



April's Networking Events

Kitimat Chamber members have been busy with a number of networking opportunities during April 2016. Our Twelve @ 12 "with a twist" on April 14 was an opportunity for members to meet with representatives from LNG Canada. Dana Bellis, Local Content Specialist, Joan Goldhawk, Senior Advisor, Local Content and Leighton Storsley, Operations Readiness Contracting and Procurement Manager, were on hand to provide a detailed presentation which included connecting skilled workers to employment opportunities to contracting and procurement opportunities including contracts awarded. Darrin Chiasson, LNG Canada's Construction Manager in Kitimat, was also in attendance to provide an update on current construction activities on site.

For more details on how contractors and suppliers are selected you can visit their website:
<http://lngcanada.ca/opportunities-in-lng/contracting-and-procurement>.

Our April 21st dinner meeting featured Guest Speaker Gaby Porier, General Manager at Rio Tinto BC Operations. Gaby's project update reiterated the huge team effort that saw the start-up of a total of 384 pots, with the final pot having been started up in late March. With AP (Aluminium Pechney) Technology at Kitimat's modernized smelter, full production has been reached for the most competitive aluminium smelter in the world, which produces aluminium with the lowest carbon footprint in the industry. Congratulations to Rio Tinto!

April closed out with the Kitimat Chamber's Annual General Meeting and Wine & Cheese social. We had the opportunity to introduce Kitimat's new Economic Development Officer, Mike Dewar, while saying goodbye to Rose Klukas, who is now on her way to Campbell River. We also welcomed at the AGM several new Directors to our Board who have all expressed a keen interest in being more involved with the Chamber and helping to shape the future of our organization and community.

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Upcoming Events

Kitimat Chamber Twelve @ 12 Lunch Meeting
Thursday, June 16, 2016
12:00 pm
Kitimat Chamber of Commerce

Flag Raising Day
Saturday, June 25, 2016
11:00 am
Heritage Park, 2109 Forest Avenue

Kitimat Chamber of Commerce Golf Scramble
Sunday, June 26, 2016
2:00 pm
Hirsch Creek Golf & Winter Club

Show N Shine
Saturday, August 20, 2016
10:00 am
Kitimat Chamber of Commerce

Kitimat Chamber of Commerce

Chair - Wendy Kraft

May – the start to summer in Kitimat! And the start of my position as Chair of the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce. The cold days are hopefully behind us and we can get outside to enjoy some of the great outdoors here! In late April, your Chamber held their Annual General Meeting and I would like welcome our new directors, Linda Berg, Philip Malnis, Heather Masch and Mark Minifie. The Kitimat Chamber has been working to evolve our Board to a full Governance Model and I look forward to continuing that process with our new board members.

The Wine and Cheese Social following the AGM provided our attending members the opportunity to say a fond farewell to Rose Klukas, the District of Kitimat Economic Development Officer, who is leaving us for Campbell River. We wish Rose and her family well and much success in their new life there! Mike Dewar, the incoming Economic Development Officer for the District, was also introduced. Bill Hickman was also acknowledged for his long term service to the Chamber Board. Bill has officially stepped down from the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors after thirty years.

At the end of May the BC Chamber of Commerce will hold its Annual General Meeting in Kelowna. I and our Executive Director, Trish Parsons, will be attending this event to ensure our local businesses' views are understood and to help shape the BC Chamber's business advocacy agenda. The BC Chamber is BC's largest and most broadly-based business organization. Our Chamber is proud to be taking part in this year's AGM, to bring Kitimat's ideas and views forward as we strive to build a more business-friendly BC.

The Chamber will continue with its Twelve @ 12 sessions which have been popular with the membership. These lunch meetings are a great opportunity to meet fellow businesses, network and share information. I would like to encourage our membership to get involved in the Chamber and participate the various events and networking opportunities provided. Our Annual Golf Scramble is scheduled for June 26th this year and is one of our larger networking events.

If you have ideas or suggestions on how we can further support your business in a more meaningful way or if you have any questions, please let us know!

Check your "in box" weekly – the e-blast continues to be distributed every Thursday. We also have the addition of the Kitimat Community Calendar at www.kitimatcalendar.ca which also has our Chamber events posted, along with many other community events. Take a moment to check out the calendar and if you have an event you would like posted, send your information to events@kitimatcalendar.ca.

Minimum Wage Increases

The BC Government recently announced two minimum wage increases. The current minimum wage of \$10.45 will increase to \$10.85 in September 2016 and a second increase in September 2017 will bring BC's minimum wage to \$11.25. The Government noted that the increases reflect the province's overall economic growth and ensures all workers benefit from BC's success. Recognizing the impact of these measures the government also announced a decrease in the small business tax to 1.5% from 2.5% in 2017.

2016 Board of Directors

Meet your 2016 Kitimat Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors:



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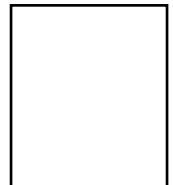
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Director



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Director



Jessica Stinson
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To be appointed
Director

Advertising Opportunities

Kitimat Chamber of Commerce

Make use of the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce unique advertising opportunities, available to our members. Advertising runs from July to June each year. Pricing for the full colour advertisement is as follows:

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Space is limited - book your advertisement early to avoid disappointment.

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Member Feature

Happy 20th Anniversary!! Sujitra's Suds & Seams

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Sujitra's Suds & Seams opened for business on May 9, 1996, 20 years ago, at the same location in Nechako Centre, although added the dry cleaning service in 1998. Terry Smeader was born and raised in Kitimat, but left his job at the then Alcan Smelter to open Sujitra's, which is named after Terry's wife. Sujitra's provide the following services:

- Self serve laundromat
- Full service laundry cleaning
- Dry cleaning
- Sewing alterations and repairs
- Fire and flood restoration
- Work clothing sales

When asked about their secret to business success, Terry commented that "business is just like in life, there are many challenges. Things will go bad and you just want to quit everything, but then realize you have to pay the monthly bills, so you work through it. Then there are the good times when you help people out when they are in a bind and need help getting their clothes cleaned or sewn in an emergency. That's what it's all about. All in all, it's been a very enjoyable and rewarding 20 years in business and I would do it again if given the chance. It goes to show that you really can do what you want in life if you really want to. The desire to succeed is about 80% of the requirements as the rest are skills than can be learned or paid for".

We would like to congratulate Sujitra's Suds & Seams for being a part of our community for 20 years, and for also being a loyal Kitimat Chamber of Commerce member for the past 20 years.

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Kitimat's Mark Zielinski Bikes Across Canada

Raising Money for the BC Professional Fire Fighters (BCPFF) Burn Fund

Almost 4 decades ago, Fire Fighters visiting patients in the Burn Unit saw a critical need and started contributing money for Burn Unit medical equipment and to help patients on their journey to recovery. Inspired by such spontaneous generosity, Captain Alex Blake from the Coquitlam Fire Department proposed a provincial wide initiative - and the BC Professional Fire Fighter's (BCPFF) Burn Fund was formed. Each year almost 700 children and adults from BC are admitted to the Burn, Trauma and Plastics Units at Vancouver General Hospital as well as the BC Children's Hospital suffering serious trauma. The BCPFF Burn Fund provides life saving, life supporting and life enriching services to them and works to save all British Columbians from similar trauma.

Mark Zielinski is a retired Fire Captain/Paramedic of the Kitimat Fire Department, where he spent 35.5 years serving the community of Kitimat and Kitimaat Village. Mark is always up for a challenge - his next challenge is to ride his bicycle across Canada to raise money for the BCPFF Burn Fund in the hopes of raising a total of \$20,000 via the Kitimat Fire Department Local 1304. Even though cycling is one of Mark's passions, this will be his longest, most consecutive ride.

Mark will begin his journey on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 from Kitimat, where he will bike across Canada to St. John's, Newfoundland, along the Trans Canada Highway for approximately 7,667 km. The journey is expected to take approximately 70 days with about 14 rest days in between. Mark anticipates riding an average of 120+ km per day. The majority of the cross-Canada ride will be in the southern half of the country where food, bicycle supplies and accommodations are easiest to find. Mark will also have the opportunity to visit as many Fire Departments along the way as possible.

If you wish to follow Mark's journey, please visit his Facebook page: www.facebook.com/markzielinskibikesacrosscanada2016/
Or for more information, please visit his website: www.cross-canadabikeride2016.ca

Please join Mark to give burn survivors their best chance for a full recovery and help prevent future tragedies. 100% of the proceeds of Marks' bicycle trip will be donated to the BCPFF Burn Fund via the Kitimat Fire Department Local 1304. Tax receipts are available for cheque donations exceeding \$25.00 made payable to the BCPFF Burn Fund. Cheques can be sent to Kitimat Fire Department or donations can be made online at: www.gofundme.com/markzielinski.



Project Update - Coastal GasLink Pipeline

Coastal GasLink Pipeline has now received the last of its pipeline and facilities permits from the BC Oil and Gas Commission (OGC). These permits provide Coastal GasLink with the authority to begin construction and operation of the proposed Coastal GasLink pipeline and related facilities. They are working to be ready for construction in 2017, conditional upon a positive final investment decision from the joint venture partners of LNG Canada. The OGC has issued 8 pipeline permits pertaining to pipeline construction and operation and 2 for related facilities: a natural gas compressor station and meter station at Groundbirch and a natural gas metering station at Kitimat.

During construction Coastal GasLink will require additional permits from the OGC and other agencies to enable activities including the construction of ancillary sites (such as camps or material stockpile sites) and road use. Visit www.coastalgaslink.com for more information about the project.