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Canada Summer Jobs Grant Policy receives 98% voting support at Canadian Chamber AGM

The Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce (MRCC) policy resolution on "Canada Summer Jobs Grant Program" was adopted at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce AGM being held in Fredericton, NB, on September 24th, 2017.

MRCC Chamber President, David Sawatzky and MRCC Executive Director Kristin Parsons were on hand to support the presentation of the policy to the floor and received a 98% vote in favour with only a few minor amendments to the policy.

"This is a great accomplishment for the Government Affairs Committee with the MRCC as they have worked hard with members of the Quesnel Chamber to bring forward concerns heard from many in the non-profit sector about

issues around the program structure. Says David Sawatzky, President, Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce. "The due diligence of the committee members in the background research and engagement with key stakeholders was paramount in ensuring the success of the policy."

The resolution put forward by the Mission Chamber with support from Quesnel Chamber of Commerce, addresses pressing issues identified by the non-profit community on the need for a better alignment of program resources and timelines in place to allow for more notice to hire students.

This year the Canadian Chamber brought together close to 450 delegates of Chambers of Commerce and boards of trade from across the country to discuss and debate 74 proposed

resolutions on issues that are most important to their respective memberships.

The biggest topic of the conference was the issue surrounding the federal governments proposed tax changes. The Canadian Chamber delegates were unanimous in their concerns about these proposed changes and worked together to come up with ways to address these concerns with their local MP including adopting Mission Chambers Post card campaign!

Mission Chamber joined the Kamloops Chamber as a supporter on a late resolutions brought forward to address the Tax Changes which received a 98% support from the delegates.

Resolutions adopted by the Canadian Chamber AGM process become a part of the



Canadian Chamber's advocacy agenda to the Federal Government. An updated copy of all the resolutions passed will be made available on the Mission Chamber website in late November.

Mission Chamber responds to Provincial Government's plans on regulation of non-medical cannabis

The Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce recently submitted feedback to the province on their plan to regulate non-medical cannabis, in particular, the Mission Chamber expressed concerns about the dangers posed by properties used in the production of drugs, including cannabis and the need for the development of a provincial remediation standard.

"When a property has been involved in drug production, our residents can be exposed to serious health and safety risks resulting from mould, chemicals and electrical fires, even if the property is no longer being used for drug production." Says David Sawatzky, Mission Chamber President. The Mission Chamber further outlines these concerns in their 2016 "Remediation Standard for illegal substance affected properties" policy which was passed at the BC Chamber AGM and Canadian Chamber AGM in 2016. The Cannabis Legalization and Regulation in British Columbia Discussion

Paper from the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General further notes these risks, as does the federal government's 2016 Final Report of the Task Force on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation.

The Mission Chamber recognizes that there are significant differences between large-scale grow operations and an individual growing up to four plants in their residence. However, the potential property damage from even four plants per residence is not yet quantified. Depending on the circumstances and the size of the residence, four plants could still potentially cause damage. Growing four plants in a 400-square foot apartment, or in a small closet, may have very different impacts than growing four plants in a large, open space.

In addition, the proposed legislation does not account for multiple residences in the same property, such as high-rise buildings or homes with secondary suites. These properties

may experience significant damage if several residents grow their own cannabis at home. Moreover, some individuals may grow more than their allotted amount, and enforcing the size and number of plants will be difficult. This Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Secretariat creates the potential for even greater property damage and subsequent financing and insurance complications for future residents, and leaves renters and buyers unable to make informed decisions about their homes.

In cases where homes are damaged by personal cannabis cultivation, the provincial government can play a critical role by implementing strong, consistent standards for property remediation. In BC, there are currently no such standards for remediating and certifying properties that have been used to produce drugs. This means there are no consistent standards for what constitutes a safe, successful remediation.

Based on these concerns, Mission Chamber recommends that the provincial government:

- Describe a healthy building, and then develop a centralized, consistent process for remediation of buildings used in drug operations, to ensure these buildings are safe for people.
- Define a "drug operation" in a meaningful way.

To further assist the Mission Chambers efforts to encourage both provincial and federal government for this remediation standard, the Mission Chamber has joined a newly created "Drug Operations Advisory Group", which brings together industry professionals to advance the establishment of remediation and certification standards.

For more information on the Mission Chambers Advocacy efforts, please visit the website at missionchamber.bc.ca

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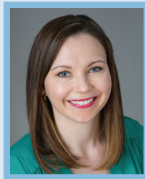
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NOVEMBER 2017 Executive Director's Report

We are about to enter into a very busy time of the year for many local businesses and the Mission Chamber is busier than ever. I wanted to take this opportunity to bring you some news from your local Chamber!

I would like to introduce you to our new Team Member, Donna Gibson, she is going to be joining us to do "All Things Events" at the Chamber. In particular, Donna will be organizing the details of the upcoming Candlelight Parade on Dec 1st and the 2017 Business Excellence Awards Gala on Jan 19th, 2018. Donna can be reached by email at events@missionchamber.bc.ca

So why would we need a dedicated events person you ask?? Well thanks to our dedicated and engaged members, we have sold out every event we have done in 2017 and there is no sign of things slowing down. We want to ensure our events continue to WOW and provide value to serve our members. We are very excited to have Donna join our team!

Next we wanted to let you in on a little secret.... We are celebrating our 125th Birthday in June of 2018 ... shhhh we think we look pretty good for our age, don't you?

To help in celebrating we have formed a Task Force to put together all the details of our celebration. This is where YOU come in... We are looking to our long term members to provide us with ANY historical information or pieces that you may have that we can use to highlight our big milestone. Stories, pictures, old articles, artifacts, anything you wish to share with us, we would be most appreciative.

LAST but not least, I would like to end by saying a huge "Thank you" to our leader and Chamber President Mr. David Sawatzky, for tirelessly working to bring to our community an opportunity for our business members to meet directly with the leader of our federal opposition, Conservative Party Leader Mr. Andrew Scheer. This event was the brainchild of our president as he saw an opportunity to make history by bringing a federal party leader to the community for the first time to meet directly with businesses to discuss business concerns, questions and ideas for future growth. While this event sold out quickly (much like all our events have this year) we still have many opportunities for our members to share their voices.



Kristin Parsons
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MISSION REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

I encourage you to see our listing of Chamber events on the next page or visit our website for more info.

Hope to see you at one of our upcoming events!

MP to discuss marijuana effects on small business

With the inevitable changes coming from the Federal Government on the legalization of marijuana, the Mission Chamber is looking to engage our business community members to join us to speak with our local MP about the unintended consequences on small business that such a change could bring and find ways to mitigate any such effects to small

business. Issues such as liability, worksafe concerns, privacy regulations and more will be discussed at the upcoming roundtable discussion with local MP Jati Sidhu. This members only event, will allow you to bring your questions, concerns, and feedback to share with our local representative and have your voice heard.

DATE November 16th, 2017
TIME 8am-9:30am
LOCATION 32331 — 7th Avenue
Mission, BC
COST Free to attend

Light refreshments provided by
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The Junction Shopping Centre in Mission, with site technician Gary Swan of Avison Young and marketing manager Kelly Millin, is generating new excitement for shoppers.

Spotlight on Excellence: Beautification, marketing programs add flair to The Junction Shopping Centre experience

by RICK RAKE,
Click Media Works

The Junction Shopping Centre, under the new ownership of LaSalle Investment and property management of Avison Young since May 2016, is reaching out to the community in a way that is turning heads and generating excitement.

Kelly Millin, marketing director for The Junction, said beautification of the entire property with the addition of perimeter lighting and stylish lamp post banners was a priority, and customers and tenant businesses are expressing their delight.

Recycling bins now features news and advertising, reminding visitors, tourists and locals that London Avenue where Highways 7 and 11 intersect in Mission is "where shopping meets entertainment," featuring Boston Pizza, Cineplex, London Drugs, Save-On-Foods, Staples, White Spot, specialty shopping and more.

Marketing programs highlighting Halloween and Christmas have come alive at The Junction with new ideas capturing the imagination of not only the long-time loyal customers and new families settling in the growing area, but regional customers from Abbotsford and as far away as Chilliwack.

Millin said the introduction of the Woodward's Christmas Windows last year as part of their Santa photo promotion and gift-wrapping services by donation was a big plus for Mission Community Services Society's Christmas Bureau campaign operating in donated space next to The Source.

Expect to see the Woodward's windows and the Christmas Bureau headquarters back again this month.

The Junction is launching its first website soon and videos promoting an introduction to the mall, the tenants (shops and services) and business

opportunities with a Mission flavour are now being created and will soon be uploaded. Millin said the website will also incorporate community links to Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce, non-profit groups and other organizations that contribute to Mission's best interests.

To keep The Junction in tip-top condition, site technician Gary Swan of Mission is becoming a familiar face at the site. Millin said the mall is also working with the Ministry of Highways to get more directional signage to ensure people take the correct turnoff.

"I've heard over and over again how The Junction and its 45 businesses are an important part of the community," said Millin. "Now we are advertising more, sponsoring things, marketing more... and people like that."

CHAMBER EVENTS

**November 16th
SAVE THE DATE
ROUNDTABLE WITH
MP JATI SIDHU**

Join our local MP Jati Sidhu for a members roundtable discussion on the topic of marijuana and its effects on the business community. Bring your concerns, questions and feedback to be addressed by our local Federal representative.

Place: Chartwell Cedarbrooke Chateau
Time: 8:00am-9:30am
Cost: FREE for member
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**December 1st
SAVE THE DATE
CANDLELIGHT PARADE**

Santa Claus comes to Mission December 1st! The free fun rolls out at 7:30pm when the Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce hosts its 34th Mission Candlelight Parade. Reminder that the roads start to close down at 5pm

Horne St to Park St along the
Lougheed Hwy heading West

**December 14th
SAVE THE DATE
CHAMBER CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Help us celebrate the holidays, connect with fellow members, and don't forget to bring a donation for the food bank! Santa may even make an appearance.

Place: Rockwell's Ballroom
Time: 11:30am-2:00pm
Price: \$30 members
\$40 non members

**Dec 22-Jan 2nd
CHAMBER OFFICES WILL BE
CLOSED!! HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

**Jan 11th
SAVE THE DATE
NEW YEAR, NEW
CONNECTIONS EVENT**

Join us as 450 Members representing 12 chambers unite for an evening of unprecedented networking and fellowship. This will undoubtedly be an amazing multi-chamber event! 450 Members, 12 Chambers, 1 Amazing Evening. LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE. Mission Chamber has only 20 tickets available to our members. Book today

Place: Anvil Centre, New Westminster
Time: 5:30pm-8:30pm
Price: \$20 members
\$25 non members

**January 19th
BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS GALA
40% SOLD TO DATE**

Come together as a community to celebrate the finalists and winners of the 2017 Business Excellence Awards!

Place: Clarke Foundation Theatre
Time: 6pm-10pm
Cost: \$75

To REGISTER for these events visit our website at missionchamber.bc.ca or call 604-826-6914 or e: events@missionchamber.bc.ca



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The Business Excellence Awards GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!



We are rolling out the red carpet for the 2017 Business Excellence Awards coming up on January 19th, 2018 at the Clarke Theatre. Tickets are selling fast and already 40% sold.

Celebrate with us!

Starting with our Cocktail Reception. Join us for an hour of entertainment, amazing food and drinks and networking amongst the best of the business community.

Our Oscars style awards presentation with Emcee Cliff Prang will be sure to entertain all in attendance and create lasting memories!

End the evening in our Champagne Celebration. Join us to congratulate the winners and toast their success over amazing sweets and champagne! (Champagne included in the price of a ticket!)

**Finalists will be announced in
December of 2017!**



Tickets on sale now

call 604-826-6914 to book or
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Date January 19th 2018
Time 6pm–10pm
Location Clarke Theatre

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Kristin Parsons
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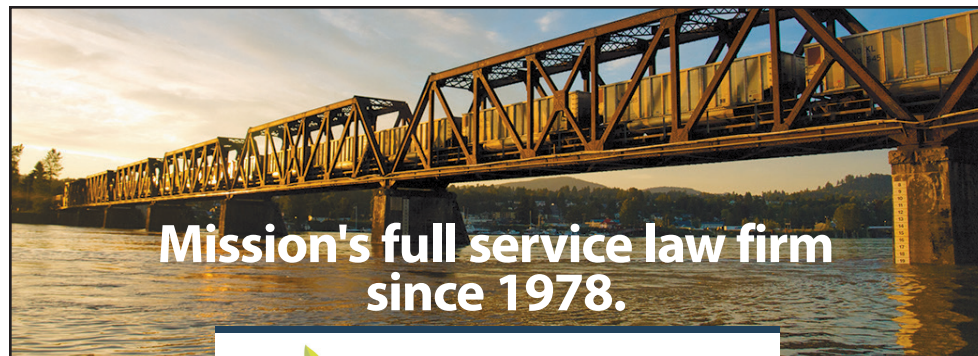
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MISSION CHAMBER GOES TO IRELAND

Coming off a very successful trip to India in late September 2017 which saw 25 local chamber members travel together for a trip of a lifetime, the Mission Chamber has booked their next exciting destination!!

Enjoy unique business networking and a fabulous vacation in the stunning country of Ireland on this 9 or 13 day tour. Guests will have the chance to tour the culture-rich cities of Dublin and Galway and explore some of the beautiful countryside. From scenic County Kerry to the lunar-like Burren region and the wilds of Connemara, Ireland will captivate and impress the well-travelled visitor.

Escape to the 'Emerald Isle' the land of lush green grasses and of course, shamrocks.

*"May the luck of the Irish
Lead to happiest heights
And the highway you travel
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The Chamber is offering 2 options for the May 2018 trip, travelers can choose between a 9 day "Discover Island" package and a 13 day "Explore Ireland" package.

Some highlights of the tours include, visiting the medieval Blarney Castle and kissing the famed Blarney Stone, viewing the mountains and lakes of the Ring of Kerry, getting to see the majestic Cliffs of Moher and exploring the capital city of Dublin.



"These Chambers trips are great. The last two were beyond expectation! If you ever were thinking about it, it's time to go! Check it out, peeps of Mission!!!"
- Carlo Billinger, Rex Cox

To learn more about this amazing travel opportunity, attend the next information session to be held at the Mission Chamber of Commerce upstairs in the boardroom on November 14 at 5pm. To register for the information session call 604-826-6914 or visit missionchamber.bc.ca



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