

NEWSLETTER | APRIL 2019 **GET TO KNOW A LANGLEY CHAMBER MEMBER...**

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Langley City

April

DINNER MEETING

Langley Leadership Panel

Featuring: MP John Aldag, MP Mark Warawa MLA Rich Coleman, MLA Mary Polak **Township Mayor Jack Froese**

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Cascades Casino Coast Hotel & Convention Centre 20393 Fraser Highway, Langley

> Members: \$35.00 + GST or

General admission: \$50.00 + GST

Networking: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm (dinner) with presentation to follow.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BEFORE 5:00 PM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Phone: 604-371-3770 email: info@langleychamber.com web: www.langleychamber.com

Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce Cancellation Policy: Event payment is due upon registration. No cancellations, refunds or credits after 12:00 pm on Monday, April 15, 2019.

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Back in 2014, the transformation of the M&M brand began based on a promise of 'Helping Make Real Food for Real Life.

As part of this change, customers saw a new contemporary store concept and full-colour packaging design, a reinvention of the product portfolio, and a new loyalty program.

Over 20 years Supporting Local Community Initiatives

M&M Food Market has been actively involved in the community for over 20 years.

Franchise partner Robert Davison believes that supporting the local community is an important part of engaging the community and provides support to five different local

charities

Your professional food solution to your fundraising or business event, Robert and his dedicated team offer an outdoor BBQ kitchen serving top-quality M&M Food Market products.

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Absolutely No Artificial Colours, Flavour, or

Sweeteners Best of all, M&M Food Market is the only national food retailer in Canada with a full-food portfolio that can make this claim. So, you can feel good about what you are serving at your next event.

Helping Make Real Food for Real Life

The recent overhaul of our product portfolio and the new full-colour packaging has made a world of difference for many customers.

One area of focus has been the 20-minute prepared stovetop meals category that caters to all ages and families including millennials and seniors.

Another recent innovation has been the new line of our five-minute premium single serving meals. These products are sold in new cutting-edge packaging, which flash freezes and then vacuum seals the product to lock in freshness and flavour.

New Langley Store Design Renovation, Coming Soon!

M&M Food Market began renovating its network of retail locations across the country. The revitalized in-store shopping experience features a modern kitchen design – without the counter- so customers can shop the freezer doors themselves.

Our Customers Experience Excellence with our Meal Advisors

We love to engage our customers and offer personalized, one-on-one service at the Langley M&M Food Market. We offer complementary product suggestions, meal preparation advice, and tips on new ways to enjoy a variety of products. Excellent service guaranteed!

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THE VOICE OF BUSINESS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Rising costs force hard decisions

When is enough, enough? paid sick days a year and Businesses in B.C. are being hit from

every angle by rising costs and increasing taxes. Our members here in Langley

are no different. From the employer health

tax, increase to minimum wage, increased property taxes,

BC Hydro rate increase, ICBC rate increase, and the carbon tax, which increased natural gas prices and gasoline prices as of April 1, there is no end in sight.

In addition to the above, the federal government is looking at adding an additional statutory holiday and the provincial government is also considering 72 recommendations to changing the Employee Standards Act - which suggests 10

a change to how statutory holiday pay is

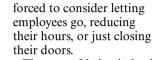
considered. That would see almost all staff eligible for stat pay. We understand

that minimum wage increases need to happen to counteract the increase in

affordability in the region, and that all employees are eligible for fair pay and stat pay, but at what cost?

As all these taxes and rates increase, it means that there is less money available for wages and benefits for employees or for employers to make needed investments in innovation, expansion, and tools that could improve worker productivity.

This will force employers to make hard decisions. Businesses are being



The cost of being in business is just to high. In Langley, both the City

and the Township have said that we will have an increase to property taxes, let's also remember that the commercial/industrial property tax rates are far higher than residential, sometimes three times higher.

A large portion of the increase to these taxes this year are due to the provincial employer health tax, which means that businesses will be paying the tax twice.

At the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce, we are working with our Chamber networks to have your business voice heard in both Victoria and Ottawa. We ask our local busi-

ness owners and operators to consider attending our upcoming dinner meetings where you can hear from your local MPs, MLAs, and mayors about these and other issues concerning our community.

Together we can hopefully make our governments realize that without a thriving business community we don't have a community. If these issues are import-

ant to you, and you are not a Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce member, perhaps consider joining and adding your voice to the network.

To register for any of our upcoming events or to find out more about the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce, please go to our new website at www.langleychamber.com.

- Jack Nicholson, President

Welcome to the newest Langley Chamber members

(Left to right) Lookout Housing and Health Society, Langley BC Cannabis Ltd., G-R3volution Enterprises, Quiring Trucking and Gravel Sales Ltd., CoWorks By Elevate, True North Strength & Fitness, and Events Plus Management Ltd. Plus (missing) Addison Pasiuk dba Danory Digital Consulting, **BC Federation of Foster Parent Associations, Canus Freight** Solutions Ltd., Kinvig Out of School Care, KO Trucking Ltd., Langley Division of Family Practice, Shivani Sidhu, Silvester & Associates, Stephen Caller, The Chopped Leaf Langley North, and Volero Brands Inc.





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GREATER LANGLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

April 9	Fraser Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase
April 11	Aldergrove Networking Open House
April 16	Dinner Meeting
April 17	Lunch & Learn
April 24	Coffee & Conversation Series
April 25	Business After Hours Mixer
April 26	Member Benefits 101
April 30	Overdose Training Workshop
June 6	Golf Tournament

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