

MAY DINNER MEETING

Tuesday, May 20, 2014
Cascades Casino Resort Ballroom
20393 Fraser Highway, Langley



Striking the Balance - The Budget and The Environment

With Special Guest Speaker:
Hon. Mary Polak

Minister of Environment
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Networking: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm (dinner) with presentations to follow.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Border Crossing Upgrade Celebrated

> With regards to our Long Range Succession Plan, we are preparing a number of bylaw amendments for consideration by the membership to increase the Board's effectiveness and efficiency. We are also preparing for introduction of a full-time sales position to assist with membership recruitment and engagement, as well as promotional and sponsorship opportunities. As we move forward with the Succession Plan and increase in staffing, we will also need to examine the best options for the Chamber with regards to our office facilities and potential relocation. Our early analysis of budgeting requirements indicate the need for an increase in the Annual Dues – which will be kept to a minimum requirement. Notices of Motion and explanation of these proposals and a Call For Nominations for the 2014-2015 Board of Directors will be forwarded to the membership within the next month for vote by the membership at the 83rd Annual General Meeting scheduled to be held June 17.



We have now submitted three resolutions for vote by the membership at the British Columbia Chamber of Commerce AGM next month. In partnership with the Terrace and Kelowna Chambers of Commerce, we have revised a resolution calling for reinstatement of the business vote that we believe presents a good compromise that may be considered favourably by the provincial government. Our revised resolution addresses the issue concerning "one person – one vote" that has been a barrier to moving this issue forward with Municipal Councils and UBCM.

Another resolution that we will present is

calling for return of 3-year funding for approved charitable and non-profit programs with long term programming. This is important for both our Not-For-Profit members, but also our corporate members and community at large. Many important social programs that are vital to our communities are provided by societies and organizations that could otherwise become the responsibility of government at great cost, or become lost. Current processes are very onerous, cause significant delays in securing required funding and place many worthwhile programs in jeopardy. While we understand the need for proper stewardship of taxpayer funds, we believe there can be a compromise on a process that balances the need for stewardship with longer term funding certainty.

And finally, we will once again re-submit a resolution calling for designation and development of an east-west provincial transportation corridor on 16th Avenue. Such infrastructure would provide a much needed connector between Abbotsford Airport and Hwy. 99, direct access to Canada-US Border Crossings, address significant safety issues and provide for projected growth in the Fraser Valley Region.

Recently, we were very pleased to attend the announcement by the Honourable Steven Blaney, Federal Minister of Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness and Member of Parliament Mark Warawa concerning the re-development of the Aldergrove Border Crossing. This is an issue that we have been advocating for approximately 9 years to reverse a former decision to close the crossing to commercial vehicles. The announcement unveiled the plans for the reconstruction of the facilities to be completed in 2016 which include full commercial processing, expanded passenger lanes and a nexus lane.

*Kristine Simpson,
President*



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Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce Notice of 83rd Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, June 17th, 2014

Networking 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Dinner, presentations and voting to follow

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The agenda for the meeting will include the election and swearing in of Officers and

Directors to form the 2014/2015 Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Call for Nominations: Chamber 2014/2015 Board of Directors

> In June the Term of Office for the 2013/2014 Board of Directors will be complete. The Nominating Committee has begun the search for individuals who are interested in letting their name stand for election to the Board.

The strength and effectiveness of the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce is due to the effort and dedication of our members. Together we have grown to be one of the largest and most active Chambers in the Province, and through our advocacy efforts we will continue to be the Voice of Business in our community, in the Province and across Canada.

Nominations for the offices of President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary- Treasurer, 3 Community Directors and 3 Directors-At-Large will be accepted from members in good standing, and must be delivered in writing to the office no later than 5:00 pm Monday, June 9, 2014. Only members in good standing are eligible for nomination, and the Nominee must consent to the nomination. Candidates for election to the Board of Directors should:

a) Be prepared to commit sufficient hours per month

for Chamber work, including attendance at Board Meetings, monthly Dinner Meetings, Chamber events and Committee Meetings – Directors At Large, Community Directors 10 hrs., Secretary-Treasurer & 2nd Vice-President, 15 hrs., 1st Vice-President 15+ hrs., President 20+ hrs.

b) Be aware of the financial commitment that a Board Member has. The expense incurred for board and executive meetings, dinner and luncheon meetings, chamber events are all the responsibility of the individual member.

c) Be able to speak and vote on behalf of the business member they represent.

d) Be available to attend the 2014/2015 Planning Retreat (TBA)

e) Be free of heavy commitments in other organizations which could possibly involve a conflict of interest.

f) Be self-motivated and have the ability to lead other people in challenging work projects.

For more information or a Nomination Form please contact Executive Director Lynn Whitehouse at the Chamber office at 604-530-6656.



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NOTICE OF MOTION RE BYLAWS

The Board of Directors recommends the following amendments to the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce Bylaws to ensure consistency with best practices and to increase the Board's effectiveness and efficiency:

1. Two Year Terms for Officers

Section 27 of the existing by-laws from 2011 that are currently in force (the "Current Bylaws") provided for two year terms for all of the Community Directors and the Directors-at-Large, but only one year terms for the President, 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents, and Secretary-Treasurer. The Amended Bylaws in section 4.3 now provide for two year terms for all members of the Board.

2. Reduction of Officers

Section 27 and subsection 46(b) of the Current Bylaws required two Vice-Presidents (a 1st Vice-President and a 2nd Vice-President). The Amended Bylaws have amalgamated these positions into one Vice-President in paragraph 4.1(a)(ii).

3. Community Directors

The Current Bylaws provide no guidance as to the geographic jurisdictions of the four Community Directors. Subsection 1.1(h) of the Amended Bylaws defines the four representative regions for the Community Directors.

4. Ceasing to be a Business Member Representative

Section 4.5 of the Amended Bylaws has been added to address a situation where a member of the Board is no longer the Business Member Representative of a particular Business Member.

5. Indemnification and Insurance

Sections 4.15 and 4.16 of the Amended Bylaws have been added to permit the Chamber to indemnify and maintain directors and officers liability insurance.

6. Conflict of Interest

Sections 6.1 to 6.4 of the Amended Bylaws clarify the responsibility of members of the Board to act in the best interests of the Chamber and not solely for personal financial gain. The provisions do not prohibit a member of the Board from being awarded a contract for goods or services with the Chamber, they simply set out the process of disclosure and require that the financially interested member of the Board not serve on the committee awarding such contract and not vote as a member of the Board to approve the same. Sections 6.5 and 6.6 of the Amended Bylaws have been added to address members of the Board declaring publically their candidacy for public office and the effect of such status on representative appointments by the Board.

NOTICE OF MOTION RE ~ Membership Dues Increase

The Board is proud to have held costs and avoided any dues increase since 2011. Moving forward with the succession plan, increased staffing and potential relocation, the Board of Directors recommends approval of the following dues structure:

1 to 5 full-time or equivalent employees.....	\$165.00
6 to 10 full-time or equivalent employees.....	\$225.00
11 to 15 full-time or equivalent employees.....	\$300.00
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For a complete copy of the proposed bylaws please contact the Chamber Office at 640-530-6656.



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