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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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NEWSLETTER

Reaching Economic Success Together

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GUEST SPEAKER: CASSANDRA - YOUTH WELLNESS SOCIETY

The Youth Wellness Society of Mackenzie (YWS) strives to improve the wellbeing of youth (12-29) in Mackenzie through 3 areas of activity:
1. Providing low barrier space for youth to feel belonging/safety/support.
2. Advocating on behalf of youth to improve support available to them locally, regionally, provincially and nationally.
3. Providing leadership opportunities for youth.

Youth Wellness Society of Mackenzie



23rd Annual Auction NOV. 15, 2025

What an event! We are thrilled with all the support the Mackenzie Chamber received for our Annual Auction. Fabulous prizes were donated from organizations in Mackenzie, PG, Smithers, Tumbler Ridge, Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Kamloops, Vancouver, and Quesnel. Taste of Mackenzie showcased Kelly's Bakery, Mackenzie Co-op, Fry Daddy's, Canadian 2 for 1, Purple Bicycle, Subway, and Mackenzie Legion! Over 130 people attended and enjoyed the fun evening. Thank you!!

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NEW MEMBERS

Crespeigne Holdings Inc.
Tony Crespeigne owns Tony's Headshop and Cannabis Retail, located on Mackenzie Blvd. The staff takes great pride in providing exceptional customer service and ensuring that everyone who visits the store has a positive experience.
At THC Retail, they believe that everyone should have access to the products they need, which is why we offer delivery services for those who are disabled or unable to visit our store in person.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

WorkBC Mackenzie
The Mackenzie WorkBC Centre located in the CNC building is here to help you find your next job. You will be able to access job search resources, employment planning, skills assessment, training, work experience opportunities and more. Get started using online services or visit a WorkBC Centre. Watch their Facebook for lists of new job postings in Mackenzie and area. Say "hi" to all the staff next time you are in the vicinity.

BRITISH COLUMBIA
WorkBC

BC Chamber News

BC Chamber of Commerce

VANCOUVER, BC, November 17, 2025 - In response to the Province of British Columbia's release of Look West: Jobs and Prosperity for a Stronger British Columbia and Canada, Alex McMillan, CEO (Interim) of the BC Chamber of Commerce, released the following statement:

"The provincial government's new economic strategy, Look West, articulates a vision for economic possibilities and rightly focuses attention on potential areas of strengths in the BC economy to facilitate and accelerate growth. However, British Columbian's need to see a clear and focussed plan on what actions government will take to deliver the objectives it contains.
"Look West makes commitments to policy issues the BC Chamber has been advocating for, including the promise to attract and deliver major projects from our resource sectors. Every community in British Columbia is a resource community; we all prosper when we effectively and sustainably leverage these assets. A goal to realize a 50% reduction in permitting times is the right choice; attracting more investments and jobs will require a reduction in the amount of time it takes to bring projects to life.
"We were pleased to note that Look West identifies diversification of markets, reduction of our economic reliance on the United States and the removal of internal trade barriers as priorities, these are important objectives to our members and communities across the province.
In addition, we applaud the investment in skilled trades. Addressing our labour challenges is foundational to our ability as a province to realize economic growth and achieve the strategy's goals.
"While Look West lays out an admirable vision for what could be achieved over the next 10 years, the BC Chamber of Commerce would have liked to see an articulation of the changes to legislation, policies and programs government is committed to making to see their vision realized. If we are going to attract over $200 billion in private sector investment, government needs to specify the ways they will create the conditions to make it possible.
"It is absolutely critical the government reflects the needs of businesses as they move forward to implement their strategy. We look forward to being engaged with government to ensure our members' voices are heard as this vision is brought to life."

PARK'N FLY

Member Benefit Feature

This month's benefit feature is **Park 'N Fly**.

Chamber members save on eligible Park'N Fly stays when reservations are made in advance on ParkNFly.ca or on the app, helping you get to and from the airport with the fastest and most convenient parking options. Plus, Aeroplan members earn 50% more Aeroplan points after adding their member number to a Park'N Fly Rewards profile.

Contact the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce for details.



Funding Opportunities



Chamber Land Highlights

HR Covered

British Columbia is moving to strengthen job security for employees dealing with serious health challenges. A proposed amendment to the Employment Standards Act would allow workers to take up to 27 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave within a 12-month period to undergo medical treatment or recovery.



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

Life insurance is one of the most valuable benefits you can offer. It gives your employees important financial security and the peace of mind that comes with knowing loved ones are supported. Chambers Plan Life Insurance provides guaranteed coverage for businesses with three or more employees. Medical exams are not required, which means your employees know their loved ones will receive ongoing financial support when they need it most.



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

- **Legion Craft Fair - November 22 & 23, 2025** The annual Legion Craft Fair takes place from 10 - 4 on Saturday and 10 - 3 on Sunday. Come out and find great Christmas presents for loved ones (or yourself!)
- **Plaid Friday - November 28, 2025** Watch the posters and Facebook posts for events around Mackenzie to celebrate shopping local during the holidays.
- **Festival of Bells - December 5 & 6, 2025** will take place in the new Arts Centre location on Laurier Dr. Fabulous vendors will have their creations for sale to add to your holiday gift-giving spirit.
- **Chamber AGM - December 18, 2025** at noon in the Legion. Elections will take place for the Board of Directors for 2026. Come see what the Chamber has done in 2025 and the plans for next year. Please RSVP after you check your schedule.





Mackenzie Chamber and Visitor Centres Report

The Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce is currently working on our year-end report presentation that will be given to Mayor and Council. We will also present it to our Members at our last General Meeting and AGM for the year. It has been an exciting year with the various changes that have been made already and we have more ideas to implement in 2026. Chamber staff and the Board want to engage more with our business owners, non-profit organizations, and individual members. We want to know how we can serve our membership better and increase the value of being a Chamber member. The local community grows with local support. The Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce wants to advocate for Mackenzie and McLeod Lake by creating policy that will be forwarded to the Province of BC or the Federal Government. We will be looking for input on what issues affect businesses in BC and solutions to deal with them.

If you would like to meet with staff or the Chamber Board, send Tracy a message and we will schedule a time for coffee!
We are so humbled by the overwhelming support received for the Annual Auction. The financial reports for the event are not fully completed yet so we don't have the concrete totals - but we did exceed our goal for the evening. Thank you to the volunteers who helped us plan and set up the auction as well as the volunteers who worked hard at the Legion to make the night run well and enjoyable for all!

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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