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## NOVEMBER DINNER **MEETING**

Wednesday, November 12, 2014 Cascades Casino Resort Ballroom 20393 Fraser Highway, Langley

**Special Guest Speakers** 



Frank Bucholtz, **Editor of the Langley Times** 



**Bob Groeneveld**, **Editor of the Langley Advance** 

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

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BEFORE** 5:00 PM ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7th.

Members:  $\$35^{00} + GST \sim Non Members: \$50^{00} + GST$ p: 604-530-6656 e: info@langleychamber.com w: www.langleychamber.com

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# Mercedes-Benz Langley: the Fraser Valley's new home of luxury

Take a trip through Langley and it will quickly become apparent that the luxury car market is thriving in Langley and no where is this more evident than at the corner of Glover Road and the Langley Bypass, at the new Mercedes-Benz Langley, the 5 star emblem shines as a beacon of luxury at the new state-of-the-art dealership.

Owned and operated by the Dilawri Group of Companies, Canada's largest automotive group, Mercedes-Benz Langley opened in September 2013 and is the Fraser Valley's exclusive sales and service centre for Mercedes-Benz, smart and Sprinter. The new open-concept facility is the largest Mercedes-Benz dealership in Western Canada, featuring an impressive selection of new and certified pre-owned Mercedes-Benz vehicles. The new service centre is expansive with 16 service bays, including two oversized Sprinter bays and an oversized drive through

If you've ever dreamed to owning a Mercedes-Benz, Sprinter or smart car, the team at Mercedes-Benz Langley can make that dream a reality. With a highly experienced sales and service team, a large selection of new and pre-owned inventory and competitive lease and finance rates, a Mercedes-Benz is in reach. The team at Mercedes-Benz Langley will provide you a total ownership experience that perfectly compliments your highest expectations.

#### Vehicles built specifically for the Canadian market

The Canadian market is different. Some vehicle types and engines such as the B-Class, C 350 4MATIC, E 300 4MATIC and S 550 4MATIC short wheel-base are unique to the Canadian market.

When establishing equipment levels for the Canadian market, Mercedes-Benz Canada chooses standard features and equipment that are best suited to meet the challenge of Canada's wide-ranging environmental and driving conditions in addition to the needs of Canadian customers.

If you are comparing vehicles from other markets, like the United States, please bear in mind this critical component as in many cases, equipped-for-Canada cars are higher equipped than those in the U.S.A. Therefore, a simple Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price (MSRP)\* comparison is inaccurate at best and

only represents part of the entire picture.

There are also market specific equipment differences. Depending on the model, Canadian and U.S. vehicles can differ considerably in terms of specifications. Unlike U.S. vehicles,

equipped-for-Canada vehicles may include any of the following features in terms of specification or standard equipment:

- · Heated windshield washer system
- All-season tires
- Headlamp washers
- Bi-xenon headlamps
- Heated exterior mirrors
- Factory/VPC applied undercoating for corrosion
- Other equipment and/or modifications specific to colder climates.

Whether new or pre-owned, buying an equipped-for-Canada vehicle comes with added benefits.

#### **Committed to the Community**

The Dilawri Group of Companies is not only a leader in the automotive industry, the company is also a leader in the communities it serves, having established the Dilawri Foundation in 2002. The Dilawri Foundation has contributed millions of dollars throughout Canada supporting a variety of charitable causes. The team at Mercedes-Benz Langley is proud to be actively engaged within the community, supporting many non-profit organizations and participating in events like the Langley Memorial Hospital Foundation's Denim and Diamonds Gala, the Fraser Valley Wine Tasting Festival, the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce Open Late for Business, and the Fort Langley May Day parade.

Dean Rideout, General Manager, Mercedes-Benz Langley For more information, visit Mercedes-Benz Langley or online at mercedesbenz-langley.ca. 20801 Langley Bypass | Langley, BC, | V3A 5E8

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# **Chamber of Commerce is Election Ready**

uring the past month the Chamber Board and Staff have been very busy with Small Business Month Activities, the annual Celebration of Excellence and our forums to introduce the candidates in the 2014 Municipal Elections.

In partnership with Industry Canada and others, we were very pleased to host the first Small Biz Expo in Langley. This Expo showcased many

government agencies, groups and organizations who provide funding, resources and programs to help businesses grow and prosper. This was the first time the event was held outside of Metro Vancouver and it was very successful. We are happy to advise that this event will be scheduled again next year.

The Celebration of Excellence was a wonderful evening that provided an opportunity for us to recognize 45 outstanding businesses and business people in our community. This is one of our premier events that is made possible through the contribution of our corporate sponsors and we thank them once again. I would also like to recognize the contributions of the many individuals who put the time and effort into submitting the nominations.

I would also like to extend our Thank You to GM Dean Rideout and the team at Mercedes-Benz Langley for hosting the October Open Late for Business. Their contribution to the Langley business community and creation of the 'gateway' entrance to the City are very much appreciated.

Turning our attention to the 2014 Municipal Elections, we hosted public forums for the candidates for Mayor and Councillor in both the City and the Township, and our October Dinner Meeting featured all six Mayoral candidates. All three events were very successful and resulted in very good dialogue with the candidates. Now I appeal to our members and the business community to assist us in our efforts to increase voter turnout at the polls. Businesses do not have the right to vote in the municipal election process even though they make significant investments in the community and pay a significant portion of the tax burden. Municipal government actions through policy, regulation and taxes make a direct impact on business success and advancement. It is very important that those elected to Council make the local economy and business development a priority in their governance. Our business owners make a significant impact on the local economy through their employees. We have the ability to engage those employees on the importance of the election, educating them on the impacts to business, which in turn secures their employment and future growth opportunities. I urge you all to consider these facts, become familiar with the candidates, share your findings with your employees, and most importantly that you encourage them to exercise their right to vote.

Kristine Simpson President

## **HD Stafford Good Citizen of the Year**

Honouring the one who contributes the most towards bringing together education, business and citizens to make a difference in the community. Since 1980, the Chamber of Commerce has offered the HD Stafford Good Citizen of the Year Award to a deserving resident of the Langley area to thank them and recognize their outstanding contribution to the community.

This award honours the memory of the late Harold Stafford who epitomized what a good citizen should be. Mr. Stafford

dedicated an enormous amount of time and effort, and worked relentlessly on new initiatives to make Langley a better place to live and conduct business. Whatever project or cause Harold Stafford became involved in he attacked it with admirable tenacity and would not let it go until he had seen the project through to a successful and meaningful completion. The Good Citizen of the Year Award will be presented at the Chamber's December Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2014.

Nominations close Friday, November 21, 2014. Nomination forms are available by contacting the Chamber office at 604-530-6656



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# **Upcoming Chamber Events**

For more information or to RSVP for any of our upcoming events, contact the Chamber office. p: 604-530-6656 or e: info@langleychamber.com

# **Open Late for Business at OpenRoad Infiniti**

Tuesday, November 4, 2014 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Location: OpenRoad Infiniti ~ 5995 Collection Drive, Langley Cost: Complimentary to all guests, but an RSVP is required.

Your business card is your ticket to the Chamber's popular networking event! Hosted on a monthly basis by Chamber members, these events are the perfect opportunity to connect with Langley's business community in a casual and fun environment!

# **November U40 Monthly Mingle**

Thursday, November 6, 2014 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Location: Earls Kitchen + Bar Langley ~ 600-6339 200 Street, Langley

What is the U40 Group? U40 is a group that meets monthly to help motivate young and emerging professionals to come together to network, share ideas and become leaders of the Langleys! Come and enjoy complimentary non-alcoholic beverages, appetizers, a business card draw provided by our generous host!

# **Fraser Valley Chambers of Commerce Business Showcase**

Presented by the Fraser Valley Chambers of Commerce: Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Langley, Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows, Surrey and South Surrey & White Rock

#### Why attend?

- Be one of the first 300 guests to attend and participate in the NEW Vendor Passbook Prize Draw Contest!
- Over 80 exhibitor booths!
- Hundreds of local business people and guests from participating communities attending!

To RSVP or for Exhibitor information, contact Jaclyn at the Chamber office:

events@langleychamber.com or 604-530-6656.



Wednesday, November 5, 2014 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Cascades Casino Resort Ballroom 20393 Fraser Highway, Langley **Complimentary for all guests** but an RSVP is requested.

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