

BIZ MATTERS

The official newsletter of the Chetwynd Chamber of Commerce

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YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED

How does the Electoral Boundaries Review affect you?

In October of last year, the provincial government appointed the Electoral Boundaries Commission and tasked them with recommending new provincial electoral boundaries before the next election. The appointment of the new commission followed amendments to the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, removing explicit protections for ridings in rural British Columbia.

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In March of this year, the Electoral Boundaries Commission began holding public consultations throughout the province, beginning in the Lower Mainland. Under legislative requirements set in the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, the commission must seek to recommend electoral districts with populations within plus or minus 25% of the average electoral district population, which is about 57,000 people.

The commission is empowered to recommend the creation of up to six additional seats in the BC Legislature, meaning the total number of seats may be raised to a maximum of 93 (up from 87). The commission may also choose to recommend the merging of existing electoral districts.

A review of current electoral district populations shows that there is significant risk that communities in northern and rural British Columbia will lose representation in the Legislative Assembly. Northern BC, which has a population of just over 300,000, is currently represented by 9 MLAs. Should the commission choose to adjust riding boundaries to represent the provincial average, the number of seats in the north could be reduced to less than 6.

Representation is especially important in northern British Columbia, where lack of connectivity and inefficient transportation options provide barriers to access for elected officials and government. Many of our communities do not have adequate access to internet or cell phone service, making it difficult for residents to depend on virtual connectivity with their representatives. continued page 2



ridings makes it challenging to effectively represent constituents. For example, the MLA from Stikine covers the largest geographic territory (196,484 sq km) out of any riding in BC, while also representing the lowest population in the province.

This is exactly why protections had previously been put in place to protect rural ridings. With these protections now gone, our representation is at risk.

It is important that residents living outside of major population centres maintain access to their elected officials. Residents in Northern British Columbia deserve a right to meet with MLAs face to face. While we all understand the vast geographical challenges our MLAs face today, we need to ensure that the Electoral **Boundaries** Commission fully comprehends challenges the surrounding the physical separation of our communities.

It is expected that the commission will travel to northern BC sometime in April, following visits to Vancouver Island and the Okanagan. The commission will seek community input through public hearings at select locations across the province. They will also review submissions made online.

Our area is at stake

It is vital that British Columbians living in northern and remote areas across British Columbia recognize what is at stake in this ongoing riding boundary redistribution process. To protect our voices, residents can sign up to speak at an upcoming public hearing to express the importance of effective representation in northern and rural communities. Hearing dates are posted on the Electoral Boundaries Commission website (www.bcebc.ca)

There is a lot at stake for our communities. If you have any questions about the process, we encourage you to reach out to your local MLA or Chamber office.

https://elections.bc.ca/docs/rpt/BC-EBC_Final_Report-Sept_24,_2015.pdf

https://bcebc.ca/wpcontent/uploads/2022/03/Electoral-District-Populations-2021.pdf

Effective Representation

Rural ridings cover vast amounts of territory and face unique challenges.
It is important that residents living outside of major population

• It is important that residents living outside of major population centres maintain

reasonable access to their elected officials.

• The Electoral Boundaries Commission has a duty to ensure that riding sizes are

reasonable enough to ensure effective representation.

• While many urban ridings are just a few city-blocks long, some rural ridings are

already larger than some European countries.

• MLAs in Vancouver can travel across their riding by bicycle. By comparison, it

could take an MLA in rural BC upwards of 10 hours to drive across certain

ridings.

• Many rural communities across British Columbia do not have adequate access to

internet or cell service – it is not reasonable to expect these residents to rely on

Zoom calls to stay in touch with their representatives.

• Opportunities for face-to-face contact are vital, especially in cases of

emergencies such as floods and forest fires.

• Many northern ridings, though smaller in population, are home to distinct

Indigenous nations. It is important that remote Indigenous communities maintain

adequate access to provincial representation.

May 2-8 is Mental Health Week

The importance of empathy is the theme for CMHA's 71st Annual Mental Health Week. Empathy involves putting yourself in the other person's shoes and understanding why they may be feeling what they're feeling.

A recent poll shows that 40 percent of Canadians have reported their mental health declining over the past year as a result of the COVID19 pandemic, highlighting the continued enormous pressure and strain families, employees and employers have been dealing with. There is no question this pandemic has taken a toll and as we continue to navigate a second wave and ongoing lockdowns, now more than ever it is important we take a moment to remember our own needs and support each other to get through these challenging times. While we are physically apart, no one is alone when it comes to dealing with mental health issues.

We have put together a list of resources that business owners, employers and employees can use to help navigate and manage mental health when it comes to our daily lives, the workplace and longer term tips and tricks.

Wellness Together Canada

Wellness Together Canada provides mental health resources and direct access to peer support workers, social workers, psychologists and other professionals for confidential chat sessions or phone calls.

<u>Workplace Strategies for Mental Health by</u> <u>Canada Life</u>

Canada Life's Workplace Strategies for Mental Health website is a leading source of free, practical tools and resources designed to help Canadian employers with the prevention, intervention and management of workplace mental health issues.



Send your ad info to manager@chetwyndchamber.ca

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... and thank you to our partners:

Northern Lights College Work BC Chetwynd Dawson Creek Job Search & Support Services **DCreative Designs**







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Featured V LOVECHETWYND.COM Member Jessica Lynn Photography

Jessica Lynn Photography specializes in creatively immortalizing those once in a lifetime moments. Whether you're marking a milestone or you're looking for lifestyle photos that will become forever keepsakes,

Jessica Lynn Photography captures what makes you uniquely you. Jessica Lynn Photography offers a variety of photography styles and packages, including family sessions, child sessions newborn and photography and delightfully charming cake smash photography to memorably and whimsically celebrate a baby's first year of life.

Wedding and event photography is also available.

Mention you saw Jessica Lynn Photography on Love Chetwynd when you book a photography session and receive a free 8 X 10 print from your session.



Main: 250-540-0624 2672 Sawchuck Rd Chetwynd, BC V0C1J0

Hours
Please contact for info or to book a session

Canada's #1 Plan for Employee Benefits

See why 30,000 business owners selected this plan! chamberplan.ca Chambers Plan Employee Benefits





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SATURDAY JUNE 18

Chetwynd Recreation Centre 10 am to 5 pm

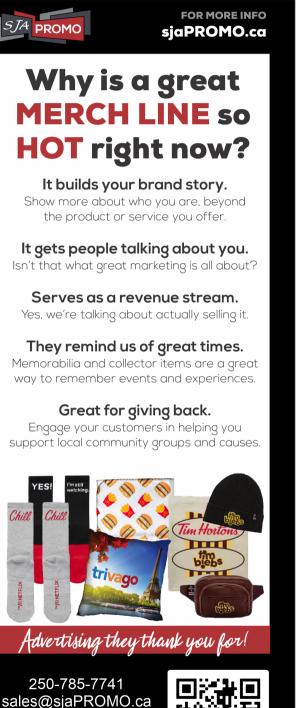


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Guest Column from #ChamberMember SJA Promo Does your brand need a merch line?



Scan the code to call, email, or add us to your contacts with one click!



It's not your imagination; small companies, big brands, bloggers and YouTubers are all doing it these days! What used to be a staple for a few unique brands is now a global trend for brands of all sizes and consumers can't get enough.

Whether you had timbieb fever or not, the recent donut and merchandise line up from Tim Hortons certainly got people talking! And what has pushed this trend over the top the last couple of years is that it can also generate revenue.

Creative branded merch can help build your brand story by connecting on a more personal level with your customers and community. They give you a chance to show your personality and have a little fun. Add a great pun or inspirational saying and you can create great branded merch that will resonate with your supporters.

People love to share that they were part of a moment and branded merch can do that. Whether it's a concert, run, fundraiser or other event, a souvenir helps memorialize the experience. The best ones even become sought after collectors' items!

Another part of the branded merch trend is the ability to use them to give back. You could write a cheque for \$500 to a local non-profit or you could turn it into \$1,000 or more with a product you can sell. Not only does this give your customers a chance to get involved, but it also helps raise awareness about the cause you're supporting.

Getting started doesn't have to mean a big investment. You can start small and build on your success as you go. Want to learn more? Check out our blog at sjaPROMO.ca/blog.



BUSINESS Excellence AWARDS CHETWYND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SAVE THE DATE OCT 21/22 Nominations opening soon

AWARD CATEGORIES

Employee of the Year Business of the Year Employer of the Year Educator of the Year Non-Profit of the Year Love Chetwynd Business Excellence Celebrate local business & our community

Nomination deadline October 1, 2022



EXCITING MEMBER OPPORTUNITY!

The Chetwynd Chamber of Commerce #CCoC is looking for 2022 member **#BusinessBlender** hosts!



Business Blender is a monthly, after work, fun and low-key event that lets you mix, mingle and meet other business people, and new friends. Enjoy personal interaction with community focused and driven professionals. **It's informal and fun!**

As a Business Blender host, you get to display your business venue, products and services and introduce your staff to an engaged audience! There's more than small talk - it's a chance to get to know your business community!



RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

In this digital age, **face to face** interaction is becoming less frequent yet people still want to know who they are **doing business** with. In the **social setting** of a Business After Hours, there's **more than small talk** - its the chance to get to know your business community!



MAKE CONNECTIONS

Increase your opportunities for leads through social interaction. **Your next great prospect** could come from a **contact** at Business Blender. Whether you **make an impression** or an introduction, you are marketing yourself and your business to **boost your reach**.



EFFECTIVE HOSTING

Invite all your customers, clients, friends and family. Showcase your products, services and venue. Hosts provide food and beverage as well as door prizes connected to your business to promote your brand.



MAXIMIZE MARKETING

Come prepared to make the most of your Business Blender networking experience. Have **plenty of business cards** and bring one or two door prizes promoting your business or brand to **extend your reach** outside of those you interact at the event. And...**SMILE!**

Contact Naomi at the Chetwynd Chamber of Commerce 250-788-3345 or manager@chetwyndchamber.ca

INTERACT & COMMUNICATE

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$MAY\ 2022$

Are you a part of BC MindReader? You should be!

You'll participate in surveys on topics you care about. All related to BC business and the provincial economy.

Information gathered through BC MindReader informs our advocacy efforts and policy direction. We don't just gather insights, we also share it back with you—so you can make data-driven decisions about your business.

Members are segmented by sector, region, gender (and more) to give us-and YOU-better insight into various business demographics. Head to www.bcmindreader.com and sign up!

We want to promote your business with Swag Friday

Does your business or company have promotional swag? If so we would love to be your LIVE billboard - we'll wear 'em, write with 'em, drink out of 'em and brag about the product on social media! WE LOVE TO PROMOTE OUR MEMBERS!

Contact us today at manager@chetwyndchamber.ca



VISIONCRITICAL

Join the BC Chamber MindReader[™] platforma totally free member benefit!

JOIN MINDREADER NOW!

The **BC Chamber** and your local chamber are excited to announce a provincial first.

BC's biggest and broadest business network has teamed up with Vision Critical to bring you the **MindReader™** platform.

MindReader[™] is a new cloud-based platform that allows our provincial network to have more timely, impactful conversations

Share your views - and we can cut more red tape!

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CALL FOR PHOTOS & VIDEOS

For two projects: The 2022 Business Guide & www.chetwyndchamber.ca

ATTENTION ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS, PROFESSIONALS, HOBBYISTS, GRAPHIC ARTISTS, DRONE PILOTS AND MEDIA EXPERTS!

The Chetwynd Chamber seeks photos and videos of the Chetwynd and South Peace area for use in the 2022 Business Guide and the "website refresh project". If used, your work will be credited.

The theme for both is "business." Topics might be development, meetings, meeting places, construction, economic improvements, building and remodeling in progress, workers, labourers, folks on the go, the job force, employers, real estate, transportation, industry, mining, and forestry Permissions: No photos will be allowed or considered without a signed permission included if private property or individual faces are used.

Quality: all photos must be 300 dpi or larger in a jpg or png format.

For more info contact 250-788-3345 or email manager@chetwyndchamber.ca

Deadline for images is December 31/2021



The Chetwynd Chamber of Commerce is looking for people to sit on the Harvest Fest Planning Committee for 2022

If you are interested, please email manager@chetwyndchamber.ca or call 250-788-3345 by April 1, 2019



WHY BUY LOCAL?

THE OWNERS OF local businesses are behind the counter.

\$ \$ \$ \$ uying local keeps 4 *Times* He money in LOCAL BUSINESSES SUPPORT LOCAL EVENTS, SPORTS TEAMS & CHARITIES 250% more than big corporations

local products

FASTER, TOGETHER: FASTERTOGETHER.CA

GETTING VACCINATED CAN BRING US ALL BACK TOGETHER. FASTER. PLUS VITE FAISONS-NOUS VACCINER POUR RETROUVER NOS PROCHES. PLUS VITE.

Your annual membership includes ALL Chamber Benefits

The benefits listed below have been negotiated by the Canadian Chamber and the BC Chamber! Simply Contact your Chamber to find out how to access these benefits



BC BUSINESS MAGAZINE: SUBSCRIPTION

Chamber members can access a one-year subscription to BC's premiere business magazine for only \$12.



CHAMBERS PLAN: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

More than 30,000 small-to-midsize businesses choose the Chambers Plan Group Insurance to protect their employees with comprehensive group benefits, including Health and Dental insurance, making it Canada's #1 employee benefits plan for small business.



CONSTANT CONTACT: ONLINE MARKETING TOOLS

From email marketing to event management, to social sharing and more, members save up to 25% on these easy-to-use marketing tools.

KUBERA: PAYMENT PROCESSING SYSTEMS Kubera provides a preferential rate packa

Kubera provides a preferential rate package for credit and debit processing and dedicated relationship managers to he serve your needs.



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PAYWORKS: PAYROLL SOLUTIONS

Payworks provides workforce management solutions, including real-time integration of payroll and benefits for members on the Chambers Plan.



POCKETED: GRANT FUNDING ASSISTANCE

Receive a 50% discount on your first grant, waive a grant consultation fee, and receive over 25% off upgrades to Pocketed+ to explore non-dilutive funding that fits your needs.



PUROLATOR: SHIPPING

Earn volume discounts starting at 25% on Purolator Express* and Purolator Ground* services.



SPARK INSURANCE: NON-PROFIT PROGRAM

In partnership with Shaw Sabey & Associates Ltd., our 20+ years' experience and group-buying power has helped us negotiate some of the best coverage and lowest rates in the country.



STAPLES: OFFICE SUPPLY DISCOUNT

Members access the Staples Advantage program to receive reduced costs on business supplies with no minimum order requirements.



The Pencil Box in downtown Chetwynd will match Staples pricing for our Chamber Members. #ShopLocal #SupportLocal #SupportChetwynd



LOCAL HOSPITALITY: HOTEL & CAR RENTAL DISCOUNTS

Exclusive deals for chamber members on hotel and car rentals around the world!



PETRO CANADA: FUEL DISCOUNT

Petro-Canada and the BC Chamber give you 3 cents off per litre at the pump.



ESSO: FUEL DISCOUNT

Esso and the BC Chamber give you 3.5 cents off per litre at the pump. Plus save on oil changes and more.



SHELL: FUEL DISCOUNT

New Shell program for Chamber members will be announced in the coming weeks!



PARK'N FLY: PARKING DISCOUNT

Members receive up to 40% off Park'N Fly rates at select airports across Canada.



WHISTLER 48-HOUR CLUB: TIME-SHARE CONDO DISCOUNT

Chamber members can book available time-share condos in Whistler at very attractive discounted rates within 48-hours of arrival.



FREIGHTCOM: CHAMBER SHIPPING PROGRAM

Members can save anywhere from 70-75% on what they would normally pay for shipping courier costs, including pallet shipping.



ANOVA ENERGY: CARBON COMPLIANCE & SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

Anova Energy can help small businesses become more "green" and verify carbon offsets validity and ensure they are made in Canada and in compliance with regulations.



ELAVON: PAYMENT PROCESSING PROGRAM

Elavon offers members the ability to accept payments from customers in a fast, efficient and secure way.



ROI CALCULATOR: FREE ACCESS

Get free access to the Canadian Chamber custom ROI Calculator to demonstrate the value of chamber membership, at all levels – local, provincial/territorial and national.



ROGERS FOR BUSINESS: ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

Rogers for Business brings members discounts on a variety of products and services such as wireless data, voice, wireline and Microsoft 365.



CHAMBER GET KLEANR PROGRAM: CLEANING AND DISINFECTING SERVICES

Kleanr is offering discounts on a variety of cleaning and disinfecting services to members in commercial building services, as well as construction services.



ADVERTEK: CHAMBER PRINTING PROGRAM

Members get discounts on printing services, promotional materials, bindery and finishing, digital printing services, car wraps and other forms of advertisements.



TRADECERT DOCUMENT CERTIFICATION

Apply for certificates of origin, visa letters, representational agreements and other ad hoc documents. Eliminate courier fees and save money through our online document certification platform.



CHAMBER IMPORT BONDS PROGRAM ENSURE IMPORT FEES ARE PAID

An import bond acts as a type of contract between CBSA, the importer and the surety company to ensure that duties, taxes and fees associated with the importation of goods into Canada, will be paid.



E-ATA CARNET IMPORTATION PERMITS

Carnets permit the temporary duty-free and tax-free importation of goods into foreign countries, simplify customs procedures, reduce business costs and save time and paperwork.

EXPOSURE

Stand out and get noticed! Increase your visibility by becoming an active member and taking part in marketing resources.

CREDIBILITY

Your reputation is important! Enhance your business by showing the community you are a chamber member.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Increase your competitive edge by utilizing trainings, workshops, and seminars that will help your business grow and succeed.

MEMBERS GET MORE & DO MORE!

NETWORKING

Build and strengthen your business network. Meet new people and get to know your business community.

GROWTH

Take advantage of special events and advertising opportunities, as well as being involved in volunteer programs.

ADVOCACY

Stay informed and educated on advocacy efforts. Empower your business by having a voice in what matters to you.



April 1 Biz Matters Newsletter April 5 Chamber Board meeting April 1-3 Annual Trade Show (postponed) Apil 11 Waffles and Welcome April 14 Spring Job Fair

May 1 Biz Matters Newsletter May 18: Swap n' Shop and Pro Headshots May 11 Moose Hide Day

June 1 Biz Matters Newsletter June 6-7 BC Chamber Executives Conference June 8-9 BC Chamber AGM and Conference June 13 Chamber Board meeting June 16 Chamber Luncheon: Northern Health June 18: Community Expo

July 1 Biz Matters Newsletter July 1 Shop Local Summer Kickoff July 11 Chamber board Meeting July 21 Chamber Luncheon: Mike Bernier

August 1 Biz Matters Newsletter August 19 Chamber Luncheon District of Chetwynd Downtown Revite project

September 1 Biz Matters Newsletter September 10 Harvest Fest September 12: Chamber board meeting September 15: Chamber Luncheon: TBA

October 1 Biz Matters Newsletter October is Small Business Month! October 1 Membership Renewal October 5: Fall Job Fair October 20: Chamber Luncheon TBA October ??-?? Small Business Week October 21 Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards & AGM

November 1: Biz Matters Newsletter November 14 Chamber Board Meeting & Swearing In November 15: Shop Local Contest Announcement November 17 Chamber Luncheon TBA November 25: Plaid Friday Chetwynd

December 1 Biz Matters Newsletter December 1 Shop Local begins December 8 Turkey Roundup December 15 Chamber Luncheon with the Mayor

January 1 Biz Matters Newsletter January 10 Chamber Board Meeting

February 1 Chamber Chatter February 10 Love Chetwynd Pop Up Shop February ??? - Chamber Week 2023

March 1 Biz Matters Newsletter March 17 Chamber Luncheon - TBA March 14 Chamber Board Meeting





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2022

CHETWYND & AREA BUSINESS DIRECTORY ORDER FORM

CUSTOMER CONTACT

Business Name:		
Contact:		
Street Address:		
Mailing Address:		
Phone:	Fax:	
Email:		

ALL ADS FULL COLOUR

Buying a 1/4, 1/2 or full page ad will automatically get you a 6-line listing included in the price!

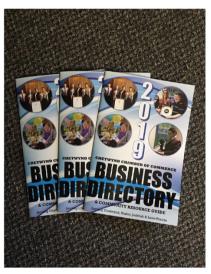
Would you like to offer a coupon deal for your business in the directory for an additional \$10?

Write discount/deal below. Proof to be sent to you prior to print. Only available with paid ad.

6 LINE LISTING

Non-Member

Chamber Member Non-Member Bolding Boxing Extra Line	\$100 \$125 \$5 \$5 \$5	i	
VERTICAL BUSINESS CARD			
Chamber Member	\$125		
Non-Member	\$150		
1/4 PAGE AD			
Chamber Member	\$250		
Non-Member	\$325		
1/2 PAGE AD			
Chamber Member	\$375		
Non-Member	\$450		
FULL PAGE AD Chamber Member	\$500	÷	



2022 Directory to include:

- Children's section
- Facts about our community
- Local resources
- Love Chetwynd section

Book NOW!

\$575

Business directories are placed in all local hotels and local businesses. ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE

Signature: Date:

Please see second page for fulfiling your 6-Line advertisement details



THE CHETWYND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Box 870 Chetwynd, BC VOC 1J0 Tel: 250-788-3345 manager@chetwyndchamber.ca 2022

CHETWYND & AREA **BUSINESS DIRECTORY AD/ DESIGN**

6 LINE LISTING - MUST BE FILLED OUT IN FULL

- 1. Business Name:
- 2. Box #, Street Address:
- 3. City, Province, Postal Code:
- 4. Phone:
- 5. Provide one: fax or website or email:
- 6. Provide one: fax or website or email:

If your ad ran last year and you would like for it to remain the same, check here:

Please mark one category where your ad will be placed in:



AD DESIGN

Will you be designing your own advertisement for this directory?

No Yes

If you answered "yes" to the above, please ensure your artwork for the ad fullfills the proper requirements:

* colour

- *1/4 ad size 4.8125 x 1.8125
- * 300 dip (print ready)
- * PDF or JPG
- * 1/2 ad size 4.8125 x 3.5625
- * Full Page ad size: 4.8125 x 7.3125

* Vertical Business Card 2" x 3.5"

Please email your print-ready files to manager@chetwyndchamber.ca

Notes/Instructions to ad designer:



In business, and in life really, focus on #ROI is important. With Chamber membership, there are two ways to look at ROI: "from" and "through."

If you're in the "from" camp, you're looking to get that return FROM the Chamber. You're after connections, leads, business awareness, training, etc. If this describes you, be sure you're maximizing your membership! Are you attending events? Sponsoring them? Tagging the Chamber in your posts so we can celebrate with you? Is your contact information all up-to-date?

If you're in the "through" camp, you're looking at the big picture and know your return comes THROUGH the Chamber. You're interested in building a thriving community with a shared vision, good schools, hospitals, roads and internet, with a business-friendly government, safe streets and a prepared workforce.

This past year alone, we've hosted online workshops and presentations for local businesses including advocacy and informational webinars; hosted a MASSIVE Shop Local program to assist our local economy recover and become stronger after Covid which saw more than \$70,000 invested into our community; created our annual Business and Community Directory which is distributed to business throughout town as well as online; hosted Harvest Festival - a one day celebration of our community in September (planned again for 2022 - GET READY); offered webinars on leveraging Social Media; and we helped with public and private stakeholders to bring a skilled and engaged workforce to our community as well as hosting our spring job fair April 2022. And preparations are in the works for our Business Excellence Awards celebrating the best of the best! And in 2021, we submitted a historical and groundbreaking policy that was passed at both the BC and Canadian chambers of commerce AGMs that called for actionable steps to move forward BC's declaration on the of rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) legislation.

We aren't great at self-promotion --that's just not our style. You don't always see us in the headlines of articles that are the end result of our hard work behind the scenes, but we work tirelessly making certain your voices are heard at the tables making the big things happen in our community!