



# MISSION REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BusinessTRACK

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### Business Leader Series - Luncheons and Dinners

These tried and true events are not going anywhere. The Chamber will be adding a series of topical as well as “hot” topics this year to the calendar.

Topics you can expect:

*Small Business BC*  
*Summer Family Fun*  
*District of Mission Updates*  
*State of the City*  
*AND more...*

A new year has begun, which brings new opportunities for the Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce to continue helping our members succeed.

These include Chamber travel packages for relaxation, Chamber benefits to help reduce overhead costs, advocacy on your behalf, and of course there are ample ways to network at Chamber events. All these programs are a part of our efforts to showcase value to our members, but there is an over-reaching piece the Chamber is looking to focus on in the year 2020; and that is education.

Education and learning are essential to businesses in many ways, from professional/personal development

to learning a new skill to improve areas of your organization.

With the Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce placing Education as a focus, we are excited to announce a few new/improved programs that will fit into our newly designated “Chamber Academy”

### Business Leader Series - Early Risers Edition

Join the Chamber for our breakfast learning 101 events. A less formal way to network with peers, get your morning lessons in and have fun doing it.  
Time: 8 - 9 am Cost: \$7 plus breakfast

Topics will include:

*Goal Setting*

## Congratulations to the Business Excellence Award Nominees!

We are grateful to the Chamber, their staff, and volunteers for all they do to better the business community. I am proud and humbled to represent the Chamber as a board member.



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Happy New Year to everyone and I hope you had a great opportunity to get your holiday sales up to take you into the New Year. At the Chamber we've been looking over the past year reflecting on some of the great events and development training we have been able to provide our membership. We've been watching intently how Polygon & Elevate have truly shown that they want to create a collaborative development with input from all levels. If you're a new member or are looking to become a new member, know you're not alone. At each luncheon last year we had at least 1-6 new business members attend. This says a lot, it shows that business is engaged and excited to operate in our community.

The Chamber staff has also been working hard to make sure that the impact of development training meets the needs of our businesses. A quick snapshot of the training we provided includes social media, a stress in the workplace workshop, and even board governance training. If this is something you

have an interest in, make sure to connect with Chamber staff at the office and sign up to put more tools in your back pocket.

Some of our luncheons have been action-packed with The District of Mission providing their future plans for the waterfront and already making headway. Gateway Casinos came out to make their official launch at one of our luncheons and provided us with some big news, Mission receiving the Playtime Casino brand. We've also been able to increase the number of businesses we spoke to during business walk by 140%. We couldn't have done that work without our Chamber Directors, Staff, Partners and business champions. The more feedback we receive the better we can accommodate our programs and send the information on to the District of Mission to show the pulse of the business community. Thank you!

To celebrate 2019 and come into 2020 we have the Business Excellence Awards on



**Raj Patara**  
PRESIDENT

January 31st with the roaring 20s as the theme and I'm pretty sure you might be looking at a live band and some other surprises. Purchase your tickets and we look forward to seeing you on the 31st.

## Women's Conference Coming to Mission in October

In early October of this year, the Mission Chamber will be hosting the Ignite Women's Conference, designed to bring together women to connect, educate, inspire and empower one another.

We are in the early planning stages right now and are creating many opportunities for sponsorship engagements and like-organization collaborations.

If you would like to talk to the Chamber about how you can get involved, please contact us by email at [connect@missionchamber.bc.ca](mailto:connect@missionchamber.bc.ca) or by phone T. 604.826.6914

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## The 2019 Business Excellence Awards are coming up January 31. Do you have your tickets yet? It is going to be a ROARING good time!

The Mission Business Excellence Awards is one event we utilize to nurture business community growth, discussion and exposure within the Lower Mainland. Taking time to recognize our valuable professionals within our community is vital to its continuous growth and success. This is THE event of the year to shout out Businesses or Business Leaders that actualize superior workplace practices and values.

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## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, January 22 Business Leader Series – Early Risers Edition “Goal Setting”

Join the Chamber Staff, enjoy coffee and perhaps a meal with other business leaders in the community. A great start to any day!

Learning Outcomes: Common mistakes that prevent success, Understanding what SMART goals are, Breaking down the steps in goal setting, Examples/sharing some common goals for a business

Price: \$7.00 Member Rate  
\$10.00 Guest Rate

Place: Galley Girls Coffee House  
Time: 8:00am – 9:00am

### Thursday, January 23 Table Talks – Free

“Table Talk” is a small group of business owners joining the Chamber for coffee in our boardroom. We will be participating in an informal discussion. Topics could include challenges, success stories, and anything that the District, Province or Fed Government need to know.

Place: Mission Chamber of Commerce Boardroom  
Time: 8:30am – 9:30am

### Friday, January 31 Business Excellence Awards Ceremony

We are rolling out the “Gold Carpet” for the 2019 Business Excellence Awards! Grab your fedoras and flapper dresses and join us for a roaring good celebration!

The Mission Business Excellence Awards is the premier event we utilize to nurture business community growth, discussion, and exposure within the Lower Mainland. The Chamber uses this spotlight to recognize organizational excellence within our community that contributes to its continuous growth and success.

Place: The Stage In Mission  
32998 First Avenue  
Time: 6:00pm  
Price: \$80.00 Per Person

### Wednesday, February 12 Aldergrove Credit Union Business After Hours

Aldergrove CU is inviting the Chamber Membership to their personal Business After Hours at their beautiful Mission Branch.

This vibrant, after-hours business social event provides an excellent opportunity for members and prospective members to meet face-to-face, establishing or renewing valuable business relationships. Join us for hors d’oeuvres, refreshments and an opportunity to connect with the Mission business community.

Place: Aldergrove Credit Union – Mission Branch  
Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
Price: \$5.00

\*Business After Hours revenue is donated to the Chamber’s Bursary

\*Chamber Business Mixers are a member benefit. Non-members are welcome to attend one mixer as our guest while you consider joining The Chamber.

# Welcome to our New Members

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