bird Registration Until May 16](#)

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Special Prices from Harlequin Nature Graphics Ltd on:

4 "Safety Striped Hoodies & Longsleeve T-Shirts

Hoodies : \$40.00 - Long sleeves : 20.00\*

Black Full Zip Hoodies 80/20 Cotton/Poly: 17 oz. Sizes: S-5XL

Orange Full Zip Hoodies 100% Polyester: 16 oz. Sizes: S-5XL

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Cobble Hill, Beside Creative Woodcraft

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[info@harlequinnaturegraphics.com](mailto:info@harlequinnaturegraphics.com) | 250.929.1181

*\*Prices do not include a Print or Embroidery. Please call us for a quote.*

*\*\*add \$1.00 for 2XL/3XL & \$2.00 4XL/5XL on Longsleeves only.*

[Vendor Space Available at Duncan Day - Sat. July 16](#)

Downtown Duncan Day! is back Sat. July 16. Last year's event saw hundreds of people strolling downtown. Downtown Duncan Day! showcases the best of Downtown Duncan. If you are interested in being a vendor, please download and fill out the Vendor Application by May 20.

[Downtown Duncan Day! Vendor Application](#)

Application Deadline - May 20

Duncan Day is Sat. July 16



**CVRD Spring Summer Recreation Guide is Available Now**

[The new Spring/Summer Recreation Guide is now available online.](#)



**Amazing Video**

From the classics file ...

[https://youtu.be/kl4yoXyb1\\_M](https://youtu.be/kl4yoXyb1_M)

**Submit Your Member News**

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