

DINNER MEETING

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Cascades Casino Coast Hotel & Convention Centre
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Langley Leadership Panel

Come learn what your elected officials are doing to improve Langley!

FEATURING:



**The Honourable Rich Coleman,
The Honourable Mary Polak,
Mayor Ted Schaffer, and
Mayor Jack Froese.**

Registration and Networking: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm.
Dinner and presentations to follow.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BEFORE 5PM ON
FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH, 2017

Members: \$35⁰⁰ + GST | Non Members: \$50⁰⁰ + GST

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GET TO KNOW A LANGLEY CHAMBER MEMBER ...

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Taya Dockstader is a real estate agent in the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley working from the Re/Max Lifestyles Langley office. Her full service, extensive knowledge of the real estate market, and strong code of ethics, make her an ideal choice when thinking about buying or selling property. No matter the size or value of the property, Taya gives every client her utmost attention. You can trust that Taya will work hard to achieve your real estate goals and protect your best interests.

they want to be. By studying the options and having helped many others through their journeys, she can offer solutions for every situation.

A strong advocate for supporting the local businesses, Taya helps to promote and share from the community. Taya loves where she lives and works, and she works hard to help others love where they live as well. She lives by the saying "local, local, local" and does her best to support the small businesses in the area.

Taya seems to always know someone who can fill a need within the local community and is quick to promote those she knows and supports.

Taya is vastly involved in

the community. She supports the kids' breakfast program at Douglas Park Elementary and is there once a week cooking and serving. Through various fundraising events Taya has contributed to many different charities both financially and with her time. She is a member of the Soroptimists which gives her the opportunity to help women all over the globe and in our own community.

Taya is also a member of the Valley Women's Network, a group that helps women in business to connect and build relationships. Currently holding the position of Coordinator for the Evening Chapter, as well as Executive Coordinator for all the chapters, Taya takes pride in her involvement. She strives to help women gain confidence in their businesses and develop the skills needed to grow and succeed.

If you are thinking of buying or selling, or just have questions that need answers to help guide your way, give Taya a call. She would be happy to meet with you and provide any help you may need.

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Welcome to the Newest Langley Chamber Members!

Pictured left to right: Mobile Softsmith Solutions Inc., Next Chapter Senior Services, Rotary Club of Langley Sunrise, Three Smart Humans All About Computers, Radical Core Rehab, Bella Cibo, Gordon Mink Golf, Denny's Restaurant (Walnut Grove), Dennis Kiffiak PREC, and Ascend Technology Ltd.



Not pictured: Aquasilva Resource Management, Manulife Securities Inc., and Paton Plumbing Worx Inc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce Continues to Punch Above its Weight Class

Beware the ides of March

— SHAKESPEARE, JULIUS CAESAR,
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On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff of the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce, I express our gratitude to all who supported our 2017 Chamber of Commerce Week program. We were honoured to present the "Power of the Chamber Network" at our February Chamber Dinner Meeting with guest speakers, Duncan Wilson, Chair of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Patrick Giesbrecht, Chair of the BC Chamber of Commerce, and Val Litwin, President and CEO of the BC Chamber of Commerce. Our speakers provided the audience with some invaluable insights into the value of your Chamber membership and our continued collaborative advocacy efforts within the broader Chamber network. The Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce continues to punch above its weight class on a vast array of issues in both the Federal and Provincial rings. By way of a sartorial update, three out of four savvy speakers on our stage also wisely paired brown shoes with navy blue suits.

Chamber of Commerce Week is an annual opportunity for local Chambers across the Province to demonstrate the outstanding value they provide to their communities. While each Chamber is as unique as the community in which it operates (including within Langley's community of communities), the value of every chamber is grounded in three common areas of



importance: advocacy, benefits, and services. The Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce continues to strive to provide great benefit plans, excellent service, and to tirelessly work on your behalf with all levels of government to ensure that Langley is the best place to live, work, invest, and "play".

Executive Director Colleen Clark and I recently attended the Throne Speech in Victoria at the Provincial Legislature and on February 21, 2017, the Provincial Government released the Budget. The Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce is pleased that the Small Business Corporate Tax Rate will drop from 2.5% to 2% on

April 1, 2017. This will put money back into the pockets of small business owners so they can grow their business and create jobs. The phasing out of PST on business electricity bills will also let businesses keep more of their hard earned money, from 7% to 3.5%, effective on October 1, 2017 with a goal of being fully exempt by April, 2019. The reduction of Medical Services Plan premiums is a first step to reducing the tax burden on individuals, benefitting as many as two million British Columbians. This move will also benefit small and medium-sized businesses that currently pay MSP premiums as an employee benefit. Many of these tax reductions are a direct result of the advocacy efforts of the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce, the BC Chamber of Commerce, and the 125 Chambers and Boards of Trade in our Province.

Since June of 2016, the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce has hosted over 1,951 participants in over 35 Chamber events. Over 6,890 people follow us across our various social media platforms. We've gone viral. We are remarkably proud to have welcomed 96 new Chamber members to our total membership roster of just under 1,000 member businesses within that same short time frame. We are on a veritable roll.

To find out more about our advocacy efforts and upcoming events, please contact our office or visit our website at: www.langleychamber.com. A rising tide lifts all boats.

Scott Johnston, President

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

SAVE the date

MAR 2 Networking Open House: South Langley

MAR 8 Lunch & Learn: Doing Business with the Government of Canada

MAR 16 Coffee & Conversation with Mayor Ted Schaffer

MAR 21 Dinner Meeting: Langley Leadership Panel

MAR 23 Forty Under 40 Lunch with Breedon Grauer

MAR 29 Lunch & Learn: Focused Execution - How to Get the Right Work Done

MAR 31 An Entrepreneur's Journey: In Conversation with Chef Vij

JUN 8 Golf Tournament

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