

CHAMBERVOICE

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### DINNER **MEETING** Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Cascades Casino Coast Hotel & Convention Centre Ballroom • 20393 Fraser Hwy, Langley

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS:







Patrick Giesbrecht Chair, BC Chamber of Commerce



Val Litwin
President & CEO,
BC Chamber of
Commerce

### THE CHAMBER NETWORK: The Key Driver of BC's Economy

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Registration and Networking: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Dinner and presentations to follow.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BEFORE 5PM ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

Members: \$35 + GST | Non Members: \$50 + GST

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# Creating capacity to meet growing demand



The Port of Vancouver is a critical gateway for Canadian trade, handing \$510 million of goods every day. Those goods include items many business rely on, from electronics to food to furniture. We also export goods and allow local business to have access to those markets.

To ensure we can meet the demand for these goods in the future, we are working to deliver additional capacity. We are doing this through project proposals, such as the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project, which is a proposed three-berth container terminal at Roberts Bank in Delta. We are also collaborating with partners and municipalities to create overpasses and at grade separation between rail and road to help with the flow of the movement of goods locally.

Through collaboration, we can ensure adequate infrastructure is built to support Canada's trade, and allow local businesses, like those in Langley, to continue to thrive.

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### Welcome to the **Newest** Langley Chamber Members!

Pictured (L-R): Weixing Zhang, Wei-Wei Insurance and Investment Broker, Zealous Art, Innovative Fitness Walnut Grove, Angela Evennett Personal Real Estate Corporation, Carlson Wagonlit Travel and Murrayville Plumbing and Heating Ltd.

Not Pictured: BC Hydro, The Cable Guys, Coast Fraser Enterprises Ltd, Donald's Fine Foods, The Horns, Light Christian Media and Surrey Charter Bus Grove.



#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Chamber Hosts a Wide Variety of Speakers Heading into the Spring

February, month of despair, with a skewered heart in the centre.

— MARGARET ATWOOD (1995)

Straight out of the Dragons' Den! On March 31, 2017, the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce is elated to host culinary kingpin, Chef Vikram Vij. Join us for lunch to hear the compelling business success story of this eminent restaurateur and entrepreneur.

Chef Vikram Vij of CBC's "Dragons' Den" and the Food Network will be sharing his joie de vivre and arduous business journey at our exclusive luncheon event at Cascades Casino Coast Hotel & Convention Centre. Cooking since he was 10 years old, Chef Vij has made a career out of his passion for food with four successful restaurants under his belt: Vij's Restaurant, Rangoli, My Shanti, and Vij's Sutra, as well as Vij's At Home (a line of prepackaged gourmet curries), and Vij's Railway Express (a mobile food truck in downtown Vancouver). Please visit our website at www.langleychamber. com or call 604-371-3770 for tickets to or to inquire about sponsorship of "An Entrepreneur's Journey: In Conversation with Chef Vij". Namaste.



Our inaugural session of the "Coffee & Conversation" series was held on Tuesday, January 24th at the Chamber office with the Hon. Mary Polak, MLA for Langley. The conversation was compelling and rich.

This exceptional series of lunch hour events will offer our members a forum to meet in an intimate setting with our local elected officials to create a dialogue on issues integral to the Langley business community, such as economic development, transportation, and the environment. All of our local Federal Members of Parliament, Provincial MLAs, local Mayors, and the Chair of Metro Vancouver, will be available to meet exclusively with our members over the next six months.

Our next "Coffee & Conversation" event will be held on Thursday, February 16th at noon at the Chamber office with Mayor Jack Froese of the Township of Langley.

Upcoming Lunch & Learn educational events for our membership include a wide array of relevant topics, including, "Doing Business with the Government of Canada" on February 8th and "BC's New Franchises Act: What it means for Franchisees and Franchisors" on February 22nd. We hope you consider attending or sending a staff person to these pithy and informative business resource sessions for our members.

Scott Johnston, President



### **UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS**

### SAVE the date

**EB 1** U40 Mingle

**FEB 8** Lunch & Learn:

Doing Business with the Government of Canada

**FEB 15** Chamber Membership 101:

Why YOU Should be a Chamber Member!

**FEB 16** Coffee & Conversation

with Mayor Jack Froese

**FEB 17** Dinner Meeting:

The Chamber Network

FEB 20-24 Chamber of Commerce Week

**FEB 22** Lunch & Learn:

BC's New Franchises Act

MAR 31 An Entrepreneur's Journey:

In Conversation with ChefVij

JUNE 8 Golf Tournament

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2 Over 75 events per year

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4 Support ShopLocal Movement

5 Business development opportunities

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