



# THE CHAMBER VOICE

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May

## DINNER MEETING

### Today's Business Challenges and the Upcoming Election



Featuring the Honourable Perrin Beatty, President and Chief Executive Officer of Canadian Chamber of Commerce

**Tuesday  
May 21, 2019**

Langley Events Centre  
7888 200th St., Langley

**Members: \$35.00 + GST  
or  
General admission:  
\$55.00 + GST**

**Networking: 5:00 pm to  
6:30 pm (dinner)  
with presentation to  
follow.**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BEFORE 5:00 PM  
ON FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019**

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Event payment is due upon registration. No cancellations, refunds or credits  
after 12:00 pm on Monday, May 20, 2019.*

## GET TO KNOW A LANGLEY CHAMBER MEMBER... Langley Events Centre

Whether it is on the ice, the court, a wrestling mat, or one form of gymnastics equipment or another, chances are that sport has crowned a champion of some sort under the roof of Langley Events Centre.

For the past 10 years, Langley Events Centre has hosted championships in a multitude of levels, whether it be at the district, regional, provincial, national, or even the international level.

Langley Events Centre (LEC) is 322,312 square feet, split among two buildings. The original facility opened in 2009 and consists of an arena bowl, triple gymnasium, banquet hall, fitness and community centre, gymnastics training facility and meeting rooms.

The secondary building, which opened its doors in 2013, features a fieldhouse and double gymnasium.

Major tenants include the Western Hockey League's Vancouver Giants, as well as the Trinity Western Spartans men's and women's basketball, hockey and volleyball teams. There's also the Langley Thunder senior A, junior A and junior B lacrosse teams, plus major midget hockey teams in the Valley West Giants (male) and Fraser Valley Rush (female).

And while those teams may call Langley Events Centre home all season long, the facility also annually hosts one of the top amateur events in the province, the BC High School Provincial Basketball Championships.



In late February and early March, 152 teams hit the court to play 324 games over the course of a dozen days in eight separate championship divisions.

According to a study from the Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance, \$1.9 million of visitor spending was attributable to the event and \$750,000 in wages and salaries were supported locally for the 2018 provincial championships.

As for major sporting events on the horizon, Langley Events Centre is preparing for a pair of major lacrosse competitions.

In August, the Minto Cup, Canada's Junior A National Lacrosse Championship, returns for a third time.

The four-team, round-robin event runs Aug. 15 to 26 and features the champions of the Ontario Junior A Lacrosse League, the Rocky Mountain

Junior A Lacrosse League, and both the B.C. Junior A Lacrosse League champion and finalist.

This will mark the third time the event has been staged at LEC, previously coming in 2014 and 2016.

Then from Sept. 19 to 28, countries from around the world will be at Langley Events Centre for the World Indoor Lacrosse Championship, looking to knock off the defending champions from Canada.

A record number of teams will compete as the prestigious event is held on the West Coast for the first time in the history of the event. The quadrennial competition began in 2003.

More about Langley Events Centre available online at [langleyeventscentre.com](http://langleyeventscentre.com).



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## UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

### SAVE the date

- May 7** North Langley Open House
- May 8** Social Sustainability Strategy Roundtable: Township of Langley
- May 9** U40 Lunch & Learn
- May 13** CLA Housing Society – Affordable Rental Housing (Roundtable)
- May 14** Coffee & Conversation Series  
Langley City Mayor Val van den Broek
- May 21** Dinner Meeting  
Canadian Chamber's Perrin Beatty
- May 22** Lunch & Learn  
Doing Business in the U.S.
- May 29** Lunch & Learn  
Sleep Well, Be Well
- May 30** Business After Hours Mixer
- June 6** Golf Tournament
- June 13** Langley City Open House

### FOR EVENTS

### REGISTRATION DETAILS:

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

# Local business voice being heard

The Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce is very pleased with the announcement made on Thursday April 25 regarding the investment in improvements to Highway 1 (the Trans-Canada Highway) from 216th to 264th Streets, with the addition of a HOV lane in each direction, reconfiguring the 232nd Street interchange and adding a new underpass at Glover Road and the CP Rail crossing.

A new truck parking lot will also be added near Highways 1 and 17 for up to 150 commercial trucks and 45 passenger vehicles.

This is only the beginning of improvements needed to keep people, goods and services moving in the Fraser Valley and Metro Vancouver

area, and we will continue to push for these improvements to go all the way to Chilliwack.



### The 3 Ts

I would like to thank our local elected officials for giving us the opportunity to host our annual Langley

Leadership Panel at the April Dinner Meeting. Some interesting points were made regarding transportation, TransLink, and taxation and the effects these are having on our business community.

Hopefully many of you can join us in May, on the 21st, as we host our dinner meeting at the Langley Events Centre, with our amazing guest speaker the Honourable Perrin Beatty, PC OC, president and CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Com-

merce.

Beatty first won election to the House of Commons in 1972 and in 1979 he became, at the time, the youngest person ever appointed to Canadian cabinet.

Serving in Parliament until 1993, Beatty then became president of the CBC until 1999, when he then became president and CEO of the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, before taking on the top role at the Canadian chamber in August of 2007.

### Advocacy work

We are gearing up for policy sessions at the BC Chamber of Commerce AGM!

We're getting ready to discuss issues that have a direct impact on you and your businesses.

We are continuing to work with our partners in the Lower Mainland and around

the province to make sure that government hears the voice of business.

More than 70 policies are being put forward on a wide range of issues including Daylight Savings Time, barriers to succession planning, accessing Canadian job grants, progressive housing solutions to address workforce challenges, and National universal Pharmacare – to name a few.

If these issues are important to you and you are not a Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce member, perhaps consider joining and adding your voice to the network.

To register for any of our upcoming events or to find out more about the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce, please go to our new website at [www.langleychamber.com](http://www.langleychamber.com).

– Jack Nicholson,  
President

## Welcome to the newest Langley Chamber members

(Left to Right) Simple Moves, Rustic Roots Health Store, Longevity Graphics, Variety the Children's Society, Kane Shannon Weiler LLP, Refael Immigration Services, Better World Software, Dalrymple Wealth Counsel of Raymond James Ltd., ME Plaza and Lumbala Strong Athletic Club Corporation.  
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