

MAY DINNER MEETING

Tuesday, May 17, 2016
Cascades Casino Resort Ballroom
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Langley Transportation Update



Join us for a Regional Transportation Update on the efficient movement of goods and services, and how the major road network pieces fit together and impact business. Joining us will be representatives of the BC Trucking Association and other stakeholders.

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

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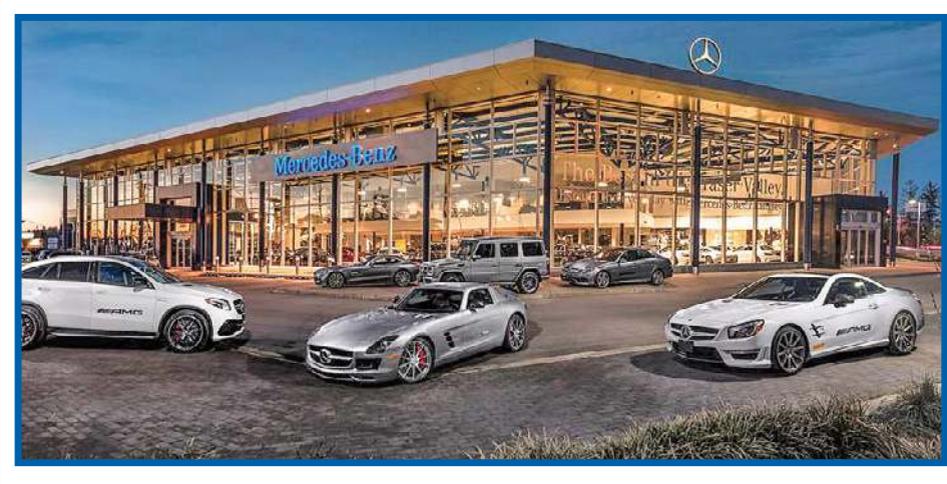
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Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce

Notice of 85th

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

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2016 CALL FOR GLCC BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce Nominating Committee is seeking individuals interested in putting their name forward to serve on the Board of Directors for a two-year term July 2016 – June 2018. Nominations for the offices of 2 Community Directors and 2 Directors-At-Large shall be made by a member of the Chamber in good standing, and must be delivered in writing to the office not later than 5:00 pm on Monday June 13, 2016. The Nominee must consent to the nomination. Members interested in submitting a nomination or putting your name forward, please contact the Chamber Office for a Nomination Form: 604-371-3770 or info@langleychamber.com.





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President's Report

Luncheon was huge success; please join us for dinner

First of all, a tip of the hat to the organizing committee of the very successful and well attended "(Unconventional) Women in Business" luncheon held last month. The luncheon and panel presentation was a collaborative effort of the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade that is anticipated to become an annual event.



throughout the region to address the lack of frequent and reliable public transit in many parts of the region. We expect this resolution to be presented on the floor of the BC Chamber AGM this month.

The Nominating Committee is currently accepting nominations from members interested in serving on the Board of Directors for the 2016 to 2017 term of office. I encourage members interested in putting your name forward to contact the Chamber Office or any member of the Board. We have scheduled a Planning Retreat to be held in Harrison Hot Springs on June 26th and 27th.

This is a crucial session for the Board of Directors as it will facilitate the transition of Board governance from an operational to a policy model, develop the work plan for the term, and update the long range plan for our organization.

The Succession Task Force of

the Board of Directors has been working with Davies Park Executive Search for the past few months to recruit for the Executive Director position that Lynn will vacate in June. Through this process we received applications from 38 candidates nationally and personal interviews were conducted with three finalists.

We look forward to formally introducing the new Executive Director to the membership at our 85th Annual General Meeting in June. At this time I would like to recognize and thank the dedication of the Succession Task Force comprised of myself, Vice-President Jack Nicholson, Secretary-Treasurer Paul van Koll, Past President Kristine Simpson, and Director Janis Ryder, for your significant contribution of volunteer time to execute this transition.

Last, please join us at the May 2016 Dinner Meeting. This will be the last of over 30 years of meetings that dynamo Lynn Whitehouse has attended as the tireless Executive Director of our organization and is an opportunity for members to wish her well as she embarks upon her next chapter.

Just remember Lynn, the trouble with retirement is that you never get a day off.

Scott Johnston, President

As one of the six men in attendance, I was pleased to be announced by guest panelist Tamara Vrooman, CEO of Vancity, as now being "safe when the revolution comes." We applaud the "unconventional" team of Board members that put the program together: Kristine Simpson, Jane Fee, Janis Ryder, Sherri-Lee Woycik, and Tammy Rea.

The Board of Directors has been working with the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade on a policy to support regulated ride sharing

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May 18

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FROM THE DESK OF LYNN WHITEHOUSE ...

Proud of my community and the businesses I serve, says retiring executive director

It is so very hard for me to believe that it was over 30 years ago that I was hired as the joint Administrative Assistant to the Langley Economic Development Officer and Manager of the Langley Chamber of Commerce. Within six months I was appointed interim Manager of the Chamber as my predecessor left to stay at home and raise her family. At about the same time, the City and Township's joint Economic Development Partnership parted their ways and I was offered the permanent position as Chamber Manager.

Along with the position of Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, I also inherited the title of Manager of the Langley Transit Service. This consisted of two small buses that operated from Tuesday through Saturday serving the residents of Fort Langley, Walnut Grove, Langley City and Brookswood to provide public transportation to/from the hospital, Willowbrook Mall and downtown City of Langley. I was required to learn the Motor Carriers Act, hire bus drivers, design service routes, and count and deposit the fares collected in canisters as people boarded the buses. Since then both the City and the Township of

Langley have joined Metro Vancouver and are being served by TransLink. This may explain my obsession with transportation and the movement of goods, services and people throughout my Chamber career!

Then, the Chamber Office was located at 204th & Fraser Highway with very poor heat and the air conditioning consisted of opening the door and hope the traffic drove by quickly! The Board of Directors committed to a 'Building Fund' to improve the Chamber facilities which also operated as the Community Information Centre. Through their dedication, and others that followed, the Langley Chamber purchased its own facilities in the College Court building on Glover Road. Fast forward to 2015 and the Chamber has since sold the Glover Road facilities and purchased (and paid for) the wonderful space we enjoy today in the new RDG Corporate Centre at 80th Avenue and 199th Street. This truly is an asset the entire membership should be proud of.

At the time of my hire, there were three Chambers of Commerce serving our communities – Langley, Fort Langley

and Aldergrove. This was a burden for local businesses which operated throughout the Langley trade area and often required triple memberships. Eventually the three organizations merged to form the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce which resulted in a stronger, united 'voice of business'. It also provided me with the challenge of managing three Visitor Information Centres in Langley, Fort Langley and Aldergrove. We did our best to serve the visiting public with tourist information and to promote Langley to the rest of the province with very limited funds. Today our visitor needs are being taken care of very well by Tourism Langley who has more funding opportunities than the Chamber could access.

One of the most important roles of a Chamber of Commerce is advocacy – something that I have a passion for. I have had the pleasure of working with elected representatives at all levels of government in Langley, the Region, the Province, across Canada and countless dedicated volunteers to effect change for the betterment of our community and the



success of local business. I have the utmost respect for our elected officials and the sometimes very difficult decision they must make. We are so very fortunate in Langley that they all operate with an 'open door' policy, and that volunteers will not hesitate to step forward to assist.

Over my career, I have worked with 31 Presidents and Boards of Directors, hundreds of Committee Chairs and Volunteers, and some of the most dedicated and knowledgeable staff members. I cannot thank you – our members – enough for the opportunities you have given me. You truly are an inspiration to me and I wish you success and prosperity.

Thank you all for your trust, your support and your assistance over the years to serve the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce. It is time for me to step aside now and allow the next generation to continue to strengthen and grow this amazing organization.

Sincerely,

Lynn Whitehouse



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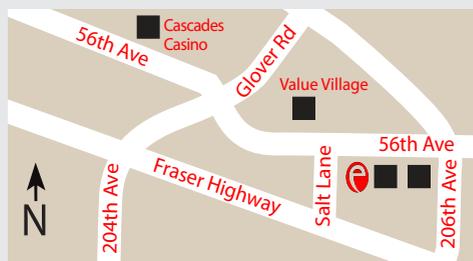


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