



Regional Visitor Gateway Opening

Chamber in transition

When you look to the far end of Baker Street, you will see the heritage CP Station taking shape. In fact, the work is nearing completion on the east end of the building and much of the exterior parking lot. This week is a transition period as we relocate from Hall to our new home of the Nelson and area Visitor Centre, the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development offices as well as Nelson Kootenay Lake Tourism.



President Ed Olthof notes, “We have created a state of the art new building, while preserving the heritage values while giving the building a new use and making it applicable to the 21st century. The completion of the **Regional Visitor Gateway Business Opportunity Centre will be the cornerstone of future economic development** in the area, and is an anchor component of the **City of Nelson Sustainable Downtown Waterfront Master Plan**. The prominent location at the entrance to the City of Nelson at the foot of historic Baker Street gives the project an opportunity to showcase West Kootenay character, heritage and cultural diversity as well as prominently feature business and investment opportunities throughout the region. We look forward to hosting a Business after Business event in December in the new location.

Nelson and District Credit Union to host Chamber Business after Business event November 12th

The Chamber is partnering with the Nelson and District Credit Union and the Osprey Foundation for our Business after Business event, **Thursday November 12th**. You are invited to join us at the Nelson community branch of Nelson & District Credit Union at 501 Vernon Street.

Drop by after work between 5:30pm-7:30pm with your work colleagues for appies, a glass of wine, or a Nelson Brewing Company beverage, and a chance to network with other Nelson and area business people.

NDCU has offered 65 years of supporting small business and families in this region. With that, they are excited to once again be able to support organizations in the Kootenay’s with their second annual **“Random Acts of Co-operation”**. To recognize kindness, community and co-operation, each employee will play a role in the celebration by identifying a volunteer in the community that stands-out to them. The Credit Union will then donate \$100 to the local organization that the chosen volunteer is affiliated with, in the name of that outstanding volunteer. Come say hi to their staff and board members.

Osprey is celebrating another historic year of giving back to the community. Once again Osprey has a great opportunity to build the community grants program. For every dollar our community can raise by December 31, 2015 for Osprey’s Community Fund, up to a maximum of \$50,000, an anonymous donor has agreed to kick in half that amount again.

Drop by the Credit Union at 501 Vernon Street, Thursday November 12th for a glass of wine, or your favourite Nelson Brewing Company beverage, and join your business friends for some social networking. We look forward to seeing you there.

It's Gala Dinner and Auction time Saturday November 7th

The Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce is busy gearing up for our annual Gala Dinner & Auction. This year's event will be held Saturday November 7th at the Prestige Lakeside Resort and Convention Centre.

This is our primary fundraiser and one of the year's premier social events. Funds raised from this event go a long way to assisting in our "Think Local First" marketing campaigns, the restoration of the CP Station, and other Economic Development activities that support the business community including workshops and training opportunities.

It is always a hectic time at the Chamber as staff work diligently to put together the evening. Thanks of course to the hard working staff for doing such a great job, but the event really doesn't come together without the support from our fantastic Chamber members.



We have close to 300 items donated for the silent and live auction for auctioneer Reg Clarkson.

As in previous years the event has sold out, although it may have sold out a bit earlier than previous years.



On behalf of the Chamber Staff and the Board of Directors, we sincerely hope your business has had a successful year so far, with continued success through the important Christmas retail season.

Please accept our ongoing thanks and gratitude for your continued support of the Chamber through your membership and your valuable contribution to fundraising efforts and committee work. Without members, a Chamber of Commerce simply would not exist. Working together, we can help build a stronger Chamber, and in turn a stronger economic region.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's Gala Dinner and Auction Saturday night at the Prestige.

Sincerely,
Ed Olthof, President

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