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The Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce: March Events Announcement

The Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce a series of events designed to connect, inspire, and support our vibrant business community.

Here are the highlights for March:

Nominations Open for the 25th Nanaimo Business Awards – presented by Doane Grant Thornton

Nomination Period: Until March 15

Celebrate excellence in the Nanaimo region by nominating exceptional businesses, leaders, and achievers for the Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce Nanaimo Business Awards. With 22 award categories—including the newly introduced Downtown Business Impact Award—there’s an opportunity to recognize contributions across all sectors. Self-nominations are welcome!

Visit nanaimochamber.bc.ca to make nominations.

Save the Date: The awards gala will take place on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at the Coast Bastion Hotel. Tickets available now!

Vancouver Island Housing Solutions Roadmap

Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: Coast Bastion Hotel - Nanaimo

The Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with The Canadian Home Builders' Association - Vancouver Island, BC Hydro, and FortisBC, presents the Vancouver Island Housing Solutions. This full-day event unites industry leaders to tackle housing challenges through collaborative discussions on gentle density, workforce development, affordability, and sustainability.

Luncheon with Vancouver Island Real Estate Board (VIREB)

Date: Thursday, March 13, 2025

Time: 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Location: Nanaimo Golf Club, 2800 Highland Blvd, Nanaimo

Jason Yochim, Chief Executive Officer of the Vancouver Island Real Estate Board is our speaker. Learn about what VIREB is, its rich history, and the important work it does in the real estate sector. Jason Yochim will provide valuable market insights and expectations, offering an informative perspective on the current real estate landscape.

Commercial Street Night Market Vendor Applications Open

The Commercial Street Night Market is back, bringing life, color, and the sounds of summer to downtown Nanaimo. Every Thursday from June 19th to August 28th from 5 pm to 9 pm. Over the 11 weeks, the market will host nearly 200 artisan vendors, an array of food trucks, live musical entertainment, a vibrant kids' zone, and an Inclusive Zone, creating a festive family atmosphere.

Designed to draw both locals and tourists into the heart of our city, the market highlights Nanaimo's restaurants, businesses, and creative community. Vendor applications opened on February 20, 2025. Visit our website for details: nanaimochamber.bc.ca/nanaimo-night-market.

Business After Hours: Networking at Rotary Nanaimo & Lantzville

Date: Thursday, March 20, 2025

Time: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Location: Rotary Nanaimo & Lantzville - 808 Wing RCAF Association Building, 719 Nanaimo Lakes Rd., Nanaimo

Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce Luncheon and Annual General Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 10, 2025

Time: Networking from 11 am to 11:45 am

Luncheon and Keynote Speaker: 11:45 am to 1:00 pm

AGM: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Location: The Grand Hotel, 4898 Rutherford Road

Speaker: Fiona Famulak, CEO, BC Chamber of Commerce

Visit our website at www.nanaimochamber.bc.ca to stay updated and register for these and other Chamber events – or subscribe to our Newsletter.

The Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce is committed to fostering a thriving business community in Nanaimo. Through advocacy, networking opportunities, and professional development, we support local businesses in achieving their goals while contributing to the overall growth of our city.

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