



THE CHAMBER VOICE

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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

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*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.*

GET TO KNOW A LANGLEY CHAMBER MEMBER...

M&M Food Market



M&M Food Market has been one of the nation's leading retailers of frozen foods for almost 40 years.

With nearly 330 traditional locations across Canada, M&M offers more than 400 easy-to-prepare products and personalized customer service in a uniquely convenient shopping environment.

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.

No more hassle for you to find volunteers or having to deal with set-up or tear-down efforts.

The program is value priced, so you can easily make money for your charity, school, teams, tournaments, organizations and special events.

You can rely on our team of BBQ experts to be there to help.

"Fund Raising Made Real Easy" program (Schools & Teams)

Ask us about this truly hassle-free fundraising program, then sign up your organization and raise money with virtually no effort on your part.

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!

Langley M&M Food Market

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THE VOICE OF BUSINESS



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Rising costs force hard decisions

When is enough, enough? 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

paid sick days a year and 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

forced to consider letting employees go, reducing their hours, or just closing their doors.

The cost of being in business is just too 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 important 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.langley-chamber.com.

– Jack Nicholson,
President



UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

SAVE the date

- 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

FOR EVENTS REGISTRATION DETAILS:

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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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