



HOT TIPS

Labour Market

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Events

► The Qualicum Beach Chamber is throwing out a challenge for their next Member Meeting - get ready for the first QBCOC Elevator Speech contest! This is going to be a fun evening hosted by Oceanside Pizza; enjoy some great pizza and craft beer, and compete to win the soon-to-be highly coveted 'Best Darn Elevator Pitch Presenter on Central Vancouver Island' award. Now there are rules and there will be judges - please see: [Guidelines for your Awesome Elevator Speech](#). The Chamber meeting is January 18 at 5:30 pm - so you have plenty of time to prepare. Tickets for non-members are \$20 and include a delicious pizza buffet and one beverage (beer or wine included). Call soon to book as space will be limited - 250.752.0960 - and good luck!

► Ever wondered about a Career in the Film Industry or how you can get involved? More than 30 different film industry departments will be represented at this exciting and informative event. Come speak with professionals from the industry and find ways you can begin your exciting career in the high paying industry. Sit in on our informative seminars from a variety of specialized areas throughout the day, selected to help inform you of all of your possibilities and achievement potential. The Vancouver Island South Film & Media Commission pairs up with Chemistry Consulting, GT Hiring and the Inn at Laurel Point to help inform the public on ...the growing film industry - and the growing need for more workers behind the camera to join the field. **On January 28, 2017 from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm at the Pacific Fleet Club**, join us and learn about the many options for work available to you. With the industry and its demands growing, we want the citizens of Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands to know that a career in the industry is possible for them. The Pacific Fleet Club is located at 1587 Lyall Street, Victoria, BC. Admission to the Career Fair is free and open to the public, but seating at seminars during the day is first come, first served.

► The #BCTECHSummit is BC's hottest event in tech. From innovations in health to emerging ideas in cleantech, the two-day event offers something for everyone! The #BCTECH Summit is taking place March 14-15, 2017, at the Vancouver Convention Centre. Early bird tickets are on sale until Dec. 20, 2016. For more information or to purchase tickets visit: www.bctechsummit.ca



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Local Job Leads and Postings

Parksville and Area

► Seen on Facebook:

- Fix Auto Parksville is looking for a qualified auto body painter. Resumes welcomed at 531 Stanford Ave , Parksville ... [Attention] Vic Andrushko
- Opportunity for a competent young couple to live on and co-manage a certified organic fruit and vegetable farm on Vancouver Island. Training, experience and versatility are assets. Depending on the candidates' competence as farmers, the farm can offer salary/salaries, apprenticeship, an employee profit-sharing, co-operative system or after a suitable trial period, a longer-term Profit a Prendre lease. Interested candidates can apply to Nanoose Edibles by email at neorg@telus.net or can phone ahead and make arrangement to drop by the farm.
- Experienced Graphic Artist - Klikker Community Shopper – Parksville <http://bit.ly/2hp8RYR>
- Personal Care Attendant – Qualicum Beach <https://nanaimo.craigslist.ca/hea/5925535386.html>
- Dish Washer/Prep cook – Qualicum Beach <https://nanaimo.craigslist.ca/fbh/5935298750.html>
- Financial Advisor – Edward Jones – Parksville <http://bit.ly/2ii3LSF>
- Fire Centre Services Officer – Parksville <http://bit.ly/2irkP5V>
- Client Services Coordinator – Oceanside Hospice Society – Qualicum <http://bit.ly/2hwXuTH>
- Human Resources Manager – Town of Qualicum Beach <http://bit.ly/2ifmtry>
- Sales Associate – The Source – Parksville <http://bit.ly/2imc5OR>

Nanaimo

- Hairstylist – Great Clips – Nanaimo <http://www.workopolis.com/jobsearch/job/apc-2622-2750-stylist>
- Early Childhood Educator – Sweet Peas Infant & Toddler Centre – Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/2iFjzQ0>
- Carpenter & Skilled Labourer – Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/2htTp0R>
- Human Resources Assistant – City of Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/2iFNHe7>
- Deli Assistant Manager – Sobeys – Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/2iiDxiT>
- Licensed Auto Mechanic – Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/2ig93xN>
- Security Administration Assistant – The Wenner Group – Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/2iquqgj>
- Part Time Sales Representative – Telus – Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/2iOsoqA>

Port Alberni

- Fire Crew Member, BC Wildfire Service - Forests Lands Natural Res Ops – Port Alberni <http://bit.ly/2hpDi0U>
- Accommodation Service Manager – Port Alberni <http://bit.ly/2hCyPNm>

Other

- Interested in Camp Work? Check out this interesting opportunity: Nasittuq is the current contractor to the Canadian Forces for the CFS Alert project located on the northern tip of Ellesmere Island, Nunavut. If you visit the www.Nasittuq.com website, you will learn more about this unique project and the type of jobs that Nasittuq recruits for, from Cooks and Housekeepers, to the full range of facilities maintenance technicians, tradespersons and labourers, to airfield/grounds maintenance heavy equipment operators and mechanics.

CFS Alert is a world of its own. Located at the northern tip of Ellesmere Island it is the most northerly inhabited place in the world and considers itself the North Pole. With 6 months of total darkness and 6 months of total light, working in Alert is not for everyone, but those who work there generally love the place. Personnel work on rotation, generally an 8 week "in" and 8 week "out" schedule. Nasittuq will arrange all transportation from the employee's home to Belleville overnight; early next morning Nasittuq personnel board military aircraft (Hercules or C-17 Globemaster) and fly from CFB Trenton to Thule,

Greenland where they overnight at a US military base; then they fly into Alert on the following day. All travel expenses are covered to/from Alert and while in Alert, personnel are issued work and travel clothing, are provided accommodations and meals. Qualifications are specified by the military and must be met, including trade/technician certification, experience, medicals, and security clearances. Nasittuq generally recruits for candidate pools so they are ready when a vacancy opens. Vacancies occur regularly due to the nature of the job. Nasittuq provides pre-deployment training. It is a Unifor union work environment. Nasittuq recruits from all Provinces, Territories and Nunavut.

Job Search Tips

► Following are some job search tips from an employee with the Provincial Government who works in the field of environmental science. These are great tips if you're thinking of getting into the science/environmental field, already have some education in the field or seeking employment with the Provincial Government.

- Don't be too picky at first. Be humble, keen, hard-working, patient, and willing to try whatever is available. Build up your network because a lot of opportunities come from word-of-mouth. I wouldn't have gotten anywhere without knowing people with connections.
- Learn about "the business". There are tons of different avenues to pursue, and it's important to be informed on some of the major issues going on in BC. Learn about the people, groups, and regulations (policy, legislation) involved in managing, leading, and advocating for the business you are in.
- Get relevant experience any way you can, even small short term work can lead to bigger things. It is very competitive at the moment and applicants are bringing some serious qualifications and experience, so you need to be resourceful in order to get your resume noticed. I did a lot of volunteering when I started out, and it's good to do different types of volunteer work to help build your resume. It doesn't matter that you didn't get paid for the work (I wouldn't even mention that), because it's the experience that counts.
- Graduate students often need assistants or technical support, and that's a great way to get experience.
- Certifications and training look good on resumes. Things like equipment safety, first aid, machinery operation, various assessment certifications can all boost your resume. Some companies will pay for training that their crews need but if it's cheap and relevant to the kind of work you want to do, consider paying for it yourself.
- Look into join professional associations, most have junior members and there are lots of opportunities to network at their meetings.

► This article on [ideas.ted.com](http://ideas.ted.com/7-lessons-about-finding-the-work-you-were-meant-to-do) is a great one to read going into a new year. 7 lessons about finding the work you were meant to do <http://ideas.ted.com/7-lessons-about-finding-the-work-you-were-meant-to-do>