



Dear Sir/Madam

On behalf of the Port McNeill & District Chamber of Commerce, I would like to extend to you, a cordial and official invitation to become a member.

We are a non-profit organization that provides a variety of services which assist local organizations and businesses to save money, to advertise, and to network with the local business community.

Chamber Members qualify for numerous benefits including:

- √ Opportunity to display brochures/business cards in the Visitor Centre
- √ Business referrals
- √ Website exposure
- √ Networking opportunities
- √ Promotional advertising in the "Chamber Update" (published in the North Island Gazette)
- √ Access to the Chamber of Commerce Group Insurance Plan
- √ Business advocacy

Additional information about the Port McNeill & District Chamber of Commerce may be obtained from our website at: www.portmcneill.net

We hope you will find the information enclosed beneficial towards making a positive decision to join your Chamber of Commerce. We look forward to working with you.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at 250-956-3131 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Jorgenson
Manager

Terrence Eissfeldt
President



CHAMBER MEMBER INFORMATION

“Promote the economic growth & well-being of our community”

Chamber Office:

Our office is located at 315 Shelley Crest (adjoining the Port McNeill Museum)

Chamber Hours:

January to Mid-May 9:00am – 5:00pm, Monday thru Friday with extended summer hours, 7 days a week during July and August

Membership Dues:

You may join the Chamber at any time

Meetings:

Membership meetings are held every 4th Tuesday of each month, excluding July, August and December. Notices of the meetings are published in the North Island Gazette in our “Chamber Update” column and via email

Board of Directors:

Meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday of each month

Annual General Meeting & Installation of Officers:

Our AGM is held in February and features the installation of Officers.

Visitor Centre:

The Chamber of Commerce operates & manages the Port McNeill Visitor Centre at the same location. The centre is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00am – 5:00pm and 7 days a week during July and August, with extended hours.

Chamber Contact Information:

PO Box 129 – 351 Shelley Crest; Port McNeill BC; V0N 2R0

Phone: (250) 956-3131 Fax: (250) 956-3132 Toll Free 1-888-956-3131

Email: pmccc@island.net Website: www.portmcneill.net



QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE?

What is a Chamber of Commerce?

- A Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization comprised of businesses, individuals, residents and community groups working to ensure a healthy economic and socio-economic base to benefit the entire community district.

How does your Chamber of Commerce work?

- The policies and programs of the Chamber are determined by its Board of Directors, who are elected each year by the membership.
- They, in turn, employ a paid Chamber Manager, whose basic responsibility is to organize and execute the chamber's programs and carry out its policies.

What does your Chamber of Commerce do?

- The Port McNeill & District Chamber of Commerce is an organization of business leaders, professionals and individuals working together, with integrity, to improve local business, build a stronger community and continuously improve business citizenship and pride within our community.
- The Chamber of Commerce provides the local business community with the means to promote our community to the outside world – either for tourism or business

Who finances the Chamber of Commerce?

- Your Chamber is a "business" and it incurs costs of operation and expenses similar to any other type of business. Those expenses are apportioned amongst its members, individuals and firms, representing all types of business, industry and professional sectors.
- The Chamber of Commerce receives funding from the Town of Port McNeill to assist with our operation costs.
- Your Chamber is also active in major fundraising events to assist with our operation costs.

Why should you join the Chamber of Commerce?

- Your Chamber of Commerce is the salesman for our community and businesses, continuously promoting their products and services.
- The benefit of belonging to the Chamber is full-time representation and results.



COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION FORM

The Port McNeill & District Chamber of Commerce has always been active in the organization of Community Events such as Orca Fest, Canada Day, Christmas Tree Light-Up & Light Contest, Business Excellence Awards & Social Gala, and other events. These events are growing with each passing year and the success of these events depends on volunteers and their help.



What is it you are willing to work on for the community?

- Business Excellence Awards & Social Gala
- Canada Day
- Christmas events
- Orca Fest
- Seaside Market
- Town Beautification Projects

Name: _____

Company: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please highlight your gifts and talents:



2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive

Manager	Cheryl Jorgenson pmccc@island.net	Phone: 956-3131 Fax: 956-3132
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Directors

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Director	Lesley Harder Orca Rose B&B	Phone: 956-4116 orcarose2@telus.net
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Director	Gwen Hamling Western Forest Products	Phone: 956-4446 ghamling@westernforest.com



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

7 Great Reasons to Join the Port McNeill & District Chamber of Commerce

- Opportunity to display brochures/business cards in the Visitor Centre
- Business referrals
- Website exposure
- Networking opportunities
- Promotional advertising in the “Chamber Update” (published in the North Island Gazette)
- Access to benefits through the BC Chamber of Commerce, benefits include: low percentages for merchant services; discounts on gas; discounts for telephone & long distance; payroll services; and Chamber of Commerce Group Insurance Plan
- Business advocacy



BUSINESS AFTER BUSINESS

Business After Business is a networking social event. It is a great way for Members to build relationships in the business community and meet many potential business contacts in a casual, fun atmosphere.

All Chamber members have the opportunity to host a Business After Business event(s). Hosting a Business After Business event gives Chamber members a chance to invite their fellow members and clients to their business for a networking mixer. Also providing the host with a great opportunity to:

- show off their business
- increase business contacts
- project a positive image of your company to the business community
- let fellow members and clients see the people behind the names and logos

As a Business After Business host, all you have to do is provide the location and as well you may want to offer light snacks, refreshments and a door prize. And the Chamber of Commerce will help to make sure your event is promoted.

If you are interested in becoming a Business After Business host, please contact the Chamber office by phone: 956-3131 or email: pmccc@island.net



MEMBERS—SERVING—MEMBERS

The following Chamber members offer discounts and benefits to their fellow members – it's good business! Some discounts even apply to your employees, friends and family. Be sure to visit these businesses and take advantage of Member to Member discounts

- C-Shasta Bed & Breakfast – Telephone: 956-4610
Chamber members, employees and their families receive a 10% discount on room rates.
- North Island Kayak – Telephone: 928-3114
Chamber members and employees receive a 25% discount on 1-6 day guided Orca Kayaking Tours. Chamber members can also purchase a 2006 kayaking season pass for \$99.
- Oceanview Driving School – Telephone: 956-4864
Chamber members, employees, and their immediate family members receive a 10% discount on driving packages.
- Travelodge Courtenay – Telephone: 250-334-4491
Chamber members and employees receive a 15% discount on regular room rates for the Standard and Superior rooms, subject to availability. Offer expires February 28, 2007

Offering a Member to Member benefit is a great way to help promote your business and encourage new customers.

We are establishing a database of exclusive product and service discounts and benefits for members only. If you would like to become a Member to Member benefit provider please fill out the attached form and return it to the Chamber office by fax: 956-3132 or email: pmccc@island.net

For more information please contact the Chamber office at 956-3131



MEMBERS-SERVING-MEMBERS

Name of Business: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Member to Member discount offer:

Member signature: _____

Today's date: _____