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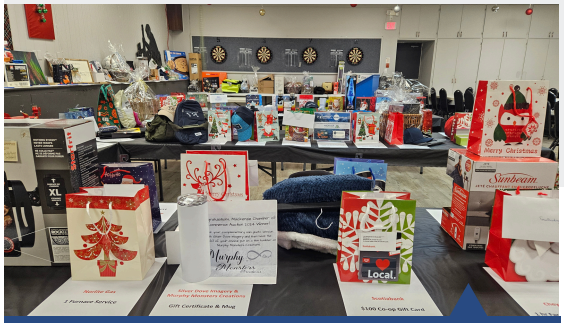
Reaching Economic Success Together

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GUEST SPEAKER: TYLER BANICK - CN RAIL

CN's annual Rail Safety Week campaign raises awareness about the vital importance of rail safety. Together with cities, towns, and Indigenous communities across North America, CN raises awareness of dangerous behaviours around railway tracks and property to help prevent accidents and incidents.





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

Wolverine Digging Ltd. Owner Ryan Poblete is involved in numerous activities such as: road building & maintenance, material hauling, excavation, grading, dust control, lowbedding, & snow removal.

The Purple Bicycle Owner Cara Bowen operates a popular coffee shop with tasty treats, lunch specials, used books, local art & gifts, and a welcoming atmosphere to enjoy it all in. They also offer catering and a space for meetings and special events. Find them of Facebook!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Mackenzie Elks Lodge No. 547 The Mackenzie Elks Lodge is an organization based in Mackenzie, BC, that supports its community through various initiatives. They meet every 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 300 Osilinka Dr. The bottle depot next door is also run by the Elks Lodge. Currently, the Exalted Ruler is George Brousseau. For more information on the Elks of Canada and the Mackenzie Elks Lodge No. 547, please email macelks@telus.net or call 250-997-3557.

BC Chamber News

BC Chamber of Commerce

In reaction to the announcement earlier today by Teck Resources and Anglo American of their plans to merge, Alex McMillan, CEO (Interim) of the BC Chamber of Commerce, released the following statement:

"The BC Chamber of Commerce welcomes today's announcement of the merger between Teck and Anglo American. The newly formed, Anglo Teck, will be one of the world's largest critical mineral companies, combining the strengths of both organizations, creating long-term benefits for British Columbia's mining sector and our provincial economy broadly.

"The BC Chamber of Commerce has been a consistent and vocal champion of the mining industry in British Columbia for decades; the industry supports tens of thousands of jobs in every corner of the province, rural and urban. We are pleased Teck Anglo has chosen to locate their headquarters here and their commitment to continued investments in Canadian mining assets is welcome news.

"We believe Anglo Teck will be an important piece of our economic foundation for the province. This announcement comes at an especially critical time when we are seeking to develop new relationships and opportunities to strengthen our economy. As a nation, we need to focus on economic growth and job creation, especially in the private sector. Ensuring we have strong and resilient companies based here, is going to be critical moving forward.

"The BC Chamber of Commerce noted the companies have reaffirmed their commitments to honour existing agreements with communities, Indigenous governments and labour contracts in Canada. Having operational and cultural stability and consistency will be critical to ensure a seamless transition to Anglo Teck within the communities where they operate.

FREIGHTCOM

Member Benefit Feature

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

From small package single shipments to shipping freight, to eCommerce. Freightcom is an all-in-one shipping solution for small and medium sized businesses. Chamber Members get access to exclusive discounted rates and perks. If you already use Freightcom (or ClickShip) services, contact your rep to ensure you are signed up as a Mackenzie Chamber Member!
Call Tracy at 250-997-5459 to get contact details for Freightcom.



Funding Opportunities

The Community Workforce Response Grant (CWRG) offers flexible support for urgent labor market needs in B.C. It helps communities tackle workforce challenges arising from economic changes, emerging priorities, or natural disasters. By funding occupational skills training projects, the CWRG aims to transition participants from precarious jobs to sustainable employment while enhancing community resilience.

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

Chamber Land Highlights



HR Covered

A recent Supreme Court of British Columbia ruling emphasizes the importance of following internal policies when placing employees on leave. In Day v. Tahltan Central Government, the court found a failure to adhere to suspension procedures led to a costly constructive dismissal, highlighting the need for proper documentation and procedural fairness.



Volunteer Hub

The Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trail Association recently used Volunteer Hub for the Morfee Scramble in August!

We have many Volunteers waiting for organizations and events to volunteer for!

Check out the website at: community.mackenziechamber.bc.ca



Chambers Plan

Economic uncertainty is putting more stress on your team - making supports like an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) even more crucial. Chambers Plan's EAP, powered by Arcora , gives them personalized help, including counselling and financial guidance, to get through tough times. Encourage them to log in to my-benefits to access support.



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



Upcoming Events

- **Seniors Week - Sept. 28 to Oct. 4, 2025** Watch for a list of great events around town.
- **Truth & Reconciliation Day - September 30, 2025**
- **Business Walks - October 9, 2025** Volunteers will visit businesses to hear their thoughts about business in Mackenzie.
- **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!
- **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 Chamber and Visitor Centres Report

The Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce spent the summer supporting the Visitor Centre and various events around town. All of our staff completed over 154 hours of training for the visitor centre, health & safety, WHMIS, first aid, bear awareness, and violence & harrassment.
We are working with the District of Mackenzie to produce a Procurement Listing of businesses in town.
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!
Tracy has been fortunate to attend many virtual meetings with Chamber executives from across the province and Canada. Being part of the northeast of BC has brought together a group of non-profit executives to support each other as we all work to make our corner of the province a fabulous place to work and live!

It has been a busy year in the Visitor Centres! The staff started the season by helping with the Spring Expo and assisting our vendors or registering vehicles for Show & Shine.
The students hired for the in-town Visitor Centre planned and shopped for the kids activities for the summer. They scheduled the campground visits and market days. Our Caboose staff organized the travel guides and retail areas to make the space welcoming for our visitors. The in-town Visitor Centre is open Monday to Friday because our staff went back to university. The Caboose will be open until the end of September.

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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