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BUILDING A BETTER BUSINESS COMMUNITY

SAVE THE DATE

Nominations Open for Business Excellence Awards
August 1st - August 31st, 2017

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Business Excellence Awards
October 14, 2017
Tweedsmuir Park Rod & Gun Club

Celebrating the beauty of the Lakes District.
Photo taken from RDBN Image Bank.

From the Manager's desk...

August is here already. Hopefully you have had a chance to enjoy the beautiful weather.

It's been busy at the Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Centre. The number of overnight visitors is up over the last year and we expect this trend to continue as we work hard to show our visitors what Burns Lake and the Lakes District have to offer.

The Business Excellence Awards Nominations are now open! You will find a copy of the nomination form in our newsletter, as well as on our website- burnslakechamber.com, in the Lakes District Newspaper and at the Chamber of Commerce office. Mark your calendar—the event will be on October 14, 2017. We will be holding the event at the Tweedsmuir Rod & Gun Club again this year. A memorable evening of celebrating the excellence in our business community, networking, and some necessary fund-raising for your Chamber.

The Community Market is picking up with great support from our vendors and community. Homegrown produce, fresh baked goods, handmade items, along with the many unique direct sales companies. If you haven't had a chance to check out the Market be sure and stop by. The Market runs every Saturday from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

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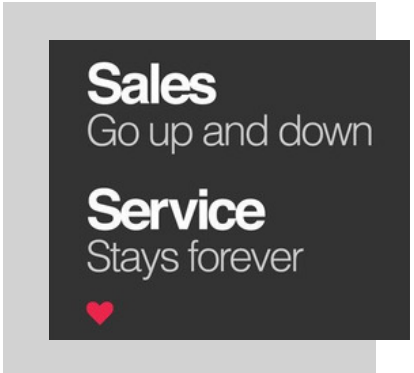

BURNS LAKE & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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Regular Office Hours for August are
Monday - Friday 8 am to 5 pm
Saturday 8 am to 4 pm
Sunday 10 am to 4 pm
some exceptions may apply
Phone 250-692-3773

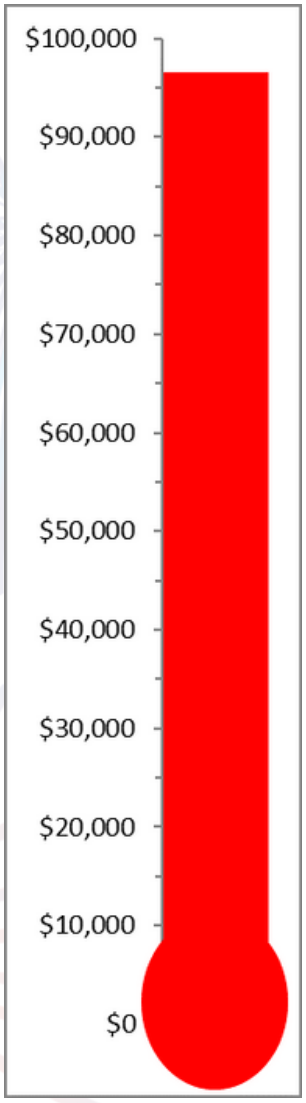
Lakes District Local Gift Certificate Program

over $96,000 kept local since November 2015!

We are beyond thrilled to announce that as of July 31, 2017, $96,515 worth of local gift certificates have been sold.

As we aim for the $100,000 mark, every $25 purchase of gift certificates will earn you an entry into a draw for 1 of 3 prizes!

We love our community - let's keep our money here! We can encourage local prosperity by keeping our hard earned dollars in our local economy.



Gift certificates can be redeemed at any of these fine local businesses:

Overwaitea B.C.'s very own food people.

LIVE WELL WITH PHARMASAVE

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BURNS LAKE LAKES DISTRICT NEWS

KAL TIRE

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circle arts gift gallery

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south hill DESIGNS

If you have events or information for the newsletter, please send it to us before the 26th of each month. Thank you!

Information Hub

Building a Better Business Community - Save the Date

August 1st, 2017 - Nominations open for Business Excellence Awards
August 5th, 2017 - Burns Lake Community Market @ Heritage Centre 9 am to 2 pm
August 12th, 2017 - Burns Lake Community Market @ Heritage Centre 9 am to 2 pm
August 19th, 2017 - Burns Lake Community Market @ Heritage Centre 9 am to 2 pm
August 26th, 2017 - Burns Lake Community Market @ Heritage Centre 9 am to 2 pm
August 31st, 2017 - Nominations close for Business Excellence Awards
September 1st, 2017 - Voting begins for Business Excellence Awards
September 4th, 2017 - Office closed for Labour Day
September 19th - 20th, 2017 - Regional Business Forum
September 30th, 2017 - Voting closes for Business Excellence Awards
October 5th, 2017 - Breakfast with the Mayor @ Heritage Centre 7:30 am
October 9th, 2017 - Office closed for Thanksgiving
October 14th, 2017 - Business Excellence Awards - Tweedsmuir Park Rod & Gun Club
October 16th, 2017 & October 17th, 2017 - Office closed for Northern BC Tourism Summit & AGM
November 21st, 2017 to November 24th, 2017 - Office closed for BC Visitor Services Conference
December 23rd, 2017 to January 1st, 2018 - Office closed for Winter Break

Nechako White Sturgeon Conservation Centre Travelling Tour in Burns Lake

On Wednesday July 26, the Nechako White Sturgeon Conservation Centre (located in Vanderhoof) brought their travelling tour to the Heritage Centre. Attendees learned about the life cycle of the sturgeon, as well as the work that is done at the Conservation Centre to revive this pre-historic animal that calls the Nechako Watershed home. It was an informative session for everyone involved, and we look forward to having them back again next summer.

Why Shop Local?

"Keep the Dollars in Our Local Economy - When you shop in our community, you simultaneously create jobs, fund more services like education and emergency services through taxes, invest in neighbourhood improvement, and promote community development."

New Information Kiosk at the Visitor Centre a success.

Thank you to the Village of Burns Lake for all their hard work on the new information kiosk outside of the centre - the new map and brochure racks have already been utilized by visitors after hours.

Welcome new member, JK APPAREL BY SHYLA

JK Apparel is a proud Canadian owned direct sales company. JK Apparel is Canada's leading and largest growing team in women's and children's fashion.
JK Apparel has a wide selection of leggings, tops, shorts, dresses, and much more. Host a party or take a look at her inventory on Facebook @ JK Apparel Burns Lake BC by Shyla.

Become a vendor today!

BURNS LAKE COMMUNITY MARKET

Saturdays 9 am to 2 pm

Call 250.692.3773 for more info.

Learn to Fish Program comes to Kager Lake. The Burns Lake Visitor Centre was pleased to have the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC come to our area and put on an informative "Learn to Fish" Program. Fun was had by all! The FFSBC also sponsors the Rod Loan Program that is available year round at the visitor centre.

Request for Quote - Entertainment

The Burns Lake & District Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the annual Business Excellence Awards on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at the Tweedsmuir Park Rod & Gun Club.

We invite all Chamber members to submit a quote for providing entertainment for the evening.
The quote will need to include the following:
- Entertainment for six hours including set-up and clean-up time
- Transportation and/or accommodation costs

Please provide a total cost for the evening entertainment including taxes.

Please send your quote to Randi Amendt at manager@burnslakechamber.com on or before 12:00pm on August 10, 2017. If you have any questions regarding the RFQ, please email or call Randi at 250.692.3773.

Please respond by August 10, 2017 12 pm

Hard Ice Cream now available @ the Burns Lake Visitor Centre

KEEP IT LOCAL!
Play. Shop. Dine.

Request for Proposal - Burns Lake & District Travel Experience Guide

PRODUCTION OF THE OFFICIAL BURNS LAKE & DISTRICT TRAVEL EXPERIENCE GUIDE

Full details can be found on the Burns Lake & District Chamber of Commerce website or picked up from the Burns Lake & District Chamber of Commerce office.

Closing Time and Date is 4:00pm, local time, Wednesday, September 6th, 2017.

Please submit your proposals to Randi Amendt at manager@burnslakechamber.com on or before 4:00 pm on September 6, 2017. If you have any questions regarding the RFP, please email or call Randi at 250.692.3773.

Community Market grows by the week

The Burns Lake Community Market, that runs Saturdays from 9 am to 2 pm during July and August, has seen significant growth over the last couple of weeks. There are a wide array of products available, such as garden produce, baking, home products, animal treats, and much more! If you are interested in becoming a vendor, email info@burnslakechamber.com

Northern BC Tourism Stakeholder Registration

Are you a tourism-related business operating in Northern BC? If so, register as a Northern BC Tourism Stakeholder. It's free and will provide you with access to a wide range of benefits to help grow, support and promote your business. Registration also provides members with a discount on 2017 NBC Tourism Summit tickets (happening on October 15 & 16, 2017). For more info visit www.travelnbc.com.

TRAVEL NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

BURNS LAKE & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Awards Reception
October 14th 2017
Tweedsmuir Park Rod & Gun
5:30 pm

CALL FOR 2017 BUSINESS NOMINATIONS

Deadline: Friday, August 31st

Nominations begin August 1st and are open to all Burns Lake & District residents.
Return this form to the Chamber office. 540 Highway 16 W Burns Lake, BC.

CATEGORIES

Community Impact Award

This not-for-profit organization coordinates projects, services and/or events that give back to the community. Their efforts contribute to the social and cultural wellbeing of Burns Lake & the Lakes District.

Nomination:_____

Community Ambassador Award

This award recognizes dedication to community involvement through support, sponsorship, donation or volunteer efforts. Businesses who demonstrate dedication and pride to a project or community cause, such as fundraising.

Nomination:_____

Home Based Business of the Year Award

This business has consistently demonstrated success and innovation, quality products or services and excellent customer and/or employee relationships.

Nomination:_____

Paul Sandercott Business of the Year Award

This award is presented to a well-established business (4 or more years of operations) that displays an up to date image and goes above and beyond, continually striving to offer the best in their field. The business actively promotes and/or participates in local community events. The business demonstrates an overall image of pride as a member of the Burns Lake and District business community.

Nomination:_____

Tourism Excellence Award

This business or organization has delivered top quality products or services which have included efforts to promote Burns Lake & the Lakes District as a tourism destination for the benefit of the entire business community.

Nomination:_____

Outstanding Customer Service Award

This award recognizes dedication to customer satisfaction through integrity and excellent service. Staff are helpful and cheerful and the business exhibits outstanding morale. Staff are professional and knowledgeable to meet customer needs.

Nomination:_____

Ingenuity and Innovation Award

This business demonstrates ingenuity and innovation using the latest technology (creating opportunity and growth in the Lakes District through employment, productivity, safety and the use of multiple communication channels).

Nomination:_____

Rookie Of The Year Award

Any business that has registered their business in the current (2017) or immediate preceding year (2016) of the Business Excellence Awards, that has demonstrated excellence through positive growth, superior customer service and a commitment to quality. The business demonstrates an overall image of pride as a member of the Burns Lake and District business community.

Nomination:_____

Customer Service Employee Of The Year Award

This award, initiated by the Bulkley Valley Credit Union, is awarded to any frontline employee of any business in the Lakes District who has demonstrated exceptional, friendly customer service on a consistent basis.

Nomination:_____

Lifetime Business Achievement Award

This award is bestowed upon a business person in Burns Lake & the Lakes District who has contributed 25 years or more of business excellence. The award is not an annual award and is only presented when a deserving recipient has been identified.

Nomination:_____

Resource Industry Award

This business uses natural resources or provides services to the resource industry. They continually demonstrate success through innovation, quality product/services and excellent customer and/or employee relationships.

Nomination:_____

Nominator Information

Nominations submitted by:_____

Nominator's phone or email:_____

Additional comments supporting your nominations:

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Burns Lake & District Chamber of Commerce Members

RETAIL

Aksenz Studio
Autobot Sales Inc
Blu Jay Sports
Burns Lake Auto Supply
Burns Lake Home Hardware
Burnt Bikes
Carey's Positive Electronics
Farmhouse Country Gifts
Four Rivers Co-Op
Green Zone Grocer
Grizzly Jim's General Store
Lino's Sales & Services
Overwaitea Foods
P & B Feeds 'n' Needs
Pharmasave
PROCESS 4 circle arts GALLERY
Woods N' Water
Sports and Recreaton
Yarn & Sew On
Your Dollar Store With More

HOME-BASED BUSINESS

Epicure Selections by Jan
F-Bomb Foods
Gma's Happy Feet
Homeside Antiques
Honeysuckle Farm
JK Apparel by Shyla
John Illes CGA
Mark'S Photography
Rocking L Quilts
South Hill Designs - Dallas Matson
Studio 4240
The Art of Gerda Volz
Tranquility Farms
Usborne Books at Home
Watkins by Karen
Wood Anything

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SERVICES

A & W
ABC Communications
ACI Computer Services
All West Glass
Babine Lake Resort
Beaver Lake Resort
Bell Media Radio G.P.
Bulkley Valley Credit Union
Burns Lake Recycling Depot
China Moon
CIBC
Eckland's Denture Clinic
Flying Dutchman Services
Frame Realty
Good Vibration DJ Services
Grace Memorial Funeral Home
Crematorium Ltd.
Grapevine Pub & Bistro
Kal Tire
Key-Oh Lodge
Lakes District Air Services
Lakes District Express
Lakes District Maintenance
Lakes District News
Lakes District Printing & Signs
Lakeview Dental Clinic
LDFC Printing & Stationary
M.Mcphail & Associates Ltd.
Marmon Financial Management Ltd.
Matilda D'Silva CGA
Monster Industries
Nadina Lake Lodge
Napa Auto Parts
Noralee Resort
Outdoor Adventures
P & B Agra Mechanical
Pleasant Valley Cleaners
Re/Max Wrightway
RBC - Burns Lake
San-Bar '04
Serenity Place - Janet Wilson
Spee Dee Printers
Sunshine Inn
Superior Propane
Takysie Lake Resort
Tech North Solutions Inc
Tetachuck Lodge
Uncha Mountain Outfitters
Uptown Automotive
Village Insurance
Vista Radio
Wagon Wheel Drive In
Wanakena Motel
WCG/Work BC
Western Financial Group
Westland Helicopters Inc.
Wisteria Guiding

RESOURCE & INDUSTRY

Pacific Northern Gas
Rio Tinto Alcan
Tahtsa Group
TransCanada Pipeline Ltd.
Tree to Tree Contracting
Tweedsmuir Trucking
Wolverine Contracting
Yinka Dene Economic Development
Babine Forest Products
BL Traffic Control
Burns Lake Native Development
ComFor Management Services Ltd.
Chinook ComFor Partnership
Dean Wilson Trucking
E.A. Stimbold Ltd.
Free Growing Industry Ltd.
Garry Goertzen Trucking
Industrial Transformers
Kitimat LNG (Chevron)
Kohut's Tree Services
LMR Enterprises Ltd.
New Gold Inc. Blackwater Project

INSTITUTIONAL, GOVERNMENT, NON-PROFIT

Beacon Theatre
Burns Lake Band
Burns Lake Curling Club
Burns Lake Rotary Club
Burns Lake Seniors Club
Burns Lake Snowmobile Club
CFDC of Nadina
Cheslatta Carrier Nation
College of New Caledonia
Lakes Animal Friendship Society
Lakes Artisan Centre
Lakes District Arts Council
Lakes District Community Services
Lakes District Fall Fair
Lakeside Multiplex
Ministry of Forest & Lands
Omineca Ski Club
Prince George Nechako Aboriginal
Employment and Training Association
School District 91
Southside Seniors Housing Society
Tweedsmuir Park Rod & Gun
United Way of Northern British Columbia
Village of Burns Lake
Wet'suwet'en First Nation

A & W
ABC Communications
ACI Computer Services
Aksenz Studio
All West Glass Burns Lake
Autobot Sales Inc
Babine Forest Products
Babine Lake Resort
Beacon Theatre
Beaver Point Resort
Bell Media Radio G.P.
BL Traffic Control
Blu Jay Sports
Bulkley Valley Credit Union
Burns Lake Auto Supply
Burns Lake Band
Burns Lake Curling Club
Burns Lake Home Hardware
Burns Lake Native Development Corporation
Burns Lake Public Library
Burns Lake Recycling Depot
Burns Lake Rotary Club
Burns Lake Seniors Society
Burns Lake Snowmobile Club
Burnt Bikes
Business Development Bank of Canada
Carey's Positive Electronics
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F-Bomb Foods
Farmhouse Country Gifts
Flying Dutchman Service
Four Rivers Co-op
Frame Realty
Free Growing Forestry Ltd
Garry Goertzen Trucking
Gma's Happy Feet - Voxx Life
Good Vibrations DJ Service
Grace Memorial Funeral Home
Grapevine Pub & Bistro
Grizzly Jim's General Store
Green Zone Grocer
Homeside Antiques
Honeysuckle Farm
Industrial Transformers
JK Apparel by Shyla
John Illes CGA
Kal Tire-Burns Lake
Key-oh Lodge
Kitimat LNG (Chevron Canada Resources)
Kohut's Tree Service
Lakes Animal Friendship Society
Lakes Artisan Centre
Lakes District Air Service
Lakes District Arts Council
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Noralee Resort
Omineca Ski Club
Outdoor Adventures
Overwaitea Foods
P & B Feeds 'n' Needs
P&B Agra Mechanical
Pacific Northern Gas
Pharmasave
Pleasant Valley Cleaners
Port of Prince Rupert
Prestige Treasure Cove Hotel
Prince George Nechako Aboriginal Employment & Training Assocation
PROCESS 4 circle arts GALLERY
Re/Max Wrightway Realty
Rio Tinto
Rocking L Quilt
Royal Canadian Legion Branch #50
RBC- Burns Lake
San- Bar '04
School District 91
Serenity Place—Janet Wilson
South Hill Designs– Dallas Matson
Southside Seniors Housing Society
Spee Dee Printers
Strimbold Law Office
Studio 4240
Subway
Sunshine Inn
Tahtsa Group
Takysie Lake Resort
Tech North Solutions Inc
Tetachuck Wilderness Lodge
The Art of Gerda Volz
The Young Rainbow Warrior Society
Tire Tech Auto Centre
Tranquility Farms
TransCanada Pipelines Ltd.
Tree to Tree Contracting
Tweedsmuir Park Rod & Gun Club
Tweedsmuir Trucking
Uncha Mountain Outfitters
Uptown Automotive
Usborne Books at Home
Village Insurance Services
Village of Burns Lake
Vista Radio
Wagon Wheel Drive In
Wanakena Motel
Watkins by Karen
WCG Services
Western Financial Group
Westland Helicopters Inc.
Wet'suwet'en First Nation
Wistaria Guiding
Wolverine Contracting
Wood Anything
Woods N' Water Sports and Recreation
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