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3rd Annual Business Showcase TODAY - 1 - 4:30 pm

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Join us for for the After Party, 4:30 - 6 pm

Free Admission, Cash bar

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Chamber Events & News

Never Pay the Ransom

The Chamber was recently affected by ransomware. 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 - TODAY

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 Showcase runs 1 - 4:30 pm, and Juice FM's Matt Williams is broadcasting live from the Showcase floor all afternoon. Admission is free and open to the public.

Please join us for the After Party in the Exhibit area, 4:30 - 6 p.m., hosted by Community Futures to celebrate 30 years in Cowichan. There will be plenty of appetizers! Cash bar available. New Member Red Arrow Brewing Company will be one of the ales being served at the bar. Come check it out...



Intro to Google Analytics with Radar Hill Technology - Nov. 4



Your website hides a wealth of untapped potential, waiting for you to reach in and grab the secret to more sales. Use the power and insight of Google Analytics to learn about your website visitors: what they want, who they are, and how they behave. Google Analytics will help you better match products and services to

customer demands and behaviours, track the effectiveness of advertising and more.

This is an introductory level session that will help you make sense of Google Analytics and learn to how to use it to build your business. Presented by:

Shawn O'Hara, Client Coordinator, Radar Hill Technology

Kendra Savich, Google-certified Specialist,

SEO, Marketing and User Experience



Shawn O'Hara



Kendra Savich

Introduction to Google Analytics with Radar Hill Website Design & Development

Lunch 'n Learn - Wed. Nov. 4, Noon - 4 pm
Sands Funeral Chapel, Trunk Rd. & Ypres

Curb parking on Ypres, pls.

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

[Click here to see the bio's for Shawn, Kendra and the Radar Hill team.](#)



Business Resources

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

[Cowichan's Community Profiles](#)

[Tourism Cowichan Stakeholder Information](#)

[BizPal: 1 Stop Business Permitting](#)

[Trades in BC Overview from Industry Training Authority](#)

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Opportunities

[Chamber Job Board](#)

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Mixer at Dwight School Canada - Thurs. Nov. 5

The team at Dwight School Canada would love to show you around the beautiful 23-acre campus on the shores of Shawnigan Lake and share a bit about what makes Dwight so special. The graduating class of 2016 is eager to meet you and to share their enthusiasm. The kitchen is preparing a creative menu of international appetizers and mocktails for your enjoyment. Come prepared to enjoy some fabulous food, fun beverages and good company at this casual event.



The mixer coincides with the Annual Book Sale - with a wide selection of books and crafts for all ages. Consider getting a jump on Christmas shopping while you are there.

Dwight School of Canada Mixer

Thurs. Nov. 5, 5:30 pm

2371 Shawnigan Lake Rd.

Free to Members and Members' Guests

RSVP to chamber@duncancc.bc.ca | 250.748.1111



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Igniting the spark of genius in every child

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We believe every student has a spark of genius - our goal is to nurture that potential.

Chamber Events 2015/16

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
Dec. 2	Planning with Arbor Memorial & Sands Funeral Chapel
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

~ Please note the First Aid Level 1 Course, Oct. 28/9 is cancelled ~

Business Showcase Promo on Shaw Go! Island

[CVRD Tenders & RFP's](#)

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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

Visitor Centre News

Halloween Train Tickets at the Visitor Centre

Halloween Train Tickets Available at the Visitor Centre. Get your Halloween Train Tickets at the Visitor Centre and save on regular pricing. Plus, your ticket entitles you to expedited admission - meaning less waiting and more fun.

Halloween Train Tickets at the Visitor Centre

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



Mon - Sat: 9 am - 5 pm, Oct. 23 - 30

Save up to 20% !

Coming Soon

VIU Online Auction 2015 Bidding Starts TODAY - Open Until Nov. 1

The VIU Online Auction raises funds to support students and 100% of the proceeds from each is goes to student

awards, equipment and learning opportunities. The Auction has been running for 8 years. Go to the [website](#) and see more than 175 prize items in this year's auction. You can bid on fantastic getaways, travel, fitness, entertainment, professional sport tickets, and so much more.

[VIU Online Auction - NOW OPEN](#)

Place Your Bids!

[Creating Healthy Communities, Supporting Human Development - Mon. Oct. 26 Registration Deadline TODAY](#)

Dr. Trevor Hancock, Professor and Senior Scholar of Public Health and Social Policy is coming to the Cowichan region on Mon. Oct. 26, 5:30 - 8:30 pm. The registration deadline is noon today. Emphasis in the media and the recent federal election has been on the economy. What is it that makes people healthy? What is local governance? What is human development? What does all of this mean for the Cowichan region? Join with board directors and executive directors of community benefit organizations, community members, service organizations, local government, business owners and other Cowichan region leaders to explore these questions and look at transforming vision into action.

Lecture: Creating Health Communities with Dr. Trevor Hancock

Mon. Oct. 26, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

New Life Baptist Church, 1839 Tzouhalem Road Duncan BC

\$16 includes dinner

Preregistration Required

[Click Here to Register](#)

This Just In ...

[Chamber Member Finalists for Better Business Bureau 2015 Torch Awards](#)

Proud to have 2 Chamber Members in the top finalists:

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



[BBB Torch Awards 2015](#)

Gala Nov. 6

Union Club of BC, Victoria

Tickets \$100

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

[Time to Book Your Christmas Season Events at Arbutus Ridge Golf](#)

[Biggest Little Christmas Party:](#) Looking for the easy Christmas party option for you business, friends or family? We unite small groups with our Biggest Little Christmas Parties. Groups of two or larger are welcome - dinner and entertainment included.

Reserve your space at the Biggest Little Christmas Party

amonks@golfbc.com | 250.743.5100 ext. 29

[Christmas Party Package:](#) Private events for larger groups.

[Sunday Brunch with Santa:](#) December 13, and 20...complete with a kids gingerbread decorating station! Member 10% discount applies.

[New Years Eve Dinner:](#) Enjoy a three course meal with seasonal ingredients and cheer. Good times! Reservations required please 250.743.5100. Member 10% discount applies.

[New Years Day Brunch:](#) Join us January 1, 2015 for the ultimate cure! Our annual New Years Day Brunch is back by popular demand. Member 10% discount applies. Reservations required please: 250.743.5100



Be Ready for LNG Business with the LNG-Buy BC Business Kit - NOW Available

The LNG-Buy BC Business Kit is designed to help B.C. companies, large and small, prepare for liquefied natural gas (LNG) opportunities. [The Kit is available for download here.](#)

CTRA Founder Jane James - North Cowichan-Duncan Sports Wall of Fame

Jane James will be inducted to the North Cowichan-Duncan Sports Wall of Fame on Nov. 14. at the . Jane is the founder of the Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association and one of the key contributors to therapeutic riding and para-equestrian sport in Canada. Jane began her career in the 1960s, riding and training horses in the Duncan area. She completed accreditation as an equestrian coach by the 1980s teaching many to ride and serving as a Leader with the local 4H club. In 1986 Jane founded a local chapter of Pacific Riding for the Disabled, a program that provided therapeutic riding for persons with disabilities. Soon after, this fledgling program became an independent entity named the Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association (CTRA). [See the complete press release here.](#)

North Cowichan - Duncan Sport Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Sat. Nov. 14

Cowichan Golf and Country Club

\$15

Contact the Municipality of North Cowichan for details:

Ernie Mansueti,

Director of Parks & Recreation Municipality of North Cowichan

ernie.mansueti@northcowichan.ca | 250.746.3110

CVRD Bylaw 3918 - Flood Management

Eligible electors throughout the Region are advised of an alternative approval opportunity for the adoption of CVRD Bylaw No. 3918. If adopted, Bylaw 3918 will authorize the CVRD to requisition \$150,000 per year, to provide flood management within the Cowichan River Watershed Area with a maximum cost to residential property owners assessed at \$100,000 would be approximately \$2.65 per year. [Click here for complete details.](#)

CVRD Bylaw No. 3930 - Cowichan River Watershed Management Service Establishment

Eligible electors throughout the region are advised of an alternative approval opportunity for the adoption of CVRD Bylaw No. 3930. If adopted, Bylaw 3930 will authorize the CVRD to requisition up to \$600,000 per year to provide management of water quality and quantity in the Cowichan River Watershed, with a maximum cost to residential property owners with a residential property assessed at \$100,000 of approximately \$9.13. [Complete details available here.](#)

Member News

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](#)



[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

[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. 7, 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!

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