



Lunch and Learn at KVI

Kitimat Valley Institute (KVI) hosted a Lunch and Learn for Chamber members on Thursday, October 18, 2018. KVI is a non-profit organization established by Haisla Nation Council and Rio Tinto to provide education and training for local residents.

Members were introduced to the various services KVI provided, including:

- Business services: Loan employees, recruitment advertising, pre-employment checking, on-board training, typing testing.
- Training and education: KVI are currently working on their 2019 course schedule and will make it available as soon as it has been finalized.
- Safety: KVI perform drug and alcohol testing as well as occupational testing services.

During busy periods or when you are short staff, consider contracting one of KVI's temporary workers. KVI will manage the contractor working for you on your behalf.

Since LNG Canada's positive FID announcement, KVI are considering providing a training program for new frontline employees, which would entail a one day course on customer service, answering phones and basic administration. Please contact KVI should your business be interested in sending your new staff on such a course, or if your business requires specific training courses.

Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project Solicitation of Interest

As many of you may be aware the Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project issued a Solicitation of Interest (SOI) on May 22, 2018 seeking information regarding Indigenous and local businesses capacity and capabilities.

After meeting with Coastal GasLink it appeared not all of our members responded to the SOI. If the Project does not receive your information it will be challenging to maximize local contracting and employment. Coastal GasLink has indicated that it will receive late information but stressed that information must be received immediately. For more information please contact the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce - 250-632-6294 or email info@kitimatchamber.ca.

Vendor/Supplier Open House
 October 25, 2018
 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
 Riverlodge Recreation Centre

Community Open House
 October 25, 2018
 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm
 Riverlodge Recreation Centre

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Upcoming Events

Strategic Planning Sessions
 November 7-28, 2018
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Kitimat Chamber of Commerce

Curling Bonspiel
 November 19, 2018
 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
 Hirsch Creek Golf & Winter Club

Love Kitimat Trade Show
 November 23, 2018
 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 City Centre Mall

Light Up Kitimat
 November 25, 2018
 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Mountainview Square

Christmas Party
 December 1, 2018
 6:30 pm
 Luso Canadian Club

Director Column

Wes Gibson

I would like to talk about trades and getting involved.

We need to encourage our youth to get into trades as this is so important for our industrial community. Our trades people need to teach our youth before it is too late as we are not getting any younger.



Being an Electrician myself has given me a long and rewarding career. The rewards of being a trade person are limited only to what you make of it and what you put into it. As well as support from employers and proper training, make it a very good career choice. We need to not only encourage youth to get involve but take responsibility as industry leaders to sponsor and train our next generation.

There are so many good programs out there to get young people into trade, for example Kitimat Valley Institute has programs and information. ITABC also works with employers, apprentices and schools to make sure people are following the right path. School District has programs in high school that will support bringing the youth and employers together.

So it is time in this community to start asking questions and getting involved as an employer, Youth in and or out of school and anybody that has an aptitude for a trades program.

- Wes Gibson

Light Up Kitimat

Save the date for this fun, free festive family event

Sunday, November 25, 2018

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Mountainview Square

Should you or your company like to get involved, please contact the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce at 250-632-6294 or info@kitimatchamber.ca.

Northern Development Initiative Trust Supply Chain Connector

The Supply Chain Connector is the primary search tool for industrial service and supply business in central and northern BC. In order to connect local businesses with major project procurement opportunities, the Supply Chain Connector offers easy access to a fully searchable database of businesses throughout the region. Whether you are looking for qualified businesses to send a tender package or seeking to procure supplies or services or a local business looking for a joint venture partner, the Supply Chain Connector will make it easy for you to connect with the right business.

<https://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/funding-programs/business-development/supply-chain-connector/>

New Members

CFNR

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CFNR Network reaches over 80 communities throughout Northern and Central BC. CFNR's very popular classic rock format appeals to listeners in both the larger urban centres and the First Nations communities in which they broadcast to. CFNR is also a proud supporter of the many community events throughout their network. Not only do they work to promote the events, but they go into the communities and celebrate right along with them. Through CFNR's classic rock music format, news coverage, community events and contests, they have become a true reflection of the communities they serve. In Kitimat, 96.1FM. Your Nation Your Station, CFNR!

Member Spotlight

For The Diva In You

Carol Dale of For The Diva In You won an award called WISE 50over50! It was awarded to 50 small businesses across Canada who were started by entrepreneurs over the age of 50. Carol is off to receive this award in Ottawa on October 16th. Congratulations Carol.

Business Management

Development Training Sessions

At the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce

Training provided by Katherine Gauer

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm followed by Q&A

1. Bottom Line: Reading Financial Statements - Wednesday, November 7, 2018
2. Bottom Line: Strategic Planning - Wednesday, November 14, 2018
3. Bottom Line: KPI's - Wednesday, November 21, 2018
4. Bottom Line: Budgeting - Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Individual sessions can be booked as well as all four sessions. Appies and refreshments will be provided. Register with Eventbrite - \$12 per person plus taxes

Katherine Gauer, integrity is her first core value. With a background of more than 20 years Financial Management experience in multiple industries creating opportunities for value added insight for your business. Providing financial statement compilation, consulting, training and bookkeeping support services for small to medium businesses in Northwest BC from my office in Kitimat.

BC Hydro

Terrace to Kitimat Transmission Project Update

Over the past few years BC Hydro have examined ways to upgrade their infrastructure between Skeena Substation (near Terrace) and Minette Substation (near Kitimat) to continue to provide their customers with reliable electricity. Specifically, they considered two options: constructing a new line to replace the existing line and refurbishing the existing line.

They have confirmed that refurbishing the existing line will safely meet current and future known electricity demand at a lower cost than building the new line. A new line could still be required should future electricity demand in the area increase beyond currently projected levels.

Refurbishing the existing 50 kilometre line will involve replacing approximately 40 of the 180 wood pole structures, and about 80 timber cross arms and cross braces. This work also includes upgrades, replacements and installations of electrical components such as insulators and related hardware. The refurbishment work will also require some upgrades to access roads and potential ground re-contouring and vegetation clearing along the existing right-of-way.

A key goal of this work is to complete line upgrades to current technical and safety standards. This will ensure that most future line maintenance activities can be done while the line is energized in order to avoid taking it out of service. The refurbishment work is being done by crews and is expected to be complete by 2020. Most, if not all, of these refurbishment activities will be done without service interruptions.

In addition there will be ongoing routine maintenance on the existing line to ensure reliable power to Kitimat.

Small Business BC

Nominations are now open for the Small Business BC Awards!

The Small Business BC Awards recognize the contributions and achievements of BC small business owners.

Nominations are open to the public, meaning that anyone can nominate and vote for their favourite small businesses. They would also like to invite you to nominate the top businesses in your community. Nomination forms can be found at: <http://sbbcawards.ca/nomination-form/>

Once again, there are ten exciting award categories:

- Premier's People's Choice
- Best Company
- Best Community Impact
- Best Concept
- Best Employer
- Best international Trade
- Best Marketer
- Best Immigrant Entrepreneur
- Best Apprentice Training
- Best Innovation

Nominations and voting take place between October 1 and November 30, 2018.

For more information please visit <http://sbbcawards.ca/how-it-works/>

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Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party

Kitimat Chamber of Commerce
Christmas Party

Saturday, December 1, 2018

Luso Canadian Club

Cocktails 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Dinner to Follow

Tickets

Print your name on the back of your ticket for a chance to win door prizes

Cash Bar

Luso Canadian Club

Menu

Roast Beef, Vegetarian Lasagna, Curry Chicken

with Mashed Potatoes, Rice and Gravy

Cheese Tray, Vegetable Tray, Pickles and Fresh Buns

Bean, Potato, Green, Macaroni and Mixed Vegetable Salads

Fruit or Dessert Cake and Coffee

Music

Our D.J. will be Carlos Carreiro

Complimentary Ride Home

will be available from 9:00 pm - 12:00 pm

Wine Cellar Draw

Bring a bottle of commercial wine and \$5.00

for a chance of winning ALL of the wine.

The wine will be delivered to your home the next day!