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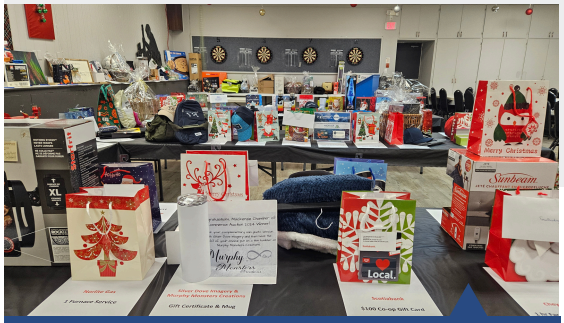
Reaching Economic Success Together

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GUEST SPEAKER: MICHELLE BOBREL - MCAC

The Mackenzie Community Arts Council's Mission is to increase and broaden Arts and Cultural opportunities for all community members. We support, encourage, and promote Arts and Culture in the Mackenzie area through education, coordination of programs and raising public awareness.





23rd Annual Auction NOV. 15, 2025

Donations are starting to come in for the 23rd Annual Chamber Auction. We are excited for the plans in the works for the auction! The opportunity for advertising your business in Mackenzie is enormous, as your company's name will appear in all promotions before, during, and after the event. Contact us at the Chamber to support this fantastic event.

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NEW MEMBERS

Relaxx with Ang
Angie McGaughey owns and operates Relaxx with Ang in a retail space in the Mackenzie Centre Mall.
She offers manicures, pedicures, and tanning. Stop by and make an appointment, buy a gift certificate, or shop the retail items available. To see photos of nail art Angie has done, or find her contact information, check out her Facebook page.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Jepson Petroleum
The local Petro-Canada Cardlock is located in the industrial site on Ritchie Rd. Jepson Petroleum offers DEF, oils, and lubricants during their office hours (7 am to 5 pm M-F). Fuel is available 24/7 with a Petro-Pass card - you can apply for one in the office or online at jepsonpetro.com. Go see Terry and ask how Jepson can help your company fleet!

PETRO-CANADA

BC Chamber News

BC Chamber of Commerce

The BC Chamber of Commerce Small Business Week Summit celebrates B.C.'s small businesses – the backbone of our provincial economy – and provides them with the opportunity to listen, learn, and engage directly with subject matter experts and thought leaders on topics that are important to them.
This year's Small Business Week Summit is all about turning ideas into action. Under the theme Built to Thrive: Practical Skills for Small Business Success, we are focusing on what matters most, delivering hands-on insights, real-world tools, and proven strategies that small businesses can apply immediately. From navigating U.S. tariffs and adopting AI in everyday operations, to building inclusive hiring practices, and embedding social purpose into your business model. This year's sessions are designed to meet entrepreneurs where they are and help them move forward with confidence.

Join us October 20–24, 2025, for an engaging lineup of four virtual webinars featuring inspiring entrepreneurs and thought leaders sharing practical tools, fresh ideas, and collaborative solutions to help small businesses thrive. Tickets are complimentary, and all sessions will be hosted via Zoom webinar.
This year's theme Built to Thrive: Practical Skills for Small Business Success, is focused on what matters most, delivering hands-on insights, real-world tools, and proven strategies that small businesses can apply immediately.
Sessions:
1. **Navigating Tariffs:** Strategies for Business
2. **Inclusive Hiring:** Strategies to Build Diverse and Resilient Workforces
3. **AI in Action:** Practical Ways to Save Hours Every Week
4. **From Everyday Actions to Big Change:** Putting Purpose to Work in Small Business.

Reserve your complimentary spot today, we look forward to seeing you online! https://bcchamber.org/2025-small-business-week-summit

Elavon

Member Benefit Feature

This month's benefit feature is **Elavon**.

The right payment solution can help grow your business, increase customer loyalty, and set you apart from competitors. Whether you run a restaurant, an ecommerce site, or a landscaping business, Elavon has solutions to meet your unique business needs and make accepting payments easier for you and your customers.
For more than 30 years, Elavon has helped businesses of every size provide fast, secure payments that help drive both revenue and customer satisfaction. Let us do the same for you.



Funding Opportunities

The B.C. Employer Training Grant (ETG) is a cost-sharing grant program that funds small, medium and large enterprises to support skills training for their workforces, including prospective new hires. Employers can apply as often as they need and receive 80 per cent of the cost of training up to $10,000 per employee, with a maximum annual amount per employer of $300,000.

For more info: email manager@mackenziechamber.bc.ca

Chamber Land Highlights

HR Covered

After 33 years with his employer, one long-time employee casually mentioned he might retire. The employer assumed it was a resignation. But the court didn't agree and awarded the employee six months' pay. This case is a reminder that even small miscommunications can have major consequences.

Chambers Plan

Employee benefits plans can offer more value than a raise or bonus, dollar for dollar. How? After accounting for taxes and deductions like EI and CPP, a benefits plan like Chambers Plan can provide a better return on investment for employers and employees. Ask your local advisor for details.



Upcoming Events

- **Kick Off to Small Business Week BBQ - Oct. 18, 2025** Let's show our support for our Small Businesses with a BBQ, cake, and fun! Watch for an email with the details!
- **Small Business Week - October 19 to 25, 2025** Stay tuned for events to celebrate our small businesses! Check out the BC Chamber News article for virtual seminars information.
- **23rd Annual Auction - November 15, 2025** This is a 19+ event that will take place in the Legion. Doors open at 6 pm and entry is $5 per person. Let the Chamber know how you would like to support the Auction.
- **Chamber AGM - December 18, 2025** at noon in the Legion. Please RSVP after you check your schedule.



Mackenzie Bucks

Mackenzie Bucks are available for purchase from the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce. They are redeemable at most businesses in town and make great Christmas gifts or employee bonuses. Mack Bucks are available in denominations of $5, $10. $20. $25, and $50.

For more information: email manager@mackenziechamber.bc.ca



Sponsorship Opportunities

General Meeting Lunches for $500/mth. Your business will be featured as Business of the Month, with your name and logo advertised on our Facebook, website, radio, and newsletter.

Annual Auction Sponsor:
Platinum $4,000
Gold $3,000
Silver $2,000
Bronze $1,000





Mackenzie Chamber and Visitor Centres Report

The Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce is working hard for our local businesses and non-profit organizations. We would like to engage more with everyone over the next year and are looking to find better ways to get involved. If you would like to meet with staff or the Chamber Board, send Tracy a message and we will schedule a time for coffee!

Watch our Facebook page as we honour our small businesses during Small Business Week. Our week will start with the BBQ on October 18 and we are all looking forward to chatting with the small business community.

Are you ready to bid on some great prizes? Join us for a night of fun and competitive spirit as the Auction showcases our supporters. Donations are starting to come in for our Annual Auction on November 15, 2025. Watch for our donation request letters to hit your inbox or mailbox!

The Caboose Visitor Centre has been closed for the season now. We are excited to see what the season stats show with the increase in visitors this year. Our retail sales are up from last year too and a lot of the thanks needs to go to the private vendors and the items that drew people in to our Visitor Centres. Our staff for the 2025 season were enthusiastic to let visitors know what the Mackenzie and McLeod Lake area has to offer! We have numerous ideas for to make next year even better!

Thank you to the District of Mackenzie for your ongoing financial support and mentorship of the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Centres. We are proud to work with you!

Thank you for reading!

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