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GUEST SPEAKER: DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE

The District of Mackenzie representatives Emily Kaehn - Director of Corporate Services and Kerri Borne - Chief Financial Officer will be presenting all the information you need to know about their Procurement Policy as well as ways local businesses can participate in the process. Rachelle Richman will be letting us know the results of the Business Walks that took place in October 2025. She will also present info on Explore Mackenzie and Business Support Services available.



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NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

As of January 14, 2026, one-third of our 2025 Mackenzie Chamber members have already submitted their 2026 Application form, paid for their membership, or both! Thank you! We are looking forward to a fantastic New Year with all of you!
REMINDER! If you submit your 2026 Member Application Form and pay your membership dues before February 28, your name will be entered in a draw to win the amount of your dues back! Last year's winner was Gary Young Fuels - will it be you this year?

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Mackenzie Community Arts Council
Their Mission and Mandate include building community through the arts by increasing and broadening arts and cultural opportunities; supporting, encouraging, and promoting arts and culture in the Mackenzie area.

Through the coordination of programs, exhibits and events, we can raise public awareness and bring people together to share in experiences that inspire the creative exchange of ideas and improve quality of life, while developing, nurturing and celebrating the arts.

MCAC Mackenzie Community Arts Council

BC Chamber News

BC Chamber of Commerce

BC Premier David Eby Addresses BC Chamber of Commerce

VANCOUVER, BC, December 10, 2025 — Today in Vancouver, the Honourable David Eby, Premier of British Columbia, along with over 20 members of his cabinet and caucus, attended the annual Premier & Cabinet luncheon, hosted by the BC Chamber of Commerce.

During his speech, the Premier touched on several priorities impacting the province's business community such as, the government's newly released Look West economic strategy, interprovincial trade, Indigenous relations and recent court rulings, public safety, as well as other public policy matters concerning the economy and creating healthy communities.

"We appreciate the Premier and his cabinet colleagues taking the time to sit down with members of the business community and engage in a wide-ranging dialogue. We face many challenges and having the opportunity to hear directly from the Premier is incredibly valuable" said Alex McMillan BC Chamber of Commerce Interim CEO.

With 440 attendees, this year's lunch was the largest since the pandemic. Every year, representatives from local Chambers of Commerce, Boards of Trade across the province, along with business and not-for-profit members, connect with government representatives to discuss the issues that are important to their communities.

Following his keynote address, McMillan led a question and answer discussion with Premier Eby. McMillan sought details related to the economic strategy and pressed the Premier for more clarity on his recent comments regarding the potential amendment of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, passed in 2019. In addition, McMillan reiterated the business community's priorities for the upcoming provincial budget in the new year that were laid out in a recently released open letter:

- Removal of PST on capital investments to improve productivity
- Articulate a path to reduce the deficit in half within the next three years
- Expand the Canada Mutual Recognition Framework Agreement to include food and service

"We need to see transformative, not incremental, change. And we need the government to act with urgency to improve the economic and investment climate in British Columbia," added McMillan. "If we want to have the public services we rely on, then we need to have a healthy and vibrant economy where businesses and the people they employ can be successful."

4 Seasons of Reconciliation

Member Benefit Feature

This month's benefit feature is the **4 Seasons of Reconciliation**.

The BC Chamber of Commerce is proud to partner with Reconciliation Education to deliver "4 Seasons of Reconciliation", a course designed to empower and educate. This unique 3-hour online course promotes a renewed relationship between Indigenous Peoples and Canadians through transformative learning about truth and reconciliation.

Contact the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce for details.



Funding Opportunities

Enbridge's community investments are guided by a core set of criteria. We consider donation and sponsorship opportunities in communities where Enbridge operates that are:

- Primarily within a 20-kilometer (10-mile) radius of our pipeline right-of-way or near our operations
- Of prime importance to the community
- Beneficial to the greatest possible number of people
- Significant to the long-term interests of the community
- Supportive of one of our three core areas that we view as integral for a sustainable community

Chamber Land Highlights

HR Covered

Under the new BC Employment Standards Regulation:

- Employers cannot require a sick note for an employee's first two health-related absences of five days or fewer, per calendar year.This applies whether the illness or injury is for the employee or an immediate family member.



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

Chambers Plan

The Chambers Plan offers guaranteed issue (guaranteed approval) for various group insurance coverages in Canada, meaning eligible businesses can enroll without medical exams or health questions.
Firms with 1 or 2 employees: Guaranteed issue options for health and dental plans, life, and critical illness coverage are available for companies as small as one person, with no exclusions for pre-existing conditions.



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.
Spring Expo Sponsor:
Platinum $3,600 Gold $2,600
Silver $1,600 Bronze $850
Children's Program $2,600
Dance $2,600
Wine & Cheese $1,100



Upcoming Events

- **January General Meeting - January 15, 2026** at noon in the Legion. Our speaker will be the District of Mackenzie explaining their Procurement Policy.
- **MCAC House Concert - January 30, 2026 with Folky Strum Strum**. Doors open at 6:30 pm with concert starting at 7 pm. Tickets are $20 for members and $25 for non-members. Please support the MCAC!
- **Chamber Week - February 9 - 13, 2026** Watch our Facebook page for events and Meet the Board posts. The Mackenzie Chamber is proud to support the business and non-profit community in Mackenzie!
- **2026 Spring Expo - April 24 & 25, 2026** Application forms and information will be sent out in the next few weeks. If you can't wait for the email, please come into the office to pick your booth spot and fill out the form.
- **Mackenzie's 60th Celebrations - May 15 - 17, 2026**. Mark your calendars!





Mackenzie Chamber and Visitor Centres Report

As we begin 2026, the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce anticipates a year filled with community resilience, economic growth, and collaborative initiatives. This year, we are excited to renew memberships with our fabulous members! Also, we get to meet new members who want to be involved in a vibrant organization that supports local businesses and shares community initiatives. We are passionate about celebrating Mackenzie and everything we have to offer.

In February, we will observe Chamber Week and honour the volunteer Board of Directors who lead the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce.

Of course, we will be sending out invites to take part in the 2026 Spring Expo. This year, we have changed our dates to the last weekend in April (April 24 & 25) to not conflict with other large events in the area. With the positive response from attendees last year, we are looking forward to another fabulous Spring Expo this year!

Soon after Spring Expo is over, the Chamber will be opening the Caboose Visitor Centre for another tourism season with exciting changes to what we can offer to visitors.

The Mackenzie Chamber is involved in a committee that is planning an event in May to celebrate 60 years of Mackenzie! Watch for social media posts, radio notices, and advertising around town for fun details as they are finalized.

In October 2026, the Chamber will be hosting Business & Community Awards to acknowledge the innovative businesses, outstanding volunteers, and exceptional business owners who create the community we all enjoy. Nomination forms will be available in the summer.

To finish out our year and start the Christmas season, we will be hosting the 24th Annual Auction in November. Mark it on your calendars!

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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