



BIZ MATTERS

The official newsletter of the Chetwynd Chamber of Commerce

24 Days of Christmas Shop Local has begun!

Back again this year, the Chetwynd Chamber has launched their holiday program to support small business. Beginning on November 28 the Chamber will kick off its marketing efforts with the 24 Days of Christmas Shop Local Campaign. Throughout the holiday shopping season, the Chamber is encouraging consumers to “Think Small” and earmark at least part of their holiday spending in support of local small business.

“With the holiday season now in full swing, it’s more important than ever to keep our small businesses top of mind when tackling our shopping lists,” Executive Director Naomi Larsen said. “The ability we all have to support our hometown’s brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, cousins, neighbors, friends – all the people who make our community a wonderful place to live – will always be worth the collective time and effort in our book.

Larsen continued by stating small business is the backbone of our economy.

“When people spend their dollars locally, more money stays local. On average, for every \$100 sent locally, \$68 of that stays here,” she said. “By implementing the 24 Days of Christmas, we hope to encourage people to patronize all sorts of small businesses this holiday. In addition to our wonderful retail options, there are dining establishments, personal service providers, even local artisans that need our support. The 24 days of Christmas is a way to help our residents develop a better appreciation for how their spending affects our area and quality of life.”

In addition the Chamber is encouraging all businesses to participate in its efforts to raise awareness of how supporting small business improves the quality of life for the entire community.

“All businesses need one another,” Larsen said. “There’s a symbiotic relationship. But small business is the most endangered because many small businesses don’t operate with large cash reserves. When costs skyrocket, they feel it.”

The Chetwynd Chamber is challenging everyone in the area to support small business this holiday season.

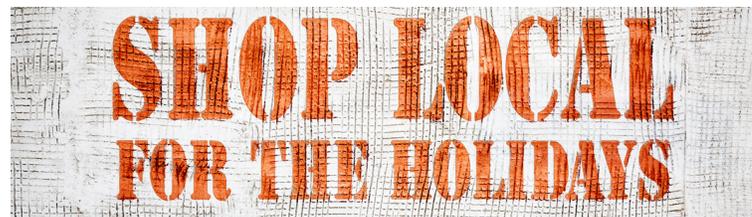
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24 Days of Christmas



Write your name & phone number on your receipts & enter them in the business drawboxes. OR pop into the Chetwynd Chamber of Commerce Monday to Friday between 9 am & 4:30 PM and drop your entries into the draw box located right outside of our office door.

PARTICIPATING STORES



The draw will take place December 22 at 9 am at our office. Winner will be contacted by phone. For more info contact the Chetwynd Chamber at 250-788-3345



ANNUAL TURKEY ROUND UP



Purchase a turkey 🌿 December voucher for \$40 🌿 8, 2022

On **Thurs. Dec. 8, 2022** the Chetwynd Chamber of Commerce will once again be hosting it's Annual Turkey Round Up from **9 am to 3 pm. All proceeds** will go towards the Christmas Bureau Society to fill their Christmas hampers with a turkey.

Drop by our office in downtown Chetwynd (in the old medical clinic) at 5121 47th Avenue or phone in your donation. We accept Mastercard, Visa, Debit, Cheque, Etransfer & cold hard cash.

For more information contact us at 250-788-3345 or email manager@chetwyndchamber.ca



Ho, Ho Hoe-down! Merchant Holiday Party

SATURDAY \$55/TICKET
DEC. 10 INCLUDES DINNER,
7 PM DANCE, DOOR PRIZES

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

Tickets available at Chetwynd Chamber of Commerce
manager@chetwyndchamber.ca 250-788-3345

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Chetwynd Year in Review and Q&A
Open to the entire community



Dec. 15/22
Noon to 1 pm

Pomeroy Inn & Suites
Tickets: \$20
RSVP by Dec. 13 at 4 pm
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Rein-In Tack

Equine and canine lovers will find everything they need at Rein-In Tack. The shop carries an extensive supply of Western and English tack, riding gear and accessories, including clothing. In addition to quality, brand name riding gear, Rein-In Tack also stocks pet food, pet supplies and nutritional supplements for horses, pets and even for their people. Guests will also find an enticing selection of gifts, jewellery and cards that fellow equine lovers will adore.

When you live in a place like Chetwynd, even small deeds make a big difference, according to Dena Larsen. People who call Chetwynd home genuinely appreciate little gestures, like when a business owner goes out of her way to provide extra service or hunt down a hard to find the product. It is one of the things that Dena most appreciates about small business ownership, and she is incredibly grateful for the love and support that her customers regularly give her.

Dena was born and raised in Chetwynd. To her, the people who live here are like a big extended family. Not only are they supportive of their local small businesses, they are there for one another in everyday life too. Residents are quick to lend a hand when there is a crisis, and they are also great at celebrating happy times together. Community spirit is strong and it makes Chetwynd a wonderful place to live.

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Hours
 Tuesday to Saturday
 10:30 am - 5:30 pm



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Contact manager@chetwyndchamber.ca

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Information on the *Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations*

If you manufacture, import or sell certain single-use plastic items, federal regulations may apply to you

On June 22, 2022, the Government of Canada published the *Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations*. To prevent plastic pollution, the Regulations prohibit the manufacture, import, and sale of six categories of single-use plastics that pose a threat to the environment.

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC ITEMS PROHIBITED BY THE REGULATIONS

 <p>Checkout bags</p>	 <p>Cutlery</p>	 <p>Ring carriers</p>
<p>designed to carry purchased goods from a business and typically given to a customer at the retail point of sale</p>	<p>includes knives, forks, spoons, sporks, and chopsticks</p>	<p>flexible and designed to surround beverage containers in order to carry them together</p>
 <p>Stir sticks</p>	 <p>Foodservice ware</p>	 <p>Straws</p>
<p>designed to stir or mix beverages, or to prevent a beverage from spilling from the lid of its container</p>	<p>designed for serving or transporting food or beverage that is ready to be consumed and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is a clamshell container, lidded container, box, cup, plate or bowl; and • contains expanded or extruded polystyrene foam, polyvinyl chloride, carbon black or an oxo-degradable plastic 	<p>includes straight drinking straws and flexible straws, which have a corrugated section that allows the straw to bend, packaged with beverage container</p>

The Regulations do not apply to plastic manufactured items that are waste or that are transiting through Canada.

RULES FOR SINGLE-USE PLASTIC FLEXIBLE STRAWS TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY

- Manufacture and import are allowed
- Retail stores can sell straws in packages of 20 or more on the following conditions:
 - they are not on public display; and
 - provided only if requested by the customer
- A business may sell straws in packages of 20 or more to another business
- Individuals can give straws to others in a family or social setting
- Care institutions can provide straws to their patients or residents



COMING INTO FORCE OF THE PROHIBITIONS

Items	Manufacture and import for sale in Canada	Sale	Manufacture, import and sale for export
Checkout bags, cutlery, foodservice ware, stir sticks, straws*	December 20, 2022	December 20, 2023	December 20, 2025
Ring carriers	June 20, 2023	June 20, 2024	December 20, 2025
Flexible straws packaged with beverage containers.	Not applicable	June 20, 2024	December 20, 2025

*Single-use plastic flexible straws that are not packaged with beverage containers are excluded from the prohibitions under certain conditions.

Reusable substitutes made of plastic

Single-use plastic checkout bags, cutlery and straws have reusable substitutes also made of plastic that are not subject to the Regulations. Performance criteria differentiate between single-use and reusable items for these product categories. [Tests to determine whether a product meets the criteria for single-use](#) must be conducted by an accredited laboratory.

Record keeping for export

If you manufacture or import any of the six categories of single-use plastics for export, you must [keep records](#) providing written evidence that the single-use plastic has been or will be exported. You must keep records and supporting documents in Canada for at least five years.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

As a manufacturer, importer or seller, it is your responsibility to know what single-use plastic items you can make or supply.

Manufacturers	Importers	Sellers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Inform your customers of the prohibition ✓ Plan to cease manufacture and export according to the prohibition dates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Inform your foreign suppliers of the prohibition ✓ Plan to cease the import and export according to the prohibition dates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Inform your suppliers and customers of the prohibition ✓ Plan to cease the sale according to the prohibition dates

Learn more about the Regulations, and how to comply with and adapt to them:

- [Full text](#) of the Regulations
- [Regulations' Technical Guidelines](#) which explain in greater details the requirements of the Regulations
- [Guidance for selecting alternatives](#) to learn more about best practices for choosing alternatives to the six categories of single-use plastics



► More information is available on the *Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations* website at canada.ca/single-use-plastic-ban.

► If the information you need is unavailable on our website, contact Environment and Climate Change Canada at PlastiquesUU-SUPlastics@ec.gc.ca.



DISCLAIMER

This information does not in any way supersede or modify the *Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations*, or offer any legal interpretation of those Regulations. Where there are any inconsistencies between this information and the Regulations, the Regulations take precedence. A copy of the Regulations is available at the following website: <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2022-138/>.





UGLY SWEATER PARTY DEC 9

Simply take a group photo of your staff wearing their most hideous holiday sweaters on Friday, Dec. 9 and send it to us at manager@chetwyndchamber.ca We'll post it on our Facebook page - most votes wins a 6 month advertisement on our webpage!!



Business Light-Up

Registration is on **NOW!**

Call the Chamber of Commerce at 250-788-3345 or email manager@chetwyndchamber.ca to sign up! You could win a full page ad in our newsletter, Biz Matters!

LET'S LIGHT UP DOWNTOWN!

Your invitation to BCMindReader awaits!

The Chetwynd Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the BC Chamber of Commerce to get feedback from businesses in Chetwynd through BCMindReader - an online business intelligence community that gives businesses, like yours, a strong voice in government.

As a member of the BCMindReader community, you'll participate in surveys on topics you care about—all related to B.C. business and B.C.'s economy. Data gathered through BCMindReader is contextualized and shared with government officials and informs our network's advocacy efforts to drive policy change. We also share these insights back with you so you can make data-driven decisions about your business.

Together, we'll ensure Chetwynd has one of the most powerful voices possible in B.C. Click [here](#) to join BCMindReader and answer a few quick questions to get started.!

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your business.
your voice.**

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a business insight community



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BC Chamber of Commerce

Take Advantage Of Your Chamber Benefits

Given the impact of COVID-19, now, more than ever, is a good time to ensure you leverage the benefits of your chamber membership. One of the most exclusive benefits for chamber members is Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan employee benefits.

A bit of background: Chambers Plan is Canada's number one employee benefits plan for small businesses. The Plan is also a not-for-profit, with ALL surpluses staying in the program to help control premiums and provide stability – something we could all use right about now.

Protecting you and your employees is easy. The first step is to get a free quote. There are no industry restrictions or minimum company sizes, so a YES to these questions means you could benefit from Chambers Plan:

1. “Do you have 1 to 35 employees?”

Chambers Plan offers guaranteed coverage for small businesses with 1 to 35 employees.

2. “Could you and your employees make use of group benefits?”

When you and your employees are on Chambers Plan, you get full, free access to many health and wellness services including:

- Teladoc Health, an online care provider that connects you with a doctor from the comfort of your own home
- Business Assistance Service (consultations with professional accounting, counselling, legal and human resource experts who understand the challenges faced by small business owners),
- My-benefits health (health and wellness resource site for all employees provided through Chambers Plan's online benefit management platform)

3. “Would you like me to connect you with our local advisor for a quick and easy, free quote?”

Chambers Plan engages local advisors to help chamber members determine if Chambers Plan is the right fit for them. If you're interested in getting more information about the Plan, reply to this email and we'll get your free quote started right away.

Our chamber is committed to offering businesses incredible value for their membership – that includes Chambers Plan and so many more benefits. To see how else you can take advantage of the chamber's programs, contact manager@chetwyndchamber.ca TODAY!!!





Business Data Lab (BDL) Has Released New Data That Looks at Trends in When, Where and How Canadians Work



While the number of Canadians returning to the office and other in-person workplaces is gradually returning to pre-pandemic levels nationally, the downtown cores of Canada's largest cities – including Ottawa-Gatineau, Vancouver, Toronto, Edmonton and Calgary – remain significantly below pre-pandemic mobility levels.

“New mobility data reveal significant local variation in the return to workplaces. We’re seeing a hollowing out of the country’s downtown cores. The central hubs of Canada’s biggest cities are shrinking, while the outlying spokes are expanding”, said Stephen Tapp, Chief Economist at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

Downtown cores are showing significant divergence from their respective broader metro areas, as fewer Canadians travel to work downtown from traditional commuter communities. These patterns are consistent with a pandemic-induced migration away from downtown cores in favour of less-densely populated areas, largely led by knowledge-workers embracing remote work and seeking larger, more affordable housing.

“Canada’s new mobility patterns present big challenges for businesses and for future economic development in the downtowns of our larger cities, but at the same time, also bring new growth opportunities for areas within surrounding commuting distances”, Tapp said.

BDL analysis reveals that changing workplace mobility patterns are most evident in locations with more highly educated workers, higher shares of women workers and those who commute to work by car or public transit.

The comprehensive report comes as Canadians continue to seek to reinvigorate economic activity and business and community leaders strive to make meaningful contributions to bolster Canada’s economic recovery from the pandemic.

Read the full report here and view the data dashboard here: <https://bdl-lde.ca/dashboard/>



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Joint business community statement on escalating workers' compensation system costs

The economic environment is increasingly tenuous for many B.C. businesses grappling with rising input costs, a shortage of workers, supply chain disruptions and rising interest rates. B.C. businesses are also concerned the provincial economy is weakening as the global economy shows increasing signs of slowing down.

As B.C. businesses struggle to keep costs down for consumers, we are increasingly concerned with the cumulative impact of government policy changes and government-imposed cost increases on employers across the province. Against this backdrop and over two years of pandemic impacts, we are disappointed by the new amendments to the Workers Compensation Act introduced by the provincial government earlier this week.

Bill 41 is another change in the litany of legislative, regulatory, and policy measures introduced by the government and costs are mounting for B.C. businesses.

In just four years, WorkSafe BC (WSBC) claims costs have skyrocketed by 90 per cent or \$1.5 billion, and an additional \$136 million in administrative costs have been added. This is despite overall injuries having declined by 2.5 per cent over the last decade. Bill 41 adds more costs to the system, though the government is not clear about the full cost impacts of the changes. We estimate the cost of Bill 41 is over \$800 million. These changes put WSBC on a very concerning financial trajectory.

We continue to maintain that the workers' compensation system is not broken. WSBC is regarded as an example for other jurisdictions of an effective, stable, employer-funded workplace protection and insurance agency. Over 90 per cent of workers surveyed who have interacted with WSBC consistently report their claims decisions were fair. These high satisfaction rates and a decline in overall injuries are due to the efforts of employees and employers working together. We will continue to prioritize health and safety in all we do.

The government should be transparent about the costs it has added to the system and the future funding requirements of WSBC created by changes they have imposed. With increasing economic uncertainty, now is not the time to be adding more costs to the system on the back of B.C. businesses or destabilizing what has been an important and effective workplace insurance system for British Columbia workers and employers.



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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 package for credit and debit processing and dedicated relationship managers to help serve your needs.



PAYWORKS: PAYROLL SOLUTIONS

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



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



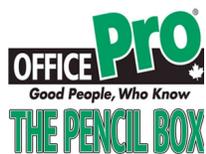
**SPARK INSURANCE:
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In partnership with Shaw Sabey & Associates Ltd., our 20+ years' experience and group-buying power has helped us negotiate some of the best coverage and lowest rates in the country.



**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
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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
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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.

NETWORKING

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

CREDIBILITY

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

**MEMBERS
GET MORE &
DO MORE!**

GROWTH

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

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

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

ADVOCACY

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



Top 3: Why is Chambers Plan good for your (future and potential) members?

1 Delivers immediate ROI for their chamber membership

You've heard the question before: "What do I get for my membership?" There are a million reasons to join a local chamber (advocacy! community! connections! influence!), but these reasons aren't always easy to quantify.

From the moment a member enrolls, Chambers Plan demonstrates immediate value.

The following are included in every Plan for free:

- Business Assistance Service (BAS), access to professional accounting, counselling, legal and human resource experts who understand the challenges faced by small business owners
- *my-benefits health*®, health and wellness resource site for all employees provided through *my-benefits*®, Chambers Plan's online benefit management platform
- Best Doctors®, connecting individuals and their treating physician to world renowned specialists to help employees make important medical decisions
- Customizable coverage of benefits program to meet their needs
- Plans that hold Health options include Teladoc® telemedicine service, where members have access to qualified doctors 24/7 anywhere in Canada or the U.S.

2 It's good for their business (minimizes risk, maximizes stability)

Chambers Plan's premium pool is made up of over 30,000 small businesses, which means a smaller risk for small businesses. This helps stabilize rates at time of renewal since the risk is based on the pool rather than only one business.

3 Gives them more time to focus on their business

Chambers Plan was designed with the realities of small business in mind. It's simple to manage, so your members spend less time administering their benefits program and more time running their business.

- Simple online Plan administration
- Chambers Plan's exclusive advisor support
- *my-benefits* mobile app to submit claims electronically
- Quick online enrolment
- Easy-to-use forms
- Claims are generally processed in two business days

SOUTH PEACE MACKENZIE TRUST



INVITATION TO APPLY FOR JOB CREATION GRANTS

The Government of Canada has provided the Province of British Columbia with funding to support communities and workers potentially affected by Caribou recovery and habitat restoration impacts. \$10 million was contributed to the South Peace Mackenzie Trust to help create jobs, diversify the economy, and alleviate potential impacts in the Peace Region, within 100 kilometres of the communities of Mackenzie, Chetwynd, and Tumbler Ridge.

In most cases the maximum grant that will be considered for any one project will be **\$250,000**. However, if an applicant can demonstrate a high probability of creating a large number of new income earning positions and/or creating some other exceptional benefit to the South Peace Mackenzie area that is consistent with the recovery of the Southern Mountain Caribou herds, a larger grant may be considered.

Any entity may apply if they wish to create or facilitate the creation of incremental income-earning positions. An Entity includes any of the following:

- Individual
- Corporation
- Club
- Regional District
- Trustee of a Trust
- Collection of Individuals
- Association
- Municipality
- Band
- Congregation

What people can apply for?

- Creation of new employment or contractor positions
- Skills training for individuals or employees whose current position no longer exists

For further SPMTrust information or to apply directly to the trust, please visit

<https://spmtrust.ca>