

# QUESNEL & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS VOICE



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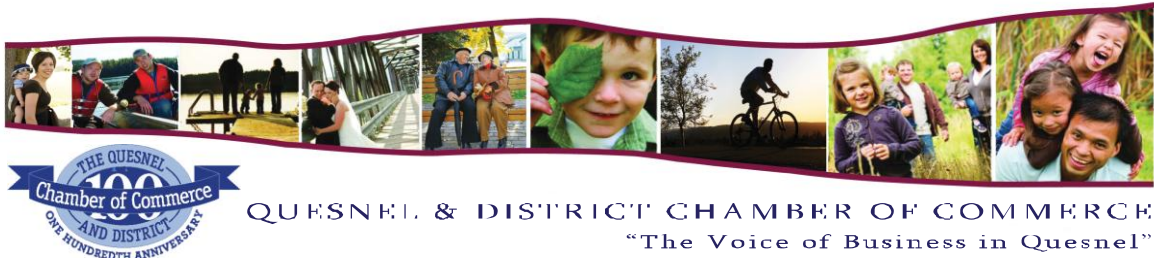
## THE CHAMBER HAS MOVED...

The Quesnel & District Chamber of Commerce has now moved to 335 Vaughan Street and our new phone number is (250) 992-7262.



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## **We are Serious About Business**

We value your support and would like to invite all of our members to consider renewing your Chamber of Commerce Membership. We have sent out invoices. Please note that if we have incorrect information or you decide you would like to cancel your membership, please let our office know. We would also really appreciate your assistance in growing our membership as our voice is only as strong as the number of members we have. If you are talking to a business that is not a Chamber member here is some additional information on the becoming a member.

### **How Do I Become A Member?**

Membership is open to businesses, individuals and non profit groups in the community. You can go on the Chamber website [www.quesnelchamber.com](http://www.quesnelchamber.com) to fill out a membership application form or you can contact the office at (250) 992-7262.

### **How Much Does it Cost?**

Membership is based on full time employees. For example the small business rate starts at \$100 per year and a business with 2-5 employees cost \$150 (plus taxes). If you utilize the benefits package such as the Merchant Visa and MasterCard discounts, some Quesnel members have made back this investment in the first few months of membership.

### **What Does the Chamber do for me?**

The Chamber provides monthly opportunities for businesses to network with one another through luncheons, committees and events.

We provide another program called the Member-to-Member Discount Program. This program is designed to provide incentive for Chamber members to visit other Chamber member businesses. We hope to have more people participate in the program in the coming year.

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## Your membership can save you money!

### Chamber Group Insurance Plan

Covers all industries including one person firms, home businesses and farms. Benefit options include life, health, dental and travel care insurance, vision care, short and long-term disability, business overhead benefits and many others. Guaranteed renewable contract and fully pooled price stability.

### Versapay

VersaPay Corporation is proud to offer preferred rates for Chamber members; 1.64% on Visa® and MasterCard®, 10 cents per Transaction Fee (or waived for average tickets of \$100 or more) and 6 cents per transaction for Interac Direct Debit.

### TD MerchantService

1.69% on Visa credit receipts with an additional 0.06% assessment fee, 1.79% on MasterCard credit receipts, and \$0.09 on Interac Direct Debit receipts - all with electronic deposits.

### Commerce Energy

Commerce Energy focuses on helping customers manage their energy costs and is offering 5% business discount for members of the BC Chamber.

### Payworks

Basic Run Fee of \$12.50 and a \$1.25

Run Fee Per Payment, with the Same Fees for Year End. Integration with Chamber of Commerce Group Insurance Plan and easy entry of payroll via phone, fax or online.

### Esso Imperial Oil

The BC Chamber of Commerce and Imperial Oil are pleased to offer the Esso Direct Driver Billing Program to all members, including a preferred 3.0 cent per litre discount off of fuel purchased at any Esso-branded service station.

### Husky/Mohawk

2 cent/litre discount on all fuel purchases at any Husky or Mohawk location (no minimum purchase). Single invoice for all Husky & Mohawk purchases.

### Petro Canada

2 cents per litre off all grades of gasoline & diesel (minimum of 200 litres/month). 5% discount on all parts and labour at Centigard Car Care Centres. 5% discount on vehicle propane purchased at Petro Canada retail service stations. Individually numbered credit card for each vehicle.

### Shell

Discount of 3 cents/litre off the posted pump price for your gasoline & diesel retail purchases with the Shell Commercial Card. Possibility for Airmiles Reward Miles.



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## *100 Years of Progress*

Since we are celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Quesnel this year, we have been working hard to create an informative Memorabilia Book that highlights the progress of our community over the last century. The book will be available this spring and will highlight some of the interesting things that the Quesnel Chamber has accomplished over the last 100 years. The April 17, 1915 *Observer* reported that in just one year, the Chamber of Commerce, then known as the Board of Trade, had increased police protection, gained the promise of a permanent bridge over the Fraser River from the government, employed a night watchman for the summer months, acquired the location of the station site for the Fire Department, changed the board meetings from monthly to quarterly, regulated speed limits, enforced the pound by-law resulting in a cleaner and healthier Quesnel, and many other tasks that effected the residents of Quesnel and district. If all of that could be accomplished in one year, imagine the effect that we have had over the last 100 years. Pictures of then and now will accompany the pages of our Memorabilia Book, and the information will be in provide the readers with a well rounded idea of how far Quesnel has come since its early beginnings.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Crooked Leg Ranch is starting a penny drive to have raise money for the veterinary costs they are incurring with their rescued animals. Look for the penny jars in Quesnel, and if you can spare some change, it is greatly appreciated. Also, in the month of April CLR is planning a garage sale. If you have items that you would like to donate, please contact Willow at 250-992-2266. Interested in what they do at CLR? Check them at [www.crookedlegranch.com](http://www.crookedlegranch.com) or search for them on Facebook.

### Changes with the Chamber

At our recent Strategic Planning session, it was decided that the Chamber would move away from monthly luncheons and start an Evening Networking and CEO lecture series. There will be dinner and drinks available throughout the evening. The Chamber hopes the lecture series will be an excellent and informative edition to the services that we offer.

Our first Networking evening will be on May 26<sup>th</sup> starting with cocktails and networking at 5:30, followed by dinner at the Billy Barker Casino Showroom. Guest Speaker is Mr. Graham Barnes. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

Women's Business  
Best Western Tower Inn  
8:15 am – 9:30 am  
Getting to Know Your Business

Come out and meet 8 different businesses/organizations from Quesnel as they showcase their business and highlight some of their unique product. For more information and to RSVP call Patty at 250-992-8716.