



Mini Trade Show

The **Kitimat Chamber of Commerce** is hosting our second Mini **TRADE SHOW** at the Riverlodge Recreation Centre on Thursday, February 23, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Save the date and join us for refreshments while you browse our member's booths. Enter the draws for a chance to win various gift cards and other great prizes.



Bell Media Radio G.P. is a radio and television station proudly serving the Northwest for over 50 years.



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Kitimat WorkBC offers employment resources and assistance for job seekers. Financial assistance for training and confirmed jobs for those who qualify.



KVI is a non-profit, self-sustaining organization that provides training, education, employment agency, room/business centre and occupational testing services.



As their name says, Northcoast Home Medical Equipment supply home medical equipment, including service and installation thereof.



Sight & Sound provide cellphones and are an authorised Telus dealer.



Streamline Mechanical LP provide mechanical installations of sewer, water and gas as well as road construction, maintenance, earthworks, deep undergrounds, civil construction and general site services.



Treen is a provider of safety solutions, services and P.P.E. They have Territory Managers based throughout BC and a branch in Kitimat.

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Upcoming Events

Mini Trade Show

Thursday, February 23, 2017
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Community Room, Riverlodge Recreation Centre

Kitimat Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

Thursday, March 9, 2017
6:00 pm
Kitimat Chamber of Commerce

Kitimaat Open Basketball Tournament

Friday, March 31 - Sunday, April 2, 2017
Kitimaat Village Recreation Centre & Mount Elizabeth Middle Secondary School

Kitimat Chamber of Commerce Golf Scramble

Sunday, June 25, 2017
1:00 pm
Hirsch Creek Golf & Winter Club

Canada-BC Job Grant

How Can It Help You?

The Canada-B.C. Job Grant is a program that assists BC employers to invest in employee training, with the total training cost between the employer and the government. This helps employers and makes keeping jobs easier for British Columbians by encouraging work skills development.

The funding made available by the Government of Canada and the Province of BC reimburses 2/3 (two-thirds) of employee training costs, with a maximum of \$10,000 for each employee trained per fiscal year, providing the budget, training capacity and hiring and retention strategy you need to advance your business.

In addition, small business employers may qualify for reimbursement for up to 100% of eligible training costs if the training will result in the employer hiring a previously unemployed person, up to a maximum of \$15,000 for each future employee. Small Business BC, the province's resource centre for small business owners and entrepreneurs, is a Service Provider for the Canada-BC Job Grant.

Applications are being accepted for training that starts on or before March 31, 2017. Don't miss your chance to develop your team and make your business thrive!

Contact Small Business BC for more information on how you can take advantage of the Canada-BC Job Grant:

Email: jobgrant@smallbusinessbc.ca

Phone toll-free: 1-800-675-8596

Bidding on Opportunities

Webinar on Government Tenders

Organizations such as Small Business BC, Women's Enterprise Centre and Canada Revenue Agency offer webinars throughout the year to provide ongoing training for business owners. From compliance for payroll reporting to bidding opportunities with government, the topics are wide ranging and informative.

To provide our members with access and opportunity for discussion on a wide range of business topics, the Kitimat Chamber will host a variety of webinar sessions at the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce. Following each webinar there will be time to further discuss webinar content with other attendees.

We will be hosting our first Webinar Session on **Wednesday, February 22, 2017 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am**. The webinar is offered by Women's Enterprise Centre (open to men and women) Mentor Advisory Forum: **Identifying Business Opportunities with the Government of Canada**. This workshop is designed for participants who would like a more detailed overview of the bidding process and provides key information to help you bid on opportunities, including:

- The different types of solicitation documents
- The main elements of a solicitation document and how to respond to them
- How bids are evaluated and suppliers are selected
- How to follow-up after receipt of the bidding process results
- Best practices, tips and suggestions

To register, please contact the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce: 250-632-6294 or email info@kitimatchamber.ca.

Welcome New Members

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Calderwood Realty has been established for over 75 years, based in Smithers, BC. Proudly servicing the Kitimat area since August 2016, Annelise Miller and Hayley Vilness enjoy working as a team in the community they were born and raised. Their local knowledge and passion for real estate pairs well with the boutique feel of the Calderwood Realty brand. They look forward to opening the Branch office in 2017 and continuing to strengthen the Calderwood presence in Kitimat.

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Ellis Ross, Liberal Candidate, Skeena

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City Centre Mall

Kitimat, BC V8C 1T6

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Ellis Ross, after 6 successful years as Chief Councillor of the Haisla Nation and 8 years as Councillor, now wants to bring his expertise to the provincial stage to champion Skeena Riding and Northwest BC as a place of investment and opportunity.

Ellis has worked for the private sector, the public sector and operated his own business in partnership with his brothers through the lean 1990's. He was awarded the Order of British Columbia in 2014 in recognition of his community leadership. In 2012 Premier Clark appointed him as the inaugural Chair of the Aboriginal Business and Investment Council. She also presented him with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal for Community Service.

Ellis was born and raised in Kitimat. He and his wife Tracey have 2 daughters and, to their delight, 1 grandchild. He is active in golf, soccer and basketball. For the past 12 years, he has coached and assisted Haisla basketball teams. He also coached the MESS Senior girls' basketball team to a zone championship.

MStar Hotel

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Kitimat, BC V8C 1T6

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Scheduled to open mid March 2017. Situated in the heart of Kitimat, attached to the City Centre Mall, guests have access to restaurants, retail shops, banks and the local businesses within the downtown core. Everything you need just steps away from the hotel.

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Statistics Canada

2016 Census Data Release

Statistics Canada has released the 2016 Census data on population and dwelling counts for Canada, its provinces and territories, its municipalities and other levels of geography.

Thanks to the outstanding engagement of Canadians from coast to coast, the 2016 Census is yielding high-quality information for communities across Canada. We invite you to explore the following tools to access data snapshots and view details of your community.

Census Profile

This product presents information for various population characteristics and levels of geography, including your community.
<http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm?Lang=E>

Population and Dwelling Count Highlight Tables

These tables present focused information for various levels of geography. Percentage distributions and percentage change are available to facilitate comparisons between years and geographic areas.

<http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/hltfst/pd-pl/index-eng.cfm>

Focus on Geography Series

This product focuses on a selected geographic area to present data highlights through text, tables and figures. A map image of the geographic area is also included.

<http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/as-sa/fogs-spg/Index-eng.cfm>

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Chamber of Commerce Week 2017



Chamber Week 2017 #WeGetBizDone

February 20 - 24

Chair - Wendy Kraft

Promotion. Advocacy. Volunteers. Connected. Progressive. Critical-Thinking. These are just some of the many words that can be used to describe the work of the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce.

Serving as the Voice of Business in Kitimat since 1955, the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce has been an integral part of our community for over 60 years. Supporting and advocating for the business community is one of our paramount underpinnings. From networking opportunities for our business leaders, to holding community events in tandem with many of our community partners, we are in our town connecting Kitimat. We offer a multitude of advertising opportunities in many forms to help you promote your business as well as an array of resources to help you recruit and retain your workforce, your Kitimat Chamber of Commerce is here for you.



While the Kitimat Chamber is many things to many businesses, organizations and individuals – Advocate, Connector, Communicator, Facilitator, Thought Leader – for key stakeholders, it is also that of a community advocate and community leader. The Kitimat Chamber of Commerce will continue to advocate on behalf of our members to ensure that these challenges are at the forefront, and as the voice of business, we will lobby our elected officials in all levels of government for the betterment of our community.

Our members are from where we get our strength; your continued support to your Chamber will help to continue on our path of growth and help see Kitimat continue to thrive for many years to come.

Executive Director - Trish Parsons

Chambers of Commerce across British Columbia will be celebrating Chamber Week, February 20 – 24, 2017. This is an opportunity to recognize the unwavering commitment of the Kitimat Chamber in supporting local businesses, boosting economic development opportunities and providing vital resources for businesses in our communities.



As part of our events during Chamber Week, the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce would like to invite our members and residents of Kitimat to stop by our Mini Trade Show on Thursday, February 23, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the Riverlodge and see what our organization and our members have to offer. For more than sixty years, the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce has worked to provide tailored resources to help our members achieve excellence. Creating jobs and driving the local economy to work with all levels of government and the public to build a better community.

As a member of the BC Chamber of Commerce, BC's largest and most broadly-based business organization in the province, the Kitimat Chamber provides an avenue for business people in our community to create a positive business environment. We also provide our members with a vehicle to promote our community and region to the outside world to encourage growth in business investment and developing tourism opportunities.

As life in Kitimat returns to a less hectic pace, we continue to be committed to working with all of our stakeholders to build a sustainable and prosperous future for Kitimat. We are confident that economic development is achievable, while protecting our environment and that Kitimat will be known worldwide as a Marvel of Nature and Industry.

**Save the pipes...
don't flush
any wipes!**

