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CHAMBER AGM MARCH 15: MEET YOUR NOMINEES

ON MARCH 15TH the Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its Annual General Meeting. During this annual networking luncheon, we ask members to endorse by-law changes and yearly financials and elect new Directors to the governing Board and our Executive.

The Board is presently seeking four directors to fill a two year term and an additional two directors to fill a one year open position on the Board. Nominees are required to be members in good standing of the Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce. The following is a list of nominations presented by the Board of Directors. Additional nominees may be brought forth from the membership during the meeting for consideration.

FOR PRESIDENT | One year term
One candidate to serve until March 31, 2019

ANDREA WALKER, Walker Park Media

Andrea Walker is a freelance graphic designer and photographer and has been operating Walker Park Media, a boutique digital design agency serving small and medium business since 2010. Originating from Maple Ridge, Andrea was chair of Maple Ridge SPAC in 2011 before leaving her position when her family moved to Mission. Andrea is currently chair of the Mission Horse Club communications committee and organizer of Help Portrait Ridge Meadows. Andrea has been serving as a Director on the MRCC board since 2014.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT | One year term
One candidate to serve until March 31, 2019

TIA EVERITT, Chartwell Cedarbrooke Chateau

Tia Everitt is the Sales and Marketing Consultant at Chartwell Cedarbrooke Retirement Residence. Cedarbrooke is Mission's only all-inclusive, luxury retirement residence with scenic surroundings and 24/7 support. Tia has been in this role for the past 3.5 years, and looks forward to continuing to serve Mission families and the community in this capacity.

Tia has over 20 years of experience in sales, marketing, adult education and operations leadership through her career in the private and non-profit sectors. She has led business

development, community investment, brand-building and policy development in organizations across Canada. Tia is Director and Principal of Incipi Cooperative, a consulting firm that specializes in political and advocacy communication, research, organizational support/development, and strategic advice. Tia has a keen interest in issues regarding progressive indigenous reconciliation, senior's advocacy and women's rights. Tia is presently active on the Chamber's Policy & Government Affairs committee, and is Treasurer of MAC Senior Service Providers Association.

FOR TREASURER | One year term
One candidate to serve until March 31, 2019

ALANA MARTENS, CPA, CGA, RONA (formerly Fraser Valley Building Supplies)

With over 10 years' experience in Finance and Accounting, Alana brings experience from non-profit, public practice and industry sectors. She has been at Fraser Valley Building Supplies for 7 years where she loves her job as CFO. Alana has been on the MRCC Board since 2015 and currently chairs the Events Committee. She is also Treasurer for the UN Women Advisory Committee for Vancouver. In her spare time, Alana enjoys reading, playing soccer and spending time with her husband and two daughters.

FOR DIRECTOR | One year term
2 spots available

HEATHER O'COIN, Envision Financial

Heather is currently the Business Banking Advisor for the Mission branch of Envision Financial. Prior to Envision, she was with First West Credit Union, the parent company for Envision, for 15 years. Heather has previous chamber experience as an ambassador for the Penticton Chamber of Commerce.

Heather's community activities include being the volunteer Chair for the BC Winter Games, Naramata Recreation director, sports team manager and field hockey coach in her hometown of Penticton. Heather is currently volunteering for Mission Hospice Society and acting as a sports team manager.

RITA MACKENZIE, Fraser Valley Transport Ltd.

Rita has been working as an Administrator for Fraser Valley Transport Ltd since 2008 and has been operating her own business, LuLaRoe by Rita since 2016. Rita is the past Governor Elect of Western Canada Soroptimist from 2014-2016, an active member of the Soroptimist International of Abbotsford-Mission, including taking on the role of western Canada Regional Governor of Soroptimist Int'l from 2016-2018. Rita is also an active member of the Valley Women's Network, Ewomen Network and recently participated in the Shape Your World Society Total Makeover Challenge as a challenger of one of only 29 women chosen. Through her business LuLaRoe, she participates as a vendor in as many community activities as possible. "It is important for me to be connected to community. I believe the Chamber is a great way to make that connection through businesses and non-profit organizations."

FOR DIRECTOR | Two year terms
4 spots available

JJ WHITLEY, DV8 Multimedia

JJ has been involved in three areas of Media in the past 20+ years; Websites, Photography-Videography and Animation. Having Clients like FujiFilm USA, Sheraton Hotels, Maynards, YWCA and Pioneer Chrysler Jeep / Signature Mazda etc. He has created a network of people who want their message to be seen through his mediums. JJ has directed at the CBC and been an Exec Producer for 24/7 Films, JJ has created many films and shorts for the 24 Hr Film Race as well.

ETHEL LARIVIERE, Mortgage Specialist

Ethel is a mortgage specialist, with over 10 years of commercial mortgage lending experience as well as extensive knowledge in residential mortgage lending. Ethel is a Bigstone Cree Band Member and is a past member of the Kelowna and Red Deer Chambers of Commerce. Ethel was a former member of the Mission Legion and a live organ donor. Ethel joined the Chamber in early 2017 and is currently a member of the Government Affairs Committee. Ethel is an empty nester with two dogs, loves sports and is currently training for the Vancouver Marathon May 2018.

ELLEN NGUYEN, What's On Magazine

New owner of What's On! Magazine in Mission,

Ellen is no stranger to the community. As a past Grade 2 teacher at the Khalsa School, ESL/TESL Teacher at Western Town College, Marketing Production Manager at Creative Media Inc, Executive Assistant & Marketing/Education at Promise Consulting Inc. and a manager at Jimmy's Lunch Box, Ellen has stayed connected within the Mission Community throughout her career. Ellen is very active in community activities, she has volunteered her time as a youth leader, a BC Winter Games Hospitality Volunteer, a coordinator with the Mission Skating Club and Orangemen Volleyball Club, team manager with MMBA Twins Baseball and Division Coordinator in the Mission Minor Baseball Association. Ellen is the recipient of the Premiere's Excellence Award and actively supports the CIBC Run for the Cure, Spartan Sprint, Colour Me Rad Run, and Coldest Night of the Year Walk.

MANNY DEOL, Royal LePage

Manny has been building homes and selling real estate locally since 2010. Building an average of 20-25 homes in Mission per year, he is also listed as a Top 10% Realtor in the Fraser Valley. Manny is a proud member of the FV Real Estate Board and was chosen to be a part of their Government Relations Committee. Joining the Mission Community Futures board as a Director in 2013, Manny took over as Chair in early 2017. Manny is an active member of the Mission Sikh Temple, was born and raised in Mission and is now raising his young family in "the city he loves". Manny enjoys attending regular Chamber events and is a member of the Mission Chambers Government Relations Committee.

TOM OSTERBERG, Lighthouse Realty

Tom Osterberg is a licensed realtor with Lighthouse Realty Ltd. He specializes in helping clients navigate the buying and selling process in the Fraser Valley real estate market. Before obtaining his license in 2008, he worked in the finance industry for 6 years. Tom is always eager to learn and experience new things in life. When Tom is not with clients, you can find him at the local hockey rink or ball field volunteering in some capacity. Through his work with Rotary Club of Mission Midday, helping at his children's school, and volunteering with sports clubs, Tom finds giving back to the community very rewarding. He is always looking to contribute more to this wonderful community he calls home!

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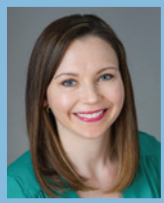


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MARCH 2018 President's Report

There is a saying coined by Michael Althsuler, "The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot." This seems to be a nice lead-in statement about the past two years I have spent as the President of the Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce. It has been one of the busiest periods of my life and time indeed has flown by. It seems like such a short while ago I was introducing myself and setting forward a vision of what I was hoping to achieve during my turn at the helm, or stick if we are staying with an aeronautical theme here. Two years ago we elected a fantastic board of directors and then again last year as well. We have had so many individuals willing to serve, and it has been my absolute honour to work with such a dedicated and genuine group of men and women who truly care about our community and the impact our businesses can have on this community's growth and development.

With my time flying by at break-neck speed over the last two years, I may have been the pilot, but every member of our board and our fantastic chamber staff had

a serious hand in keeping the plane flying steadily on course.

With very little exception, we have achieved what we envisioned. Our Chamber is strong, energized and youthful, our organization is recognized across Canada as a formidable force when speaking up for our members, and very effective when lobbying all levels of government. Most importantly our members see value, and this is demonstrated by a significant reduction in attrition, as well as an overall increase in event and committee participation. Every event we held last year was sold out! This is a wonderful testament to the vision of our board, and the outstanding work of our staff and committees.

Our Chamber continues to gain clearer strategic direction and spends every day delivering to those who join us; a clear voice in advocacy, valuable benefits and lasting connections.

The Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce has achieved and accomplished so much in the 125 years since our founding, and I am confident that our new President



David Sawatzky
PRESIDENT

and newly elected Board of Directors will continue this proud tradition of standing tall and punching above our weight. Not only this coming year, but for many years to come in the future.

Announcing the launch of BC Chamber's MindReader™ platform!

IT IS TIME FOR ALL BUSINESSES — from single-shingles to large brand, from both urban and rural communities, to unite and share their views. The BC Chamber has dug deep into their resources and developed a new tool that will become a leading edge resource for knowing what is on BC's minds. This new online platform is open to all businesses and professionals in BC regardless of chamber membership.

"By tapping into a larger population of business minds to answer key questions about their business we are getting a better

picture of the true climate of the business community in BC, and locally in our own area" says David Sawatzky, President of the Mission Chamber.

Available to all Chambers within the BC Chamber network, the Mission Chamber is excited to use this new resource to access more relevant data that pertains to the local business environment. When new issues arise locally, the Mission Chamber can access this new platform to reach out to users with targeted questions that can be tailored to industry, key demographics, geographic areas and more.

To ensure we get the most out of this new platform, the Mission Chamber is calling on the business community to sign up and join the conversation. This is a free member benefit that will allow you to connect with others and stay informed on emerging issues that affect your business and team. By joining our community, you will help us share with the government what's on BC's mind when it comes to your economy and community.

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Angel Elias, executive director of Mission Hospice Society, with members of her team, receive Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Award for Community Builder from award sponsor Fortis BC.

Spotlight on Excellence: Mission Hospice Society builds community through compassionate care, local generosity

by RICK RAKE,
Click Media Works

Since 1985 Mission Hospice Society (MHS) has provided compassionate end-of-life care and support in a manner that truly embodies the key components of community building.

"If you don't have a compassionate community, you don't have much of one. Ensuring that exists is all about community building," said Angel Elias, MHS executive director who is humbled by the fact the non-profit is recipient of the 2017 Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce Community Builder Business Excellence Award.

MHS, has a team of about 100 active volunteers in our community assisting with its Bereavement and Palliative support services, in local homes, at Christine Morrison Hospice (at Mission Memorial Hospital) and in acute care

and in its resource center on Hillcrest Avenue in Mission.

MHS is proud to offer children and teens bereavement support groups which are currently taking place at Heritage Park and Hatzic middle school. MHS also provides a Circle of Friends children's grief support group at the Hospice House on Tuesdays. For more details on MHS children's and teens programs including its camps please call the office.

On April 28, MHS hosts its biggest fundraiser of the year, the Wild Wild West gala, with The Rock family as presenting sponsor. "Without this gala we couldn't provide the support that we do," said Elias, adding that the event funds MHS palliative and bereavement support programs.

"The community really supports everything we do. We are active in Mission and are part of many leadership teams. With have a great relationship with Fraser Health and this helps build a better community," she said.

MHS funds all the non-medical "comfort measures" at Christine Morrison Hospice, offers a caregivers support group on Tuesdays, evening adult support groups, and Compassionate Friends, a third party organization providing support for bereaved parents — all free to the community.

Its annual Hike for Hospice event, April 8 this year, supports MHS palliative programs. The annual Motorcycle Ride for Hospice is Aug. 12 and helps to fund the MHS Children's Camp at Zajac Ranch.

"We are always looking for volunteers, contact us at our office (604-826-2235)," said Elias. MHS annual general meeting is March 21.

As families and individuals face grief, loss or require end-of-life transition, MHS is there with its special care, resources and advocacy. Check out its range of services at www.MissionHospice.bc.ca.

CHAMBER EVENTS

March 9th

PROVINCIAL BUDGET DEBRIEF WITH MLA BOB D'EITH

Join MLA Bob D'Eith as he runs through a debrief of the budget and what it means for you. This will be your opportunity to voice your opinion and get answers in this Q&A style session.

*Limited to 20 seats

*Light refreshments provided

Time: 8:00am-9:30am

Place: Mission Chamber of

Commerce Boardroom

34033 Lougheed Highway

Price: FREE FOR MEMBERS

March 15th

CHAMBER MONTHLY LUNCHEON ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Join us for the year's round up, covering financials and election of new members to the Board of Directors.

Place: Mission Golf & Country Club

7983 Nelson St

Time: 11:30am-1:30pm

Price: \$25 members

\$35 non members

March 22nd

PROVINCIAL BUDGET DEBRIEF WITH MLA SIMON GIBSON

Join MLA Simon Gibson as he completes a debrief of the new provincial Budget. This will be your opportunity to voice your opinion and get answers in this Q&A style session.

Time: 8:00am.-9:30am

Place: Mission Chamber of

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34033 Lougheed Highway

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Price: FREE FOR MEMBERS

March 28th

CHAMBER 101

A training program designed for new and existing members to learn how to get the most out of their Chamber Membership.

Place: Mission Chamber of

Commerce Boardroom

Time: 11:30-1:00

Price: FREE!

SESSION FULL

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next Chamber 101!

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