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The ABC's of Chamber Membership

A response to the question: Why join the South Cariboo Chamber of Commerce?

While there are dozens of good reasons to join our Chamber, here is a summary of some key ones.

Advocacy We are the only local organization with a strong mandate to enhance the economic prosperity of the South Cariboo community. As a united voice for businesses throughout our area, we advocate strenuously for improvements to the business environment, while working closely with local government to create economic opportunities. With each of our Members, in turn, belonging to the BC Chamber of Commerce, we contribute to a 31,000-strong voice lobbying for improved business conditions on the Provincial and Federal levels. Many of the progressive ideas for improving the economic environment of our province and country come up through the Chamber network and much of the reduction in taxes and regulatory red tape enjoyed in recent years came from the hard work of the Chamber movement across Canada. No other organization does more for businesses of every size than the Chamber of Commerce does!

Benefits A number of the many local benefits of belonging to the South Cariboo Chamber are detailed below, and information on a major membership incentive program is included with this package. As mentioned above, each local Chamber Member automatically becomes a Member of the BC Chamber, which offers a comprehensive list of benefit plans. An outline of these numerous benefits is included, highlighted by a comprehensive Group Insurance Plan tailored for small enterprises, two excellent point-of-sale services, several fuel discounts and a great long distance phone plan. All told, there are dozens of attractive benefits available to each Chamber Member.

Community Joining your local Chamber of Commerce establishes your enterprise as a community-minded business supporting the betterment of both economic conditions and everyone's quality of life here in the South Cariboo. As an organization, we work hard to encourage everyone to shop local and to patronize businesses that support our community through their Chamber membership. Initiatives like our Member to Member Benefits and Chamber Bucks programs help drive customers to your door. In addition, we field many enquiries every month for products and services and always refer them to Chamber Members first. We sponsor major community events through the course of the year and our Members contribute to countless events held by other organizations and groups throughout our community. With your support through membership, our mission to provide a united voice for business while working to enhance the economic prosperity of the South Cariboo community will be further advanced, thereby contributing, in turn, to the greater success of your enterprise!



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We exist to drive and support economic growth in the South Cariboo and promote it as an ideal community in which to live, work, and play.

Our Vision

We see the South Cariboo as a prosperous and thriving region due to:

- A commitment to making this the "best place to do business."
- An unwavering dedication to improving quality of life within the community.
- Emergence of key new industries to diversify our traditional economic base.
- Wise use of our natural resources and responsible environmental stewardship.

Member Code of Conduct – Commitment

"As a member of the South Cariboo Chamber of Commerce ("Chamber"), I/we recognize that membership is a privilege. Further, membership brings with it the responsibility to assure that all members also understand and commit to the following membership Code of Conduct

Accordingly, I/we shall commit to:

1. Conduct all business and professional activities in a reputable manner, to reflect honorably upon the business community;
2. Respect the good reputation, profile and status of the Chamber, and represent the Chamber accordingly;
3. Understand, support, and promote the Missions and Goals of the Chamber;
4. Whenever reasonably possible, participate in the functions and activities of the Chamber, plus, in the promotion and enhancement of business growth and related activities such as the Shop Local Incentive and the Chamber Bucks Program within the City of 100 Mile House.

I/we also understand that the failure to adhere to the professional and personal obligations outlined above, and as further defined in Chamber By-Laws, as well as Boards of Trade Act, *can result in the termination of my membership by the Chamber's Board of Directors* ("Board").

Membership continues in force for January 1st to December 31st each year and will remain in force until revoked in writing. Upon termination/revocation of Membership, all benefits, all media advertising and presence/links on the Chamber website are also terminated.

All corporate members are fully responsible and accountable for all actions of, and all charges incurred by, their designated Chamber representatives.

South Cariboo Chamber of Commerce Benefits

Dental/Extended Health Benefits: Chamber of Commerce Group Insurance Plan

- Dental Coverage
- Prescription Coverage
- Eye Glasses Coverage
- Travel Insurance
- Investments for Retirement
- Affordable Monthly Payments
- For More Information call: Hugh Gage 250-392-7911 www.chambers.ca
hugh.gage@engagefinancial.com

Advertising Benefits:

- Your Business Name will appear in the Free Press every 2 months (Free)
- Your Business will be featured in the Free Press add as a new Chamber Member
- Listed in our newsletters
- Work Shops and Seminars (Luncheons)
- Member to Member Benefits
- Chamber Bucks Program

Chamber Involvement:

- Hot July Nights Car Show
Business Excellence Awards
- Food Security Committee
- South Cariboo Community Planning Committee
- Western Week
- 50th Anniversary of 100 Mile House Planning Committee

More BC Chamber Benefits (For more information on these benefits contact the Chamber Office)

- Chamber learning Network – discounts on work place training courses....
- Chamber Master – member management system.....
- Chamber of Commerce Group Insurance Plan
- Constant Contacts – exclusive savings on entire suite of online tools....
- Esso – Business Card Program
- First Data - Preferred Member Pricing on Merchant Services including debit and credit card trans
- Hotel and Car Rental Discounts – exclusive to members and employees.....
- Park n' Fly – exclusive lower than web rates leisure and business.....
- Payworks – On line Payroll Solutions – direct deposit, government remittance, tax filing and more....
- Petro- Canada SuperPass
- Pigeonhole Live
- Purolator – 25% volume discounts.....
- Shaw Sabey Insurance
- Shell – Triton Card
- Staples Advantage
- Versa Pay – online check out system – preferential rates on Visa, Mastercard and Interac.....
- UPS coming soon!!

Chamber Bucks Program Information

Our chamber bucks program is a program that keeps the community shopping local. This program is set up so people can purchase the money from the Chamber Office and then disperse as a gift or reward to a friend or employee who then spends it at one of our accepting members businesses. The bucks come in either \$25 or \$50 dollar amounts.

When a customer comes into purchase a product or service they have to spend the entire amount of that bill in that business as there is no cash back! The store can offer an in store credit if they choose but do not give change back.

To Redeem the Chamber Bucks a redemption form can be faxed to the store or can be filled out at that Chamber Office. Redemption is very easy, the total amounts received subtract 2% of administration services, and then The Chamber writes a cheque to the business for the remaining amount. If you are interested in being a part of this program and you are a Chamber member please email me at manager@southcariboochamber.org or call 2503956124.

If you are not a Chamber member you can down load our Chamber Registration form on our website www.southcariboochamber.org and Join the Team!!

Member to Member Benefits Program

A part of being a member of the South Cariboo Chamber of Commerce is being able to take advantage of Member to Member Benefits. These exclusive saving are available to the owner/operator or designated card holder from your business or organization.

By offering Member discounts or special services to fellow members you are investing in each other, encouraging members to shop local and getting your product or service noticed. If you are interested in participating in the program please email the Chamber at manager@southcariboochamber.org or call at 250-395-6124. We will have an updated list posted on our website Southcariboochamber.org Simply display the South Cariboo Chamber window decal so fellow members know that you are participating in this program.



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MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Business - Public Information:

Company / Firm / Organization Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Position / Title: _____

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Mailing Address: _____ Physical Address: _____

Community/City _____, B.C. Postal Code _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Toll-free or Mobile: (____) _____ - _____ Fax: (____) _____ - _____

E-mail: _____ Website URL: _____

List Products/Services: _____

Will participate in the Member-to-Member Benefits Program *(Please Circle Preference)*: YES --or--NO

Will participate in the Chamber Bucks Program YES --or--NO

List Member-to-Member Discounts Offered: _____

Business Profile: *Please provide a brief description of your business as it should appear in the Directory.*

** The above information will be available to the public in accordance with our privacy policy, which may be viewed on our website at www.southcariboochamber.org. It will be released on an individual basis to legitimate business enquiries. It may also be included in lists posted on our website, or periodically distributed to other Chamber members. Please contact the Chamber if you do not wish any or all of your information to be distributed. **

Person, Company, or Organization Referred By: _____

Private Information:

*** The following information will not be available to anyone else and will only be used for internal Chamber purposes. ***

Length of Time in Business: _____

Preferred Source of Correspondence: **** NOTE** that E-mail is highly recommended & encouraged. ******

E-MAIL --or-- FAX --or-- Canada Post --or-- NONE(Please Circle Preference)

Number of Paid Employees, including Owners: Full-Time - # _____ **Part-Time - #** _____

Schedule of Annual Membership Investment Assessments

A. BUSINESS MEMBER:

Business members include Companies, Firms, Partnerships, Professionals, Hotels/Motels/Bed & Breakfasts, Tent/Trailer Parks, Restaurants, Business Associations, and more. Business Association fees are based on the number of members in the association and are calculated the same as the number of employees (see breakdown below). The cost of an affiliate membership in the B.C. Chamber is included in the Membership Fee. Please highlight your membership investment category, based on the total number of full-time employees, partners, owners, and/or managers. For calculating the number of employees, two part-time employees are equivalent to one full-time employee.

# of Employees	Membership Dues	GST	Total Annual Fee
Home-based, no employees	\$102.00	\$5.10	107.10
1 – 2	\$122.50	6.13	128.63
3 – 4	\$142.50	7.13	149.63
5 – 9	\$163.50	8.18	171.68
10 – 15	\$188.50	9.43	197.93
16 – 20	\$220.00	11.00	231.00
21 – 50	\$275.50	13.78	289.28
51 +	\$433.50	\$21.68	\$455.18
Non-Profit Associations	\$56.00	\$2.80	\$58.80
Non-Voting Associate	\$82.00	\$4.10	\$86.10

B. SECOND BUSINESS MEMBER: \$46.00 + \$2.30 GST = \$48.30
A business working in the same premises / location as the first business member

Name of First Business Member: _____

C. REGISTERED NON-PROFIT SOCIETY **Registration #** _____

D. INDIVIDUAL MEMBER – *An individual not directly involved in a business or company eligible for membership in the Chamber of Commerce, registered as a Non-voting Associate. Membership rate as noted above.*

Cheques should be made payable to the South Cariboo Chamber of Commerce

Payment can also be made by VISA or Mastercard.

Contact Chamber Manager at 250-395-6124 for credit card payment.

I hereby apply for membership in the South Cariboo Chamber of Commerce. I understand and agree that this membership contract will remain in effect until I resign, after giving 10 days advance notice in writing, and that my membership is due and payable on or before the 31st of December annually, for the following year. I understand that the business membership will attach to the company named above, and not to any individual, and that it is non-transferable. Fees are payable annually for a period of one calendar year, beginning the 1st day of January ending the 31st day of December. Membership dues received by this Chamber of Commerce are non-refundable. New members only (excluding past members) may be eligible for prorated membership dues if registered late in the year (must be pre-approved by the Chamber Manager).

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Applicant's Name: _____ **Position/Title:** _____

Amount Paid: _____ **Payment Method:** _____ **Date Rec'd:** _____

Chamber Representative's Signature: _____ **Chamber Position/Title:** _____

