



CAMPBELL RIVER CHAMBER FEBRUARY 2018

Join us for Insights Into Aquaculture Luncheon

From Conflict to Co-operation

Insights into Aquaculture, a luncheon presentation of the Campbell River Chamber, hosted in partnership with the BC Salmon Farmers Association.

Meet Our Guest Panel



Dallas Smith
PRESIDENT OF NANWAKOLAS COUNCIL



Jeremy Dunn
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BC SALMON
FARMERS ASSOCIATION



Dr. Jim Powell
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
BC CENTRE FOR AQUATIC HEALTH SCIENCES



Randall Heidt
VICE PRESIDENT STRATEGIC
INITIATIVES NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE

The Campbell River Chamber is in the business of insights. Our voice is the voice of business, drawing insights to our members, our partners, government and each other.

This luncheon provides insights into an industry that is one of the top four industries driving Campbell River's economy (MNP /Campbell River Chamber Business Leaders Survey 2017).

Our panelists will share their perspectives through telling the stories of aquaculture, training, First Nations, science, technology and business.

Guest panelists include **Dr. Jim Powell**, Chief Executive Officer BC Centre for Aquatic Health Sciences, **Dallas Smith**, President of Nanwakolas Council, **Jeremy Dunn**, Executive Director BC Salmon Farmers Association and **Randall Heidt**, Vice President Strategic Initiatives North Island College.

At a time when the industry is more than ever developing a collaborative model for shared

success, they will provide insights, information and perspectives that will engage, inform and educate through their stories, ideas and conversations.

Tickets On Sale Now!

From Conflict to Co-operation

Date: Tuesday February 27th, 2018
Location: Anchor Inn, 261 Island Hwy,
Networking starts 11:30 am; Buffet lunch at Noon; Presentation till 1:00 pm
Members \$35 / Future Members \$50
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Wednesday, March 14th, 2018, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Enterprise Boardroom
900 Alder St., Campbell River, BC V9W 2P6

Chamber Collective Perspective Survey Results

The BC Chamber of Commerce Collective Perspective Survey Report

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The BC Chamber wanted to know what is keeping provincial CEOs and business owners up at night. The Collective Perspective 2017-18 survey now has those answers. Conducted between October 25th to November 24th, 2017, the survey identifies top issues and provides clarity on the concerns facing businesses across BC

Some interesting insights:

- Taxes (both provincial and federal) are a top pain point for businesses in BC. The tax changes floated by the federal government in 2017 likely increased the number of respondents believing federal taxes are actively hurting them.
- Access to – and cost of – labour is one of the top five issues hurting business growth in the province, particularly in the food, hospitality, and tourism industries.
- The Kinder Morgan Pipeline has pan-provincial support.
- More businesses believe free trade with China is good for their own business.

Read the complete survey results here:

[Collective Perspective 2017-18 Survey](#)

Chamber Advocating on Your Behalf

Campbell River Chamber says business needs certainty in plans for minimum wage.

For immediate release – The Campbell River Chamber of Commerce calls on the provincial government to maintain certainty and predictability as minimum wage starts to increase June 1, 2018.

In our Chamber's recent Business Leaders survey conducted in partnership with MNP, we heard from 200 CEO's in our community and surrounding area that government uncertainty was the number one issue impacting business.

As members shared their insights on the potential economic impact of a large-scale wage increase, they said predictability and certainty are needed to protect businesses from the fallout of sudden, unexpected hikes.

“Our Chamber position is focused on two recommendations to the provincial government: that businesses be given a minimum four year implementation period, to enable our small businesses time to adjust to increases; and that all future increases be linked to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to ensure stability and certainty. The minimum implementation period was met and now we are asking government to consider CPI indexing,” said CEO Colleen Evans.

“Our small businesses, especially those in the service sector, are vulnerable to increasing costs from multiple sources. The cost of living is a major concern for our members, as employees need to be able to thrive in the community. Businesses are facing increased property taxes, increases in taxes due to recent Federal tax changes to the CCPC, and now substantial increases in payroll – with the subsequent increases in their portion of payroll taxes such as EI, CPP, etc.,” said Board Chair Corby Lamb.

“We support wage increases so employees can keep up with the cost of living. We also support increases being announced in advance to ensure businesses are able to adjust,” said Lamb. “Tying wage increases to CPI going forward provides businesses with the ability to plan and budget, and ensures they will not face large increases in labour costs”

About the Campbell River Chamber

The Campbell River Chamber is the largest and most broadly based business organization in Campbell River. Our members represent hundreds of employers and thousands of employees across all sectors and sizes of business. We create economic opportunity through business and community leadership to grow the people who are powering Campbell River. Our voice is the voice of business, drawing insights to our members, our community partners, government and each other.

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
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LOOKING AHEAD AT TREATY IN CAMPBELL RIVER

LUNCH AND LEARN HOSTED BY BC TREATY COMMISSION



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Looking Ahead at Treaty in Campbell River

A Members Lunch and Learn Event Hosted by BC Treaty Commission

Join the Chamber for a lunch and learn event. What do treaties mean for the Campbell River community? What is your role in reconciliation with First Nations? Join the BC Treaty Commission for a conversation about treaty negotiations, reconciliation, and regional prosperity in BC. Learn how local business and industry support treaty negotiations.

Free Lunch and Learn Event

Date: Wednesday March 7th, 2018

Location: Entrepise Boardroom, 900 Alder St.

Networking starts 11:30 am; Buffet lunch at Noon; Presentation till 1:00 pm

Cost: FREE but must register to attend / Seat registration required

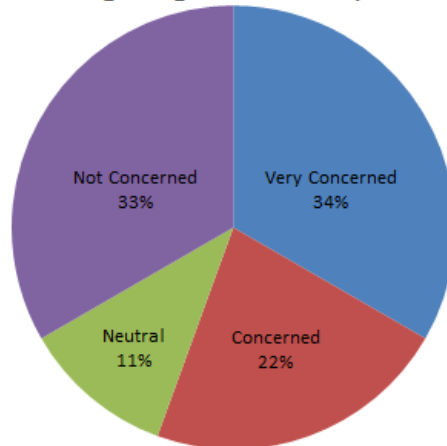
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Member Milestones and Events

[Invest in Yourself](#), a 6-week financial planning course presented by Habitat for Humanity, is coming back to Campbell River on February 20th. Space is limited - please [register](#) in advance.



Habitat for Humanity Vancouver Island North is seeking Campbell River families in need of safe and affordable homes. Learn more at their [homeownership information session](#) at the Campbell River Community Centre at 6:30 p.m. on February 22nd.

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