

September 20, 2016

Events

► The Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the 9th Annual Business Expo Thursday, October 20, 10:00 am-5:00 pm at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre. The trade show is targeted both to the public and for business to business marketing <http://nanaimochamber.bc.ca/chamber-events/business-expo-overview/>

Projects and Business Buzz

► Kim Burden, Parksville Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, spoke at the September Chamber dinner about current projects and Parksville's economy. Following is a summary of this informative talk:

- The summer of 2016 was by far the best season for accommodation, food and attraction sectors of our local economy. The increase in visitation was a direct result of our good weather and the rise of the American dollar. The hotels, resorts and campgrounds experienced a huge increase in occupancy and in revenue. Restaurants reported upwards of a 15% increase in business and the events and attractions all saw record crowds.
- Construction is doing very well. Cedar Ridge at the corner of Church and Humphrey is moving on to the next phase of its total buildout of 165 single family homes. Phase one sold as quickly as they were built over the past 18 months. The new lots on Skylark and Despard between Craig and Corfield are being occupied quickly as is the new 10 lot development on Soriel.
- The real estate market continues to see more potential buyers than product. The Parksville-Qualicum area saw its benchmark price rise by 17 per cent to \$443,800.
- The new owner of the lot at Despard and Moilliet is planning two 12 unit buildings one of which will be rental.
- The owners of the property on Pym across from the RCMP station have shared some preliminary plans for development which will see some rental accommodation.
- The Post and Lantern property is slated for a commercial development on the ground floor with 2 floors of residential above. The property next to the Travelodge has been cleared but don't anticipate anything will be done until after the Post and Lantern property is complete as it is the same developer.
- Sunrise Ridge has been approved for a Development Permit for their next phase of 32 units.

► Berwick Retirement Communities wants to build an amenities-laden complex with 91 living units on the high-profile one acre that was the cause of much controversy when the previous owner wanted to build a 53-unit condo building he called The Clarion. <http://www.pqbnews.com/news/383293681.html>. They have initiated meetings in the community to discuss their plans.

General Labour Market Information

► On September 15th the minimum wage went up by 40 cents, to \$10.85 an hour. This is the first of two scheduled increases. A second jump, to \$11.25 an hour, is planned for September 2017. From there, B.C.'s minimum wage will rise on an annual basis pegged to the consumer price index (CPI), which equates to just over 10 cents a year.

► The Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training has announced that the 2025 Labour Market Outlook data has been updated throughout WorkBC in alignment with the British Columbia 2025 Labour Market Outlook report, which is available at www.WorkBC.ca/labourmarketoutlook. The Report forecasts that the Vancouver Island/Coast economic region will have 147,900 job openings to 2025, with 29 percent from economic growth and 71 percent to replace retiring workers. Employment demand is projected to increase by an annual average of 1.1 percent, on par with the provincial average.

The 10 occupations forecast to expand fastest in the region are:

- Underground production and development miners 3.1%
- Ground and water transport ticket agents, cargo service representatives and related clerks 2.7%
- Engineer officers, water transport 2.7%
- Computer programmers and interactive media developers 2.4%
- Water transport deck and engine room crew 2.4%
- Software engineers and designers 2.4%
- Web designers and developers 2.4%
- Boat and cable ferry operators and related occupations 2.3%
- Information systems analysts and consultants 2.2%
- Customer service representatives – financial institutions 2.1%

Local Job Leads and Postings

Parksville and Area

► Family Practitioner/General Practitioner - Health Match BC - Parksville, BC

<http://ca.indeed.com/job/Family-Practitioner-General-Practitioner-at-Health-Match-BC-in-Parksville,-BC-76a8617295da42de>

► Landscape Construction Worker - Nanaimo-Qualicum

<https://nanaimo.craigslist.ca/lab/5781295269.html>

► Customer Service Position - Whiskey Creek Co-op - 3702Alberni Highway

<https://nanaimo.craigslist.ca/csr/5780819729.html>

► Mill Worker – Parksville <https://nanaimo.craigslist.ca/mnu/5780249917.html>

► Thrift Shop Merchandiser - SOS Parksville <https://nanaimo.craigslist.ca/ret/5781441227.html>

► Dishwasher - Butlers at Crown Mansion - Qualicum Beach

<https://nanaimo.craigslist.ca/fbh/5779888386.html>

► Auxiliary Equipment Operators - Emcon Services Inc, Road and Bridge Maintenance contractor –

Parksville http://jobs.localworkbc.ca/jobs/auxiliary-equipment-operators-parksville-bc-v9p-1k9-90294569-d?widget=1&type=job&utm_source=Indeed&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=Indeed

► Medical Lab Assistant (39801) – LifeLabs – Parksville

<http://www.wowjobs.ca/JobDetails.aspx?k=24710237>

► Store Manager - The Source – Parksville <https://jobs.bce.ca/the-source/job/Parksville-Store-Manager-The-Source->

[BC/363622700/?feedId=48&campaignId=3&utm_source=WowJobs&utm_campaign=J2W_WowJobs](https://jobs.bce.ca/the-source/job/Parksville-Store-Manager-The-Source-BC/363622700/?feedId=48&campaignId=3&utm_source=WowJobs&utm_campaign=J2W_WowJobs)

- ▶ Chief Administrative Officer - District of Lantzville
http://www.civicjobs.ca/101.asp?jobpostingid=32948&description=Nanaimo&employer=&location=&pcid=&searchby=yes&Submit=Search#.V9nH_vkrK70
- ▶ Landscaping - North Qualicum <https://nanaimo.craigslist.ca/lab/5788242624.html>
- ▶ Agency Manager - Coastal Community Credit Union - Qualicum BC
<http://www.wowjobs.ca/JobDetails.aspx?k=24696152>

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- ▶ Credit Counsellor - Credit Counselling Society - Nanaimo BC
<http://www.wowjobs.ca/JobDetails.aspx?k=24653960>
- ▶ Certified Orthodontic Assistant - Ocean's Edge Orthodontics – Nanaimo <http://www.kijiji.ca/v-other-jobs/nanaimo/certified-orthodontic-assistant/1198861053?enableSearchNavigationFlag=true>
- ▶ HCAs/LPNs/RNs/Rec Aides Wanted - Wexford Creek Seniors Community – Nanaimo
<https://nanaimo.craigslist.ca/hea/5780235089.html>
- ▶ Multiple Positions – TOYS"R"US – Nanaimo
https://toysruscanada.tms.hrdepartment.com/jobs/4917/Multiple-Positions-ToysRUs-NanaimoCA-BC-Nanaimo-?lclid=en-US&view_language=en-US&src=JB-10300
- ▶ Electrical Engineer - Allnorth Consultants – Nanaimo
<http://www.wowjobs.ca/JobDetails.aspx?k=24698664>
- ▶ Administrative Assistant - Vancouver Island University – Nanaimo
<http://www.wowjobs.ca/JobDetails.aspx?k=24706540>
- ▶ Refrigeration, Air-Conditioning Mechanic Instructor - Vancouver Island University – Nanaimo
<http://www.wowjobs.ca/JobDetails.aspx?k=24706538>
- ▶ Planning Design Technologist - Fortis BC – Nanaimo
<http://www.wowjobs.ca/JobDetails.aspx?k=24704362>
- ▶ Electrical Designer - Allnorth Consultants – Nanaimo
<http://www.wowjobs.ca/JobDetails.aspx?k=24698663>
- ▶ CLK 09R - Client Services Worker - Social Development & Innov – Nanaimo
<https://search.employment.gov.bc.ca/cgi-bin/a/highlightjob.cgi?jobid=35686>
- ▶ COR SV 18R - Correctional Officer -Ministry of Justice AG: Corrections/Adult Custody – Nanaimo
<https://search.employment.gov.bc.ca/cgi-bin/a/highlightjob.cgi?jobid=35865>
- ▶ ADMN O 18R - Senior Reporting Analyst - Public Service Agency
Ministry Branch/ Division: Performance Management, Business Performance – Nanaimo
<https://search.employment.gov.bc.ca/cgi-bin/a/highlightjob.cgi?jobid=36054>
- ▶ CRT CK 11R - Court Clerk - Department: Ministry of Justice AG Ministry Branch/Division: Court Services
Branch <https://search.employment.gov.bc.ca/cgi-bin/a/highlightjob.cgi?jobid=36143>
- ▶ Carpenters and Construction Labour Workers Needed – Nanaimo
<https://nanaimo.craigslist.ca/trd/5757055274.html>
- ▶ Assembly Work - Movie Theatre Standee - Nanaimo <https://nanaimo.craigslist.ca/lab/5788691878.html>
- ▶ Job Developer / Employment Counselor - Duncan, BC
<https://nanaimo.craigslist.ca/edu/5788339160.html>

Job Search Tips

- ▶ The STAR Technique is a very useful way to stay on track when answering interview questions. This article provides some great advice on how to answer questions using the STAR technique.
<https://www.theguardian.com/careers/careers-blog/star-technique-competency-based-interview>