

The ABC's of Chamber Membership

A response to the question: Why join the South Cariboo Chamber of Commerce?

While there are dozens of good reasons to join our Chamber, here is a summary of some key ones.

Advocacy We are the only local organization with a strong mandate to enhance the economic prosperity of the South Cariboo community. As a united voice for businesses throughout our area, we advocate strenuously for improvements to the business environment, while working closely with local government to create economic opportunities. With each of our Members, in turn, belonging to the BC Chamber of Commerce, we contribute to a 31,000-strong voice lobbying for improved business conditions on the Provincial and Federal levels. Many of the progressive ideas for improving the economic environment of our province and country come up through the Chamber network and much of the reduction in taxes and regulatory red tape enjoyed in recent years came from the hard work of the Chamber movement across Canada. No other organization does more for businesses of every size than the Chamber of Commerce does!

Benefits A number of the many local benefits of belonging to the South Cariboo Chamber are detailed below, and information on a major membership incentive program is included with this package. As mentioned above, each local Chamber Member automatically becomes a Member of the BC Chamber, which offers a comprehensive list of benefit plans. An outline of these numerous benefits is included, highlighted by a comprehensive Group Insurance Plan tailored for small enterprises, two excellent point-of-sale services, several fuel discounts and a great long distance phone plan. All told, there are dozens of attractive benefits available to each Chamber Member.

Community Joining your local Chamber of Commerce establishes your enterprise as a community-minded business supporting the betterment of both economic conditions and everyone's quality of life here in the South Cariboo. As an organization, we work hard to encourage everyone to shop local and to patronize businesses that support our community through their Chamber membership. Initiatives like our Member to Member Benefits and Chamber Bucks programs help drive customers to your door. In addition, we field many enquiries every month for products and services and always refer them to Chamber Members first. We sponsor major community events through the course of the year and our Members contribute to countless events held by other organizations and groups throughout our community. With your support through membership, our mission to provide a united voice for business while working to enhance the economic prosperity of the South Cariboo community will be further advanced, thereby contributing, in turn, to the greater success of your enterprise!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We exist to drive and support economic growth in the South Cariboo and promote it as an ideal community in which to live, work, and play.

Our Vision

We see the South Cariboo as a prosperous and thriving region due to:

- A commitment to making this the "best place to do business."
- An unwavering dedication to improving quality of life within the community.
- Emergence of key new industries to diversify our traditional economic base.
- Wise use of our natural resources and responsible environmental stewardship.

Member Code of Conduct – Commitment

"As a member of the South Cariboo Chamber of Commerce ("Chamber"), I/we recognize that membership is a privilege. Further, membership brings with it the responsibility to assure that all members also understand and commit to the following membership Code of Conduct

Accordingly, I/we shall commit to:

1. Conduct all business and professional activities in a reputable manner, to reflect honorably upon the business community;
2. Respect the good reputation, profile and status of the Chamber, and represent the Chamber accordingly;
3. Understand, support, and promote the Missions and Goals of the Chamber;
4. Whenever reasonably possible, participate in the functions and activities of the Chamber, plus, in the promotion and enhancement of business growth and related activities such as the Shop Local Incentive and the Chamber Bucks Program within the City of 100 Mile House.

I/we also understand that the failure to adhere to the professional and personal obligations outlined above, and as further defined in Chamber By-Laws, as well as Boards of Trade Act, *can result in the termination of my membership by the Chamber's Board of Directors* ("Board").

Membership continues in force for January 1st to December 31st each year and will remain in force until revoked in writing. Upon termination/revocation of Membership, all benefits, all media advertising and presence/links on the Chamber website are also terminated.

All corporate members are fully responsible and accountable for all actions of, and all charges incurred by, their designated Chamber representatives

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Business - Public Information: (this info may be on the Chamber website)

Company / Firm / Organization Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Position / Title: _____

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Mailing Address: _____ Physical Address: _____

Community/City _____, B.C. Postal Code _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Toll-free or Mobile: (____) _____ - _____ Fax: (____) _____ - _____

E-mail: _____ Website URL: _____

List Products/Services: _____

Will participate in the Member-to-Member Benefits Program – see attached benefits for further information on this program

YES --or-- NO

Will participate in the Chamber Bucks Program - see attached benefits for further information on this program

YES --or-- NO

List Member-to-Member Discounts Offered: _____

Business Profile: *Please provide a brief description of your business as it should appear in the Directory.*

** The above information will be available to the public in accordance with our privacy policy, which may be viewed on our website at www.southcariboochamber.org. It will be released on an individual basis to legitimate business enquiries. It may also be included in lists posted on our website, or periodically distributed to other Chamber members. Please contact the Chamber if you do not wish any or all of your information to be distributed. **

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Private Information:

Length of Time in Business: _____

Preferred Source of Correspondence (Please circle one): ** NOTE that E-mail is highly recommended & encouraged. **

E-MAIL Fax Canada Post

Number of Paid Employees, including Owners: Full-Time - # _____ Part-Time - # _____

I express permission for my business contact email address be added to the South Cariboo Chamber of Commerce Newsletter and email list.

(Circle one) YES NO

Schedule of Annual Membership Investment Assessments

A. BUSINESS MEMBER:

Business members include Companies, Firms, Partnerships, Professionals, Hotels/Motels/Bed & Breakfasts, Tent/Trailer Parks, Restaurants, Business Associations, and more. Business Association fees are based on the number of members in the association and are calculated the same as the number of employees (see breakdown below). The cost of an affiliate membership in the B.C. Chamber is included in the Membership Fee. Please highlight your membership investment category, based on the total number of full-time employees, partners, owners, and/or managers. For calculating the number of employees, two part-time employees are equivalent to one full-time employee.

# of Employees	Membership Dues	GST	Total Annual Fee
Home-based, no employees	\$105.00	\$5.25	110.30
1 – 2	125.00	6.25	131.25
3 – 4	145.00	7.25	152.25
5 – 9	167.00	8.35	175.35
10 – 15	192.00	9.60	201.60
16 – 20	225.00	11.25	236.25
21 – 50	280.00	14.00	294.00
51 +	442.00	22.10	464.10
Non-Profit Associations	57.00	2.85	59.85
Non-Voting Associate	84.00	4.20	88.20

B. SECOND BUSINESS MEMBER: \$47.00 + \$2.35 GST = \$49.35

A business working in the same premises / location as the first business member

Name of First Business Member: _____

C. REGISTERED NON-PROFIT SOCIETY **Registration #** _____

D. INDIVIDUAL MEMBER – *An individual not directly involved in a business or company eligible for membership in the Chamber of Commerce, registered as a Non-voting Associate. Membership rate as noted above.*

I hereby apply for membership in the South Cariboo Chamber of Commerce. I understand and agree that this membership contract will remain in effect until I resign, after giving 10 days advance notice in writing, and that my membership is due and payable on or before the 31st of December annually, for the following year. I understand that the business membership will attach to the company named above, and not to any individual, and that it is non-transferable. Fees are payable annually for a period of one calendar year, beginning the 1st day of January ending the 31st day of December. Membership dues received by this Chamber of Commerce are non-refundable. New members only (excluding past members) may be eligible for prorated membership dues if registered late in the year (must be pre-approved by the Chamber Manager).

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Name: _____ Position/Title: _____

Cheques should be made payable to the South Cariboo Chamber of Commerce. Payment can also be made by VISA or Mastercard.

South Cariboo Member Benefits- Benefits that can be obtained locally

Member to Member Discounts

Members can take advantage of other members that choose to discount products or services to other members. A membership card can be requested to obtain these discounts.

At Ease Wellness	10% off first visit	Caribooradio.com	10% off regular priced services
Creating Joy in Art	10% off regular priced services	Centennial Law Corporation	10% discount on legal fees
David Beharrell (Digger Dave)	10% off labour only	Donex Pharmacy	15% off regular items
Dricos Entertainment	5% off of regular priced merchandise	Garth's Electric	10% off Supplies
Spruce Hill Resort & Spa	25% off Gym Memberships	Higher Ground Natural Foods	10% off Supplements
Horse Lake Garden Centre	10% discount on annual plants	Ingrid's Foot Care	25% discount with card first visit
Jacob Transport	20% off all services	Lake Of The Trees	10% off camp session fees
Mount Timothy	25% off lift tickets	New Roads Nutrition Consulting	15% off Services and 10% off supplements
Our Kitchen Corner	10% off Merchandise	108 Mile Supermarket	10% off all regular priced items
Rainer's Health House & Academy	25% discount with card first visit only	Rustic Elements	10% off
Sharon's Jewellers	10% off regular price merchandise	Spring Lake Guest Ranch	10% off of Evening Dinner
Whimsey Gifts	10% off regular priced merchandise		
Sunrise Ford	\$500.00 off Any Used/New Vehicle for Owner/GM Of the Business		

Chamber Bucks Shop Local Program

The Chamber Buck Program is one of the great benefits of being a Chamber Member. Only Chamber Members qualify in accepting Chamber Bucks. Our chamber bucks program is a program that keeps the community shopping local. This program is set up so people can purchase the money from the Chamber Office and then disperse as a gift or reward to a friend or employee who then spends it at one of our accepting members businesses. The bucks come in \$10, \$25 or \$50 dollar amounts.

When a customer comes into purchase a product or service the Chamber Bucks are treated exactly the same as cash. Your business has the option of issuing a gift certificate for the change back portion of the Chamber Buck.

To Redeem Chamber Bucks received, submit a Chamber Bucks Redemption Form to the Chamber Office by email or fax and a cheque for the amount less 2% administration will be delivered to you for exchange of the Chamber Bucks.

Please contact the South Cariboo Chamber office for more information on benefits



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Free Advertising

The Chamber website is the largest business directory website in 100 Mile House. Your business will be listed on our website in the Business Directory under any heading that suits your business or any service you provide. Your contact information, your location, plus a link to your businesses website will be visible to any customer searching for businesses on the Chamber of Commerce Website. www.southcariboochamber.org

Your business will be listed weekly as a member on the South Cariboo Chamber of Commerce Weekly newsletter that reaches over 500 readers every week. The newsletter is also on our face book page that reaches over 500 followers weekly. New members will be featured on the newsletter.

Six times a year the Chamber has a two page spread in the 100 Mile House Free Press where your business will be listed as a member of the South Cariboo Chamber of Commerce. New members will be featured.

Each week a member will be featured on our face book page as a member of the week with a link to the business website, information regarding the services of the business from the membership form and the logo will be displayed.

The Chamber welcomes you to provide business cards or information to be displayed in the Chamber Office.

New members will be profiled in the Free Press Newspaper with an article in the Chamber Opportunities Spread with a picture and a short article regarding your business.

New Members will be profiled on our Face Book page as well as a month on the front of our website.

New Members will be profiled on our Weekly newsletter for two issues as well as being listed as a member on the newsletter members list.

Advertising can also be purchased on our newsletter for those times your business has something special going on or a message you would like other members and customers to receive.

Discounted Benefits

The South Cariboo Chamber of Commerce pays for your BC Chamber of Commerce Membership which includes many more benefits.

- The Chamber has regular luncheons and seminars. Members receive a discounted price of all luncheons and seminars.
- Members receive a discounted advertising fee, sponsorship, title sponsorship, or booths on selected Chamber Events.
- New members receive two months membership free of charge if registering as a member in November. Membership will include November, December and the following year.

10% Advertising discount through CaribooRadio.com for members. Please contact Rob at 250-706-9611

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BC Chamber of Commerce Membership

When you become a South Cariboo Chamber Member, you also become a BC Chamber of Commerce Member. The BC Chamber of Commerce is constantly working with organizations to provide chamber members with discounted services or Chamber Member only benefits.



The Chamber Group Insurance Plan is the #1 plan for employee benefits. Its Flexible design allows your business to design a plan that works for your budget. There is no minimum business size and no industry restrictions. There is a guaranteed approval for businesses with 3 or more employees and can also work for businesses with less employees.

The Chamber Group Insurance plan has outstanding service that is fast and accurate.

Customer Testimonial "The plan works great. We had a root canal done and we received a cheque on the mail in less than a week from the dental offices process of paper work. There were no questions asked!"

Step 1 : Go to www.chamber.ca

Step 2 : Find an Advisor

Step 3: fill out submission form

South Cariboo Chamber of Commerce Chamber Group Insurance Advisor Hugh Gage 250-392- 7911

hugh.gage@engagefinancial.com

- Dental Coverage
- Prescription Coverage
- Eye Glasses Coverage
- Travel Insurance
- Investments for Retirement
- Affordable Monthly Payments

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First Data Merchant Solutions helps business reach more customers by offering fast and secure payment processing options in tandem with a wide selection of devices. BC Chamber members are **provided exclusive low rates** in merchant services, credit and debit card transactions and products tailored to suit your business.



VersaPay offers industry leading payment processing, credit card terminals and merchant accounts. Versa Pay offers Chamber members **preferential processing rates** on Visa, Mastercard, debit and e-commerce.



Payworks' innovative online solutions for payroll, human resources, and employee time management increase payroll accuracy and reduce costly errors. Features include: direct deposits, automatic government remittances, year end tax filing/T4s submission and electronic records of employment. Payworks Chamber of Commerce **affinity pricing** offers members access to Payworks payroll Solutions at a **member discount**.



Canada's only national airport parking company, Park 'N' Fly offers BC Chamber Members exclusive, lower than web rates which can be used for both leisure and business travel. Chamber Members that travel frequently can register online to expedite their service and receive the discount automatically every time they park with Park 'N' Fly, additional services are included with rewards program.

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The BC Chamber of Commerce hotel and car rental discount program is provided exclusively for our members and their employees. Access worldwide business and leisure travel discounts and car rental discounts. Chamber members access exclusive discounts on hotels and car rentals. Savings may be as much as 50%, and average 10 to 20% below market rates.



Constant Contact is the source for all your online marketing. Create professional email campaigns with easy-to-use, fully customizable templates for: newsletters, announcements, events and surveys. Giving you more ways than ever to build your business and engage your community. Chamber members access exclusive savings on Constant Contact's entire suite of online marketing tools.



Every day the Purolator network successfully delivers more promises to more points across Canada than any other parcel and freight solutions provider. As a member of the BC Chamber of Commerce, you are entitled to even greater value when you choose the Purolator network; with volume discounts on Purolator Express® and Purolator Ground® services.

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Spark is our preferred partner for discounted nonprofit and charity insurance. The online application takes less than 5 minutes to complete and no obligation quotes are free. All non-profits and charities are eligible.



Drive Audience Engagement at your Events. Pigeonhole Live is the Simplest Interactive Q&A Platform for Events, Seminars and Workshops.



Staples Advantage is the world's largest business-to-business supplier of office essentials, print solutions, promotional products and office furniture solutions. Businesses know the challenges they face; Staples Advantage works with companies to build a specialty program that meets their demands. Chamber members can access the Staples Advantage discount program, which provides savings on office essentials, print solutions and more.

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Save 2 cents per litre off the posted pump price at any Petro-Canada retail service station. Business owners can apply for the Petro-Points Card and accumulate points to be able to save a further 5 cents per litre.



Save a minimum of 3 cents per litre off the posted pump price with your Chamber Shell Triton card.



Save 3.5 cents per litre off the posted pump price at any ESSO branded service station in Canada with your Chamber member Esso Business Card Program.

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