



Newsletter ~ January 2018

Annual General Meeting February 22nd



The Annual General Meeting for the South Shuswap Chamber of Commerce will take place at the Cedar Heights Community Centre 2316 Lakeview Drive, Blind Bay on Thursday February 22, 2018. The Wine & Cheese networking portion of the evening will take place from 6:00 to 6:45, with the meeting starting right afterward. If you are interested in running as a Director for the South Shuswap Chamber, please contact Executive Director Karen Brown through email: manager@southshuswapchamber.com

Chamber Looking for Workshop Ideas

In collaboration with the Columbia Shuswap Regional District and Community Futures Shuswap, the South Shuswap Chamber is hosting a number of monthly workshops for businesses and for non-profits in 2018. Keeping our businesses and non-profits healthy and informed is integral to building a stronger community.

The slate of workshops will be announced at the Chamber AGM later this month, however business owners can expect to see workshop assistance in matters such as Marketing & Advertising, Social Media, Reading & Understanding Financial Statements, Tax Remittances & Filings, How to Start & Grow a Business, Writing a Clear Business Plan and more.

Non-profits in the area can expect to see a series of monthly workshops, targeting such matters as the New Societies Act, Social Media, Board Governance Training, Reading & Understanding Financial Statements, Directors Roles, Responsibilities & Liability, Accessing Grant Monies, Volunteer Recruitment & Retention and more.

If there is a proposed subject matter that you don't see listed and you'd like to gain more information on a specific matter, please feel free to email the chamber office: manager@southshuswapchamber.com



Chamber Membership Billings Now Being Sent Out

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewal billings are now being sent out. For your convenience, we now take cheque OR e-transfer payment. You will find instructions on how to remit via cheque or by e transfer on the renewal invoice. Please watch for your renewal to come through your email.

Meeting Requested with Ministry of Transportation

The Board of Directors has requested a meeting with the Ministry of Transportation. We have requested Mr. Steve Stirret, District Program Manager with MOT meet with the Chamber's Board of Directors to answer concerns and queries regarding the future of our region as far as roads and transportation are concerned. We will follow up with our membership with a summary of that meeting after its completion.

Chamber Receives Funding for a Further Five Visitor Information Kiosks

The South Shuswap Chamber received funding for a further five visitor information kiosks from the CSRD. Plans are to break ground and install the kiosks at key locations in the South Shuswap at the start of May, 2018. One last remaining kiosk, funded by Area F of the CSRD will be a collaborative project with the North Shuswap Chamber of Commerce. We are currently looking at a key location as one enters the North Shuswap area and will report on that once the approved spot has been determined.



These additional kiosks bring the total number to 11 in our region. Every full time member (or partnered member paying an upcharge to appear on the kiosk) **receives a complimentary business listing complete with contact information as part of their yearly membership dues with the Chamber.** This remarkable add-on benefit for our members is only made possible through the contribution to the kiosk project made by the CSRD.

The panels for 2018 are currently being finalized. If your business name, contact information (ie phone number, email or website) has changed, please notify Karen at your earliest opportunity: manager@southshuswapchamber.com

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