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Chamber Events & News

Never Pay the Ransom

The Chamber was affected by ransomware this week. NuTech IT Solutions quickly had us up and running again. We still have some struggles with corrupted files and may experience administrative delays over the next few weeks. Thank you for your patience.

Scotiabank Presents 3rd Annual Business Showcase Seminars, Luncheon & After Party RSVP's Still Open

Wait Listing Exhibitor Tables

All tables are sold, and we are wait-listing prospective exhibitors. That said, we'd love to welcome you to the:

- [Morning seminars](#);
- [Aerospace Luncheon](#); and/or
- [After Party!](#)

There are tons of opportunities to participate - Showcase attendance is FREE. Be sure to drop by during the afternoon to connect with fellow members. And enter to win the draw prizes ... everything from 18MP rugged Ricoh camera to cosmetics gift baskets and more!

The Chamber's 3rd Annual Business Showcase is on Fri. Oct. 23 at the Travelodge Silver Bridge Inn.



Community Futures Celebrates 30 Years at Business Showcase - Oct. 23

Community Futures Cowichan is celebrating 30 years by hosting the Business Showcase After Party! The After Party starts at 4:30. You'll have the opportunity to connect with exhibitors, and meet Community Futures client businesses ... and discover the variety of support services Community Futures has to offer. Plus there will be delicious hors-d'oeuvres specially designed and prepared by Chef Scott at the Silver Bridge Inn. Free admission, generous appetizers, cash bar and draw prizes.

Community Futures Cowichan - Showcase After Party

Fri. Oct. 23, 4:30 - 6 pm

Silver Bridge Inn, 140 Trans Canada Hwy.

RSVP to: chamber@duncancc.bc.ca | 250.748.1111

Free admission, generous appetizers, cash bar and draw prizes.

Juice 89.7 FM's Matt Williams Broadcasting Live at the Business Showcase

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[BC Chamber benefits for Chamber Members](#)



Business Resources

[LNG Buy BC: Register Your Business for LNG Sector & International Opportunities](#)

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We're bringing Juice FM's Matt Williams in the Afternoons to the Business Showcas e. Matt will broadcast live from the Showcase floor from 1 - 4 pm. He'll will include exhibitor and attendee interviews, along with updates.



Thanks to Juice FM for supporting Small Business Month!



Emergency First Aid for Industry - OFA Level 10 - Member Discount - Oct. 28/9

This certification course meets first aid requirements for WorkSafeBC Occupational First Aid Level 1 and Canada Labour Code Basic First Aid. Upon successful completion, candidates will be issued a national St. John Ambulance Emergency First Aid for

Industry certificate, valid for 3 years, AND a CPR Level A certificate. Suitable for learners 16 years and up. Supper included. Please note there is a registration deadline of Oct. 21/15.

- Emergency scene management
- Shock, unconsciousness & fainting
- Choking in adults
- CPR with an intro to Automated External Defibrillators (AED)
- severe bleeding
- Minor wounds & documentation
- Medical conditions

Emergency First Aid for Industry (OFA Level 1 Equivalent) BC-ESO

\$85 Members | \$95 | Supper Included

Supper Included | Accredited Training

Call St. John Ambulance Directly to Register & State that You are a Chamber Member!

Registration deadline: Oct. 21

250-729-8889

Chamber Events 2015/16

Oct. 23	Business Showcase , Seminars & Monthly Luncheon: Marketing Analysis for Sm. Bus seminar; Digital Marketing for Sm. Bus, & Chamber Luncheon with Aerospace Industries Assoc. of Canada presenting
Oct. 28 & 29	Lvl. 1 First Aid. Accredited & special Members-only pricing!
Nov. 4	Introduction to Google Analytics with Radar Hill Technology
Nov. 5	Mixer at Dwight School Canada
NEW Nov. 18	Grant Writing with Jennifer Barnes van Elk & Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Assoc.
Nov. 24	Chamber AGM
Nov. 26	Luncheon: John Elzinga of the CVRD presents on Sport Tourism

Opportunities

[Chamber Job Board](#)

[Global Vocational Job Board](#)

[CVRD Tenders & RFP's](#)

[TransMountain Procurement](#)

[Doing Business with BC Gov](#)

[Prov. Opportunities - BC Bid](#)

[Gov't of Canada Tenders](#)

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Jan. 28/16	Luncheon: Steelhead LNG Presenting
Feb. 18/16	Luncheon: Mike Corrigan Pres. & CEO BC Ferries Presenting
April 9/16	Black Tie Awards 2016
April 28/16	Luncheon: Greg Engle, CEO of Tilray (Medical Cannabis) Presents

Chamber News

2015-2016 Board of Directors Elections Process - Now Accepting Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted to serve on the Chamber's Board of Directors. Those with interest and expertise in business, leadership or advocacy are encouraged to apply and serve on the Duncan Cowichan Chamber of Commerce Board. For more information about the responsibilities and commitment of a Director, please contact Sonja Nagel, Executive Director, for more details and an application form. The Chamber's AGM will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 5:30 p.m. Quamichan Inn - more details to come.

[Sonja Nagel.](#)

250-748-1111



New Member Welcome Program

The Chamber offers members the opportunity to reach out to new members. We prepare and distribute about 50 Welcome Packages for new members every year. Each new member receives a welcome letter, membership certificate and a selection of information about members' businesses and services. This may include information, offers, coupons, or other enticements. The package is often of particular interest to start-up businesses. Whenever possible, the package is personally delivered by Marilyn Cringan, the Chamber's Welcome Ambassador.

As of Oct. 1, the Welcome Package becomes a cost recovery program. For a nominal fee of \$25 per year, members can include their materials in the Welcome Package. Because the package is personally presented, you can be sure that your materials will be highlighted and brought to the attention of the new members.

The Packages are well received - we often received a thank you email, in appreciation of the personal touch, and the valuable information.

New Member Welcome Program

\$25 per year

Put your business top of mind with new Chamber members

Contact Elizabeth Croft at the Chamber

chamber@duncance.bc.ca | 250.748.1111

Visitor Centre News

Halloween Train Tickets - Early Bird Savings

Halloween Train Tickets Available at the Visitor Centre Get your Halloween Train Tickets at the Visitor Centre to receive Early Bird Pricing. Plus, your ticket entitles you to expedited admission - meaning less waiting and more fun.

Halloween Train 2015 - Early Bird Savings

Adults & Seniors \$10 | Youth & Children \$8 | 2 & Under Free
Visitor Centre Hours

Mon - Sat: 9 am - 5 pm

Save up to 20% when you purchase early!



Coming Soon

Wild Wings Festival - Art Exhibition Now Open at Just Jake's

This year's Wild Wings Art Exhibition, put on in partnership with the Cowichan Valley Arts Council, will be held at Just Jake's Restaurant and feature local artists renditions of nature and wildlife. And watch for: longtime weaver Maria Curtis will host a basket weaving workshop on the 18th where participants can learn to weave using local materials including invasive species harvested from the marsh.

Wild Wings Festival - Art Exhibition

Just Jake's Restaurant on Craig St.

[Oct. 18: Weaving Workshop](#)

[Complete Details - Wild Wings Art Exhibition and Auction](#)

WooHoo - 2 for 1 Tickets! Meet Hon. Andrew Wilkinson, Minister of Advanced Education - Wed. Oct. 21

Members are invited to join the Cowichan Valley BC Liberal Riding Association for an evening at Merridale Cidery with the Honourable Andrew Wilkinson, Minister of Advanced Education. Andrew is a former physician, lawyer, Rhodes Scholar, Deputy Minister and is currently the MLA for Vancouver-Quilchena. He is smart, articulate, engaging and fun. He knows BC politics and Advance Education inside out. So if you want the inside scoop, come on out.

Meet & Greet - Hon. Andrew Wilkinson, Minister of Advanced Education

Wed. Oct. 21, 6 - 8:30 pm

Merridale Cidery, 1230 Merridale Road, Cobble Hill

Tickets are not 2 for 1, just \$75 for 2 tickets!

[Available Online](#), partial tax receipt

Generous appies + complementary glass of finest cider. After that, a no-host bar.



Social Media is Simple & Friends Present Instagram Training Session at the Old Firehouse - Oct. 21

Here is the latest training offering from Social Media is Simple, and it's going to be outstanding. Cory Towriss who looks after The Old Firehouse Wine Bar's Instagram account and Bob lanson who is a photographer extraordinaire and owner of an awesome Instagram account, are going to



Social Media is Simple
TRAINING. COACHING. PLANNING. MARKETING

explain Instagram 101, hands on, in the ambience of The Old Firehouse Wine Bar. The cost? Your time, the cost of lunch if you choose to order, and a donation to Toys, Toques, and Toiletries. Instagram is Particularly effective for the hospitality and retail sector: B & B's, restaurants, beverage establishments and accommodations

[Social Media is Simple - Instagram Seminar](#)



Old Firehouse Wine Bar, Ingram St. & Canada Ave. Wed. Oct. 21, Noon - 1 pm

[Click here for details & registration.](#)

By donation to Toys, Toques & Toiletries

This Just In ...

Get Youth Working! Program is BACK!

The new Get Youth Working! Program offers eligible employers offering longterm positions in specified regions a \$2,800 hiring incentive to hire eligible youth age 15 to 29. Additionally, requests for up to \$1,000 can be made to purchase external training for the youth! Follow the link below to see if your business is eligible.

[Get Youth Working!](#)

VIEA Presents Events & Festivals Panel at Vancouver Island Economic Summit - Oct. 28 & 29

Vancouver Island host dozens of events and festivals year 'round. What makes them attractive to some, and repulsive to others. Attend this panel discussion with industry leaders about the values and challenges in this sector.

[Vancouver Island Economic Alliance - Economic Summit
Events & Festivals Panel](#)

Oct. 28 & 29

Vancouver Island Conference Centre, Nanaimo

[Summit Programming](#) | [Registration](#)



Member News



Premier Christy Clark Keynote Speaker at VIEA Summit Dinner - Oct. 28

VIEA is pleased to welcome Premier Christie Clark as the keynote speaker at the Summit Dinner on Wed. Oct. 28, 2015. Premier Clark will address delegates gathered for the 9th annual *State of the Island* Economic Summit at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre in Nanaimo.

[Premier Christy Clark - Keynote Speaker - Vancouver Island Economic Alliance Summit
Dinner](#)

Wed. Oct. 28

Vancouver Island Conference Centre, Nanaimo

Premier Clark's Appearance is sponsored by the Nanaimo Economic Development Corporation

Community Futures Celebrate 30 Years of Service

Community Futures Cowichan over 30 years has loaned more than \$25 million to local businesses, helping to create and maintain 2600 full and part time jobs in our region. CF Cowichan has also initiated and/or funded hundreds of community projects, which have assisted in the creation of a long-term, sustainable business environment. You'll see Community Futures Programs and their clients represented at the Chamber's Business Showcase on Oct. 23. And be sure to stay for the Community Futures sponsored After Party ... and help Community Futures celebrate 30 years in Cowichan!



[See the latest Community Futures Cowichan Newsletter Here.](#)

CVRD - Bylaw No. 3931 - Arts & Culture Residential Tax - Public Input Required - Deadline Nov. 18

The Cowichan Valley Regional District is proposing to adopt "CVRD Bylaw No. 3931 - Arts & Culture Initiatives Service Establishment Bylaw, 2015", which would allow the Regional District to requisition up to \$130,000 per year or an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax of \$0.01029 per \$1,000 of net taxable value of land and

improvements (\$0.85 per \$100,000 for residential property). The purpose of the Service is to support Arts & Culture initiatives and programs within the regional district comprised of Electoral Areas.

If you are **opposed** to the adoption of this bylaw, you may **indicate your opposition by signing and returning** this Elector Response Form to the Regional District office by 4:30 pm, Wed. Nov. 18/15.

[Download the Elector Response Form](#)

[NuTech I.T. Solutions & Visual Edge Graphic Design Sponsor Gala Dinner for CWAV, Nov. 7 Tickets Now Avail.](#)



George Gates of [Nutech I.T. Solutions](#) and Evelyn Koops of [Visual Edge Graphic Design](#) are volunteering their time and expertise with the Cowichan Women Against Violence Gala Fundraiser on Sat. Nov. 7. at Mellor Hall. We hope local businesses will come out and show their support. George, who is also a Red Seal Chef, will cook an amazing 4 course gourmet meal, there will be a silent and live auction, 50/50 draw, and great music from local band Rainwood Steel. All proceeds from the Gala go towards building safe

affordable housing for local women and children leaving abusive relationships. Get your tickets and more details about the event from the CWAV website.

[Gala Fundraiser for Cowichan Women Against Violence](#)

Sat. Nov. 6, 6 pm

Mellor Hall, Mays Rd. & Trans Canada Hwy.

Tickets \$125 - you receive \$50 tax receipt

[Buy Your Tickets Online](#)

[2016 Cowichan Vacation Guide & Online Advertising Opportunity - Deadline Oct. 30](#)

Tourism businesses - get your message in front of a large, targeted and motivated audience! Combine print and online advertising for the best advertising value and advertise in the 2016 Vacation Guide. Travellers use the Cowichan Vacation Guide for trip planning and during their stay in the Cowichan Region. Click here for pricing and complete details. [Click here for pricing, and complete details.](#)

Chamber members can save with special pricing - contact Cathy Mailhot for details.

[2016 Cowichan Vacation Guide - Reservation Deadline Oct. 30](#)

cmailhot@tourismcowichan.com



Visits to [Tourism Cowichan](#) have increased almost 70% since the website launched last year!

[Community Options Society - Fall Programs](#)

The Community Options Society (COS) provides free counselling, and outreach and support services for youth and families. They are often the agency of choice with referrals from school counsellors, social workers, governments and others. However, no referral is necessary! Take a look at the programs below, and contact the Community Options Society for details or drop by and see if it's the program for you.



[Click here to see the complete line up of COS programming.](#)

Improv Drop In - Wed. 4 - 6 pm

Youth Wellness Drop In - Tues. 3:45 - 5 pm

[Parenting Course - Wed. 6:30 - 8 pm. Pls. call to register](#)

Parenting Night Drop In for parents/guardians of Teens - Wed.'s in Nov. Watch/call for scheduling

Art Drop In - Thur. 3:45 - 5 pm

Young Moms Group - Ongoing, Thur's 11 am - Noon at Growing Together Daycare on Cairnsmore

Contact Community Options: 250.748.0232

Small Business BC is celebrating Small Business Month with six new seminars and offering up a whole bunch of free seminars and webinars. Topics range from naming your business to financing, marketing to motivating employees. The seminars are offered live in Vancouver and via webinar for those who prefer to learn from home or abroad.

[Small Business BC - Seminars & Webinars](#)

Small Business BC is also launching this year's Small Business Awards - Nominations are open until Nov. 30.

[Click here for details or to nominate.](#)

[Better Business Bureau announces finalists for 2015 Torch Awards](#)

We are proud to have 2 Chamber Members in the top finalists:

The Super Plumber (Duncan) in the Plumbing and Drainage Award category...and

Cowichan Collision (Duncan) in the Auto Sales and Service Award

Winners of the 2015 Torch Awards will be announced at the Torch Awards Cocktail, Silent Auction, Dinner and Awards

Gala November 6, 2015 at the Union Club of B.C. (Cocktails & Silent Auction @ 5:30 p.m. followed by Dinner and

Awards). Tickets are \$100 + GST (per person). Space is limited.

To reserve tickets contact Wendy at 250.386.6348 ext 109 / wendy@vi.bbb.org

For more information visit bbb.org/vancouver-island

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