

POWELL RIVER CHAMBER CHATTER



Welcome

We are thrilled to present the inaugural edition of the Powell River Chamber of Commerce Newsletter!

This newsletter marks the beginning of a new chapter in our commitment to fostering a thriving business community. Quarterly, we aim to bring you the latest updates, insights, and opportunities that will help your business grow and succeed.

Inside, you will find valuable information about upcoming events, member spotlights, business tips, and community news. Our goal is to keep you informed, connected, and inspired

Thank you for being a part of our vibrant business community. Together, we can continue to make Powell River a fantastic place to live, work, and prosper.

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All Candidates Meeting

BC Provincial Election

Join us as we host the All-Candidates Meeting with candidates for the riding of Powell River - Sunshine Coast

*Monday, October 7th, 2024

* 6:00 - 8:00 pm

* Doors open at 5:30 pm

* Evergreen Theatre - 5001 Joyce Ave.



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Celebrating Small Business Week October 20th - 26th

Message from the President

Dear Members and Friends of the Powell River Business Community,

As we celebrate Small Business Week, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each of you who contribute to the vibrant economic fabric of Powell River. Small businesses are the backbone of our community, driving innovation, creating jobs, and fostering a spirit of resilience and determination. This week, we honor the entrepreneurs, family-owned businesses, and local leaders who make Powell River a thriving place to live and work. Your dedication, creativity, and hard work are the foundation upon which our community stands strong. At the Powell River Chamber of Commerce, we are committed to supporting your success. Whether it's through advocacy, networking, or resources, our mission is to help you grow and prosper. As we navigate the challenges and opportunities ahead, let's continue to support one another, shop local, and celebrate the incredible achievements of our small business community.

Happy Small Business Week! Here's to your continued success and to the bright future of Powell River.

Warm regards,
Dave Formosa
President, Powell River Chamber of Commerce

Spotlight



New Business - Coastal Convenience
4296 Joyce Ave.



New Location - Bloom Wildly
4712 Marine Ave.



New Owner - Sublime Fashions
4555 Marine Ave,
Vicky Osualdini



New Business - SAINT AMORE

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Everything made from scratch



COMMUNITY FUTURES

Helping Small Business to Succeed in our region for over 35 years.

What Do We Do?

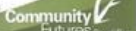
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This Small Business Month, WorkBC Powell River honors the vital role that small businesses play in our community. We are committed to supporting these businesses with resources designed to foster growth and sustainability. One of the ways we support employers is through our Wage Subsidy program, which provides up to 70% wage reimbursement for new hires requiring training, helping local businesses reduce hiring costs and invest in their future. We're excited to continue to support and celebrate the small businesses that enrich our community and to build connections between employers and job seekers in our region.

The City of Powell River is proud to support the local entrepreneurs and small businesses that help to make Powell River a great place to live and visit. From November 2023 to August 2024, the City issued 1087 business licenses – 75 of which were new applications. Additionally, Powell River hosted the popular Thursday Night Markets, a vibrant 9-week summer event showcasing local vendors and artisans, for a fourth consecutive year. We invite you to join us in celebrating the growth and success of our local businesses during Small Business Week.



From the Office...

Volunteer With us !

Join us in making a difference! The Powell River Chamber of Commerce is seeking dedicated volunteers to support our vital work one day a week. If you're passionate about community growth, economic development, and fostering local businesses, we want you on our team! Together, let's build a stronger Powell River. Contact us today to volunteer!

office@powellriverchamber.com

Be a part of our:

- *Business Awards Team
- *Fundraising & Donation Ambassador
- *Office Support Staff

Advertise Your Business

PRIME SIGNAGE SPACE AVAILABLE – DON'T MISS OUT!



Powell River Chamber of Commerce is offering prime 3'x 2' sign spaces including 2 community maps in the following locations

- Westview Ferry Terminal - Full
- Saltery Bay – 7 spaces available

Position your business in one of the highest traffic locations in town. These spots won't last long!

For more Info. contact – Sheilah Denholm, Manager
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Full Year Membership Fees

Category	Base Fee	GST 5%	Total
1-3 F/T Employees/Homebased	\$165.00	\$8.25	\$173.25
4-6 F/T Employees	\$275.00	\$13.75	\$288.75
7-10 F/T Employees	\$375.00	\$18.75	\$393.75
11-79 F/T Employees	\$445.00	\$22.25	\$467.25
80+ F/T Employees	\$788.00	\$39.40	\$827.40
Not-for Profit Org./Individual	\$100.00	\$ 5.00	\$105.00

Dates and Events

October 7th - All-Candidates Meeting - Evergreen Theatre - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Oct. 17th - People's Choice Awards Presentations - Time & Location TBA

**October 23rd - Chamber Luncheon - With Guest Speaker Ryan Sykes - Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses - 12:30 - 1:30 pm
Town Centre Hotel**

November 13th - Business Mixer - With Guest Sean Smith - Business Development Specialist - Footprints Security - Westview UWin - UBrew 5:30 - 7:30 pm

**December 12th - Chamber Holiday Mixer - Salish Sea Spirits Tasting Room - 6:00 - 8:00 pm
7074 Westminster St.**

Manager's Corner

Dear Members, Friends, and Associates:

Welcome to the first edition of The Powell River "Chamber Chatter".

As this is my very first issue, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support and involvement in our Chamber. Your feedback and ideas have been invaluable, and I encourage you to share your thoughts as we continue to refine and enhance this newsletter to better serve you. We are excited to embark on this journey together, fostering stronger connections and creating new opportunities for all our members. Thank you for being a vital part of our community.

Warm regards, Sheilah