

POWELL RIVER CHAMBER CHATTER



What a pleasure to host our Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala, celebrating the incredible businesses, entrepreneurs, and community leaders who make our city shine!

Congratulations to all the nominees and winners—your dedication and hard work continues to drive Powell River forward.

Business Awards Winners April 5, 2025

Business Excellence -

Winner: Dr. Ashok Varma Dental

Employer of the Year

Winner: 32 Lakes Café and Bakery

Runner-up: Point Group Hospitality

Employee of the Year

Winner: Sebastian Clemens – Two Wheel Tech

Runner-Up: Caitlin Bryant – First Credit Union

Home-Based Business

Winner: Ed's Delivery Service

Runner-Up: Dump Run Provisions

New Business of the Year

Winner: Rugged Coast Expeditions

Runner-Up: SunRae Studio

Entrepreneur of the Year

Winner: Oceanside Entertainment - Karyne Bailey

Runner-Up: Remote Marine Solutions - Keith Wood

Agriculture

Winner: Windfall Farm

Runner-Up: Coast Berry Company

Customer Service - Professional

Winner: McDonald Marine Services

Runner-Up: Timber Massage and Wellness

Customer Service - Retail

Winner: Armitage Mens Wear

Runner-Up: qathet art + wares

Customer Service - Hospitality

Winner: Just Fry's and Dogs

Runner Up: Saint Amore International Sandwiches

Not for Profit Award

Winner: Friends of qathet

Runner-Up: Powell River Therapeutic Riding Association

Forestry Sector

Winner: Powell River Community Forest

Runner-Up: Post and Purlin Forest Products

Aboriginal Business

Winner: Canadian EMS

Runner-Up: Tla'amín Convenience Store

Sustainability Award

Winner: Lois Lumber

Runner-Up: Ecosystems

Tourism Award

Winner: Palli Palli Adventure Rentals

Runner-Up: Terracentric Coastal Adventures

Small Business of the Year

Winner: Collective Interiors

Runner - Up: Convenient Chef



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- Teladoc Health, an online care provider that provides quick, easy access to a family doctor or specialist

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, August 15 at 6:00 p.m.

BLACKBERRY FESTIVAL 2025

for more information email:
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
presents

ALL CANDIDATES MEETING
Thursday, April 17
6 to 8 pm

Evergreen Theatre at the Recreation Complex
Doors open at 5:30 pm

The upcoming federal election will shape the future of our community and country. Join us for an **All Candidates Meeting** to hear directly from those seeking to represent you in Parliament.



This is your opportunity to:

- Learn about each candidate's priorities and policies
- Ask questions about issues that matter to you
- Make an informed decision for election day

Have your questions ready and step up to the mic to ask candidates directly.

Don't miss this chance to engage in democracy and ensure your voice is heard. **Everyone is welcome!**

Member Spotlights - What's New

Oceanside Entertainment Expands with Exciting Acquisition of High Tide Games**
 Oceanside Entertainment is thrilled to announce its latest expansion! The beloved High Tide Games has officially joined the Oceanside family, promising an exciting new chapter for game enthusiasts in our community. While the name High Tide Games will remain, this acquisition heralds a wave of thrilling updates and events.



With the integration of in-store gaming tables and video gaming set to launch soon, visitors can expect a vibrant environment brimming with entertainment options. Whether you're a fan of Magic: The Gathering, Dungeons & Dragons, or classic board games, there's something for everyone. Regular MTG nights, D&D adventures, and dedicated board game days will create the perfect opportunity for players to connect and compete.



We've Moved!
Come visit and see what's new! 4717 Marine Ave.



Armitage Mens Wear Celebrates 35 Years!
 Armitage has been a trusted destination for quality fashion, offering exceptional service and timeless style to our community. Congratulations Armitage on 35 fantastic years of business.



Now Open! At PR Town Centre Mall



Welcome New Members

