

Members who are letting their name stand for 2020.

PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, AND SECRETARY

DANIEL CHIMKO

Daniel is owner and manager of Dal Monte's Wood-Craft Ltd., an established local business that manufactures export certified wood packaging and provides general woodworking services. Previously, he completed a BSc Degree in Geography at the University of Northern British Columbia, and had roles with the BC Wildfire Service, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and Eurocan Pulp and Paper Company.

Born and raised in Kitimat, Daniel is keen to contribute to the community that he and his family love. He has served 3 years with the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce, has served as Chair of the District of Kitimat's Advisory Planning Commission and is a Coach for the Kitimat Youth Soccer Association. Daniel has enjoyed working with the Board of Directors to ensure that businesses in Kitimat have a strong voice.

TRACEY HITTEL

I was born and raised on a grain and cattle farm in rural Saskatchewan. I come from a large working-class family and believe in community spirit and involving myself in my community. Being a Director of the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce is a great way to communicate with like-minded others and help new businesspeople connect. I have a wife and two great kids and Kitimat has been my home since 1993 when I was a Methanex operator. I have since branched out and started businesses in Kitimat from Lodging to Guided Fishing to Water Taxi and Spill Response. Kitimat is a diverse community and without the Chamber of Commerce we could not communicate our voice of business.

JACQUELINE SWEET

Jacqueline "Jackie" Sweet is a Notary Public and a member of the Society of Notaries Public of British Columbia. Jackie was commissioned as a Notary Public by the Supreme Court of British Columbia on May 2, 2013. She received the BDO Canada Award for Inspirational Performance in all subjects of the Notary Education Program. Jackie devotes her work to helping the public with their personal planning needs such as drafting Wills, Powers of Attorney and Representation Agreements. Jackie believes in assisting our community with their real estate conveyancing needs including buying, selling, and refinancing their home. Jackie holds a master's degree in Applied Legal Studies from Simon Fraser University, a bachelor's degree in General Studies from Simon Fraser University and a diploma in Business Administration from the College of New Caledonia.

DIRECTORS (in alphabetical order by last name)

CORRADO COLOMBO

I was born and raised in Bergamo, Italy and immigrated to Kitimat in 2008. Prior to making Kitimat my home, I had been visiting Kitimat and the surrounding Northwest for yearly fishing adventures. I am now married to Lucy Zanardo, a local Kitimat resident, and have two children. Prior to making Kitimat my home, I was an owner/operator in a family run CNC machine shop. My duties included management, drafting and CNC programming.

In 2009 I purchased a longstanding Kitimat business, ABC Janitorial, now known as ABC Industries Ltd. and have successfully grown this business to be the primary janitorial company in Kitimat, serving Kitimat's commercial and industrial customers.

In my free time, I am an avid fisherman and an active member of Kitimat Search and Rescue (KSAR). I believe I am extremely fortunate to live in Kitimat. I have made a personal choice to live and work in this beautiful community as it provides an excellent work/life balance. I am proud to call Kitimat home.

ASHLEY HINTON

I was born in Calgary and raised on Vancouver Island before my career in broadcasting took me on a little tour of British Columbia and Alberta. I have lived and worked in Vancouver, Ucluelet, Prince George and back to Calgary before a career change brought me to this beautiful part of our country. I have always worked closely with the

communities I've been lucky to live in, spending many hours volunteering for different organizations. Now, working with Civeo at Sitka Lodge and Sitka Annex 2, I have had the opportunity to work with multiple organizations in Kitimat who are doing wonderful work. I look forward to showcasing the excellent tourism opportunities Kitimat and the surrounding areas have to offer and linking project workers with local business.

BJ HOUGHTON

BJ Houghton is a Branch Manager and is responsible to oversee operations and business development in Kitimat BC with McElhanney Ltd., an employee owned engineering and survey company.

Previously he was Survey Division Manager in Kitimat and Land Surveyor in Fort St. John BC, responsible for leading technical survey teams working on major industrial, LNG, and upstream oil and gas exploration projects in Northern British Columbia. BJ joined McElhanney in 2006 after graduating from the University of Calgary with a degree in Geomatics Engineering. His work experience includes legal land surveying and high-precision positioning for industrial manufacturing and oil & gas plant sites.

BJ is a BC Land Surveyor and Professional Engineer. He currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Practice Advisory Panel for the Association of BC Land Surveyors and is a Director with the Kitimat-Terrace Airport Society.

THOMAS JARDINE

Tom Jardine was born and raised in Kitimat, B.C and is father to three wonderful boys (Jayden, Jaxson, & Evan) and fiancée Andrea Scaife. Tom and his family enjoy living in Kitimat for all that it has to offer. (Camping, Snowboarding, Motorsports, Fishing and so forth) As Manager of Leavitt Machinery a long-standing Canadian owner & operated company Tom brings firsthand knowledge of the Industrial & Construction markets that directly affect Kitimat to the table. His primary focus is to assist other local business in being successful in these markets, as well as holding accountability for supporting local initiatives.

Focus:

1. Accountability for shopping local as it pertains to Large Capital Construction Projects
2. Ensuring Canadian Owner & Operated Companies have a voice
3. Ensuring the real information gets to the right people

KYLE MACGILLIVRAY

I was born and raised in PEI. Grew up with a family in the retail/grocery business, however I looked for something different and went to school for engineering. After that I became a commercial deep-sea diver where I had the privilege to travel and work. This career brought me to the coast of BC in 2009 where I met my wife Vanessa. A short 18 months later we both ended up back in PEI where I began working at my father's NOFRILLS in PEI. While training to someday own a store under my father's leadership I found the time to become a volunteer firefighter with Crossroads Fire Department. In late 2015 the opportunity presented itself to move to Kitimat and Own and operate my own NOFRILLS. After a quick google search of where Kitimat was here I am 5 years later fully involved in the community at the Shooting Range, Snowmobile club, Fishing Derby, Hospital, Food Bank, Humane society, Rod & Gun, among many other local events and organizations.

Top 3 Priorities

1. COVID-19 economic rebuilding plan
2. Shop local/tourism/micro economic development
3. Employee/staff recruitment & retention

THOM MEIER

I was born and raised in Kitimat, completed school here and completed an apprenticeship as a Mechanic. I left Kitimat in 1986 in pursuit of other opportunities, returning in 1989 to help run the family business, progressing to General Manager and part owner. I am married to Diana and we have 3 children who have gone on to their own careers, 2 of which still live in Kitimat. I chose to move back to Kitimat due to the opportunity that was offered to me. The decision to return to this safe, beautiful, and friendly community was one of the best decisions I have

made. In 2020 101 Industries was purchased by CIMS LP and I am the current General Manager of 101 Industries a Division of CIMS and continue to serve on the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce as a Director.

EVE NORMANDIN

My husband and I moved to Kitimat in December 2015 from Quebec to work at Rio Tinto. Being committed to the outdoors, we fell in love with the community and region. When we are not snowboarding, mountain biking or hiking, we are spending quality time with our son, Loic. In addition to acquiring theoretical and practical knowledge in health sciences during my PhD, I have worked as a project manager for a nonprofit organization where I liaised with internal and external stakeholder to build organizations offering and programs. My ease in developing peer-to-peer relationships and versatility in working in complex environments led me to my current role as the Senior Communications and Communities Advisor for Rio Tinto BC Works, focusing on Rio Tinto's social performance, consultation, and public engagement.

CAMERON ORR

Cameron moved to Kitimat in 2007 with his wife and started a career in journalism at the Kitimat Northern Sentinel.

After a 2-year run in Smithers at the community paper, Cameron returned to Kitimat in 2012 to be the Sentinel's editor. In 2016 he shifted to a new career working for Haisla Nation Council, as their Communications Coordinator. He spent a number of years as an active member of the local Toastmasters public speaking club, and is a volunteer for the local Scouts section, in the Beaver group. Cameron lives in Kitimat with his wife and two children.

Ideas for Chamber priorities over next 18 months to help businesses:

1. Biggest priority will be continuing the work to encourage local shopping and spending in the midst of this pandemic
2. Build opportunities for local business owners to join online educational series to cover topics such as marketing, IT needs of small businesses, and other topics that can lead to customer satisfaction.
3. Utilizing the local expertise of business owners to openly share their own success stories, to build a local understanding of what works and what might not in the Kitimat-specific context.

GRAHAM PITZEL

As a local Realtor, I see the direct impact of business on our community. Growing up in town, I have seen the changes as large companies come and go, and I look forward to the growth we will see in the future. Being able to help the business community expand and capitalize on projects around town is something I look forward to.