



HOT TIPS

Labour Market

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Upcoming Events and Programs

► Career Centre Hiring Fair

Thursday, April 9, 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Parksville Community & Conference Centre, 132 E. Jensen Ave., Parksville

Join local employers to learn about their businesses and meet those who are hiring! Stay tuned for updates on participating employers.

► Rona Nanaimo Hiring Event

Wednesday, February 19, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

1250 Island Hwy South, Nanaimo

Hiring for various positions. If you have customer service skills they want to meet you. Bring two pieces of government issued ID and a copy of your resume. More information at:

<https://events.indeed.com/event/37166/?from=oj>

► Build Your Career with BC RCMP – 9-1-1 Police Dispatcher Career Presentations

Thursday, February 20, 6:00 pm in Nanaimo

Thursday, March 5, 6:00 pm in Courtenay

These Career Presentations offer you the chance to hear firsthand from Recruiters about the exciting career as a 9-1-1 Police Dispatcher. You will also receive information about the requirements and expectations for the

Application Process. You must pre-register to attend. For more information see <http://bc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ViewPage.action?siteNodId=2234&languageId=1&contentId=58413>.

► Old Country Market Job Fair

Monday, February 24, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Inside the Main Old Country Market, 2326 Alberni Hwy, Coombs

The hiring team will be ready to discuss employment opportunities with you! Dust off your resumes and polish your shoes...Old Country Market wants you!!

► BC Ferries Hiring Fair for Customer Service Attendants, Terminal Attendants and Foot Passenger Ticket Agents

Thursday, February 27, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Friday, February 28, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Please bring a copy of your resume and references.

Additional details will be sent to applicants including address and all pertinent details.

<https://careers-bcferries.icims.com/jobs/1864/customer-service-attendant/job>

<https://careers-bcferries.icims.com/jobs/1867/terminal-attendant/job>

<https://careers-bcferries.icims.com/jobs/1865/foot-passenger-ticket-agent/job>

Business Buzz

► Recycle BC is looking for businesses to step up to fill gap left by depots in Parksville and Qualicum Beach. PQB residents may have to drive to Nanaimo for glass, soft plastic, foam packaging recycle. As of March 1, both the Parksville and Qualicum Beach recycling depots will no longer take glass, soft plastic or foam for recycle – and Recycle BC says they are working hard to try find a solution before that date.

Recycle BC relies on private businesses, like the Parksville and Qualicum Beach Bottle Depots, to collect items on their behalf. The businesses are paid a fee in exchange for the free collection service.

“If on March 1 we do not have a solution, people can consult the recycle BC website and it’ll tell them where the closest depot is. ... There will be opportunities there, granted, a little bit further afield.”

The Regional District of Nanaimo’s solid waste manager, Larry Gardner, has confirmed that it will not be able to provide an interim service. Gardner says they had considered several options to help fill the gap, but that none of them were feasible. <https://www.pqbnews.com/news/recycle-b-c-looks-for-businesses-to-step-up-to-fill-gap-left-by-depots-in-parksville-and-qualicum-beach/>

► The Grotto Spa at the Tigh-Na-Mara Seaside Spa Resort & Conference Centre has retained its spot as the most popular spa in Canada as rated by Spas of America. The award is based on unique page views and consumer choices on the Spas of America website.

“I’m very proud of our team at the Grotto Spa for their dedication, pride and commitment to our guests,” said Tigh-Na-Mara’s General Manager, Paul Drummond in a release. “Our tranquil forest and oceanfront destination resort and spa offers our guests a variety of opportunities to relax and reconnect with nature and themselves.” The Grotto Spa topped the list last year as well. Nineteen other B.C. spas made the top 50 Spas of America list in 2019. The resort is located at 1155 Resort Dr. in Parksville.

<https://www.pqbnews.com/news/parksvilles-tigh-na-mara-retains-spot-as-canadas-top-spa/>

► “Fox and Rhino Vineyards” in Qualicum Beach is currently under construction. Wine tastings, small plates of food offerings on their patio, and tours of the sustainable biodiverse vineyard and winery will be available once they are up and operational. <https://www.facebook.com/pg/QBChamber/posts/>

Labour Market Information

► The Canadian economy added 34,500 jobs in January, fueled by gains in the manufacturing, construction and agriculture industries, Statistics Canada said Friday. The increase in jobs came as the unemployment rate fell to 5.5 per cent compared with 5.6 per cent in December, according to the monthly labour force survey.

Economists on average had expected an increase of 15,000 jobs for January, according to financial markets data firm Refinitiv.

The goods-producing sector powered the job growth as it gained 49,100 jobs. The manufacturing group added 20,500 jobs for the month, while the construction subsector added 15,800. Agriculture added 11,500. Meanwhile, the services-producing sector lost 14,500 jobs, weighed down by the loss of 16,000 jobs in the health care and social assistance subsector.

The gain in jobs for the month came as the number of full-time jobs rose by 35,700, while part-time employment fell by 1,200.

The Bank of Canada kept its key interest rate target on hold last month but left the door open to future rate cuts if weakness seen in the economy at the end of last year is more persistent than expected. Governor Stephen Poloz has said the central bank will be paying particular attention to developments in consumer spending, the housing market and business investment. <https://www.pqbnews.com/business/statistics-canada-says-economy-added-34500-jobs-in-january-unemployment-down/>

► Did you know that BC (98.3%) and Saskatchewan (98.3%) are the provinces with the highest percentage of people employed by small businesses? <https://blog.wagepoint.com/all-content/the-canadian-small-business-stats-everyone-should-know>

Job Postings

Parksville and Area

► Community Support Worker Instructor - Discovery Community College – Parksville/Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/39pR3Z0>

► Dental Receptionist – Island Oral Facial and Implant Surgery – Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/2Hre8ym>

► Purchaser, Aviation – Rotor Maxx Support Ltd. – Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/31V6gP6>

► Relief Night Auditor/Guest Services Agent – The Beach Club Resort – Parksville – <https://indeedhi.re/2uPm89E>

► Clerical Spare – School District #69 – Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/2tXgMJ5>

► Executive Housekeeper – The Bayside Oceanfront Resort – Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/31TiM1w>

► Guest Services Agent – Crown Mansion Boutique Hotel <https://indeedhi.re/2SJwM9X>

► Guest Service Agent – Pacific Shores Resort & Spa <https://indeedhi.re/39yLA1T>

► Landscape Construction – Green as Grass Lawn and Green Garden Inc. – Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/37w8Axc>

► CSR Route Driver – Ryan Company Ltd. – Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/38sE6gN>

► Day Camp Leader – RDN Recreation and Parks Department – Parksville <https://bit.ly/38rzE24>

► Line Cook – Lan Express – Parksville <https://bit.ly/325XPAR>

Nanaimo

► BC Public Service - Job Opportunities <https://bit.ly/2A1TJ1Y>

► Permanent Full-Time Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Asset Management - Strategic and Community Development Department - The Regional District of Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/319AaPt>

► Manager, Recreation Facilities and Custodial Services – The Regional District of Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/2tUtkRK>

► Minds in Motion Coordinator – Alzheimer Society of British Columbia – North/Central Island/Nanaimo www.alzheimerbc.org

- ▶ Delivery Driver – Trail Appliances – Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/2w7VVDB>
- ▶ Certified Dental Assistant - Nanaimo Dental Specialists – Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/3bAFjEW>
- ▶ Instrument Mechanic – Harmac Pacific – Nanaimo <http://bit.ly/2vxW4Qo>

Port Alberni and Area

- ▶ The Port Alberni Port Authority invites applications for seasonal summer employment beginning March 1, to September 30 at all four Port Authority marinas as well as China Creek Campground <http://bit.ly/2ulEgYF>
- ▶ Uchucklesaht Tribe Government is currently accepting applications for a Human Service Clerk <http://bit.ly/2RGheop>
- ▶ Visitor Facilities Attendant - Parks Canada - Coastal BC Field Unit, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve <http://bit.ly/31bgCtR>
- ▶ Student - Visitor Information Program Survey Attendant - Parks Canada - Coastal BC Field Unit, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve <http://bit.ly/36Crv95>
- ▶ Advisor, First Nations Relations - FLNRO and Rural Development - Port Alberni <http://bit.ly/2RU7d6O>
- ▶ Mechanical Services Superintendent – City of Port Alberni <http://bit.ly/2OoWK1f>
- ▶ Manager of Police Support Services – City of Port Alberni <http://bit.ly/31lux0o>

Job Search Tips

Tips on the most successful way for mature age job seekers to approach finding employment
<https://www.bcjobs.ca/blog/mature-age-job-seeker-tips/>.

Other Programs

▶ YOUR PLACE to Train and Build a Career in the Skilled Trades

Starting your career or thinking about switching to a new one? LNG Canada and the prime contractor, JGC Fluor, are offering tuition-free training designed to help women start – and succeed – in the skilled trades, including a direct opportunity for employment with JGC Fluor or its subcontractors. The four-week, custom training program is part of an employment initiative to recruit, train, support and employ women in the construction trades on the LNG Canada Project. The training program is delivered by Women Building Futures, an organization with over 20 years’ experience preparing, training and supporting women to succeed in the trades. This training program is the door to a fulfilling career: it provides an introduction to in-demand trades, and will prepare you for an opportunity to work on the construction of the LNG Canada facility in Kitimat, British Columbia.

This program is designed for women at all stages of their working lives and includes a direct opportunity for employment on the LNG Canada Project. Successful applicants will attend training at Kitimat Valley Institute and be provided temporary living accommodations by LNG Canada and JGC Fluor during the program.

Upon successful completion, you’ll be prepared and feel confident to take on an entry-level job in construction and have the opportunity to apply directly for a position with JGC Fluor or one of its subcontractors to build the LNG Canada facility. More information at <https://yourplace.mywbf.ca/>.

▶ Are you a Job Seeker aged 55+? Are you an employer looking to add experience to your team? The **Experience Matters! Program** offers Employment Counselling, Job Entry Skills, Certificate Training, Paid Work Experience, Mentoring and Post Job Placement Support to eligible workers aged 55 and older. Employers that

hire and train eligible workers 55+ and provide full time sustainable employment are eligible for a negotiated Wage Subsidy incentive up to \$2800. To register go to <https://www.experience-matters.ca/>.

► Funding is now available for the **Get Youth Working! Program**. This program offers BC employers a Wage Subsidy as an incentive to hire youth, providing on the job experience they need to excel. The program is open to eligible youth 18-24 years of age. To register go to <https://www.getyouthworking.ca/>



► **TechWORKS**

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/XOo5bGfjnA3Nm/> is a free employment program with a focus on digital workplace skills and preparing youth/young adults to navigate the employment realities of the new economy. The best part? This is an online program accessible from anywhere. If you have a computer/laptop and webcam, you have the tools needed to join. The program includes lessons in website development, Microsoft Office suite, social media marketing, and online presence with additional tailored training for the participant, all with a focus on the realistic workplace.

► Supporting the LGBTQ2S+ community in gaining secure employment, **QmunityWORKS** is a free government funded employment program which includes 6 weeks of virtual classroom training followed by 12 weeks of work experience or job placement. The program focuses on enhancing life skills, developing job readiness skills, providing work supports and achieving job sustainability. More information at: <http://ethoscmg.com/qmunityworks/>.

► **Community Futures Central Island - Entrepreneur in Residence**

Are you looking to start a business and have questions that you need help with? Have you recently started a new business and need some guidance or help with things that have you scratching your head? Are you already in business and wonder how to increase your sales or profit margins? Are you looking to expand or grow your business but are unsure if it is the right time? If so, you are a perfect candidate for the *Entrepreneur in Residence Program*. The purpose of this program is to allow prospective entrepreneurs and current business owners in the Central Vancouver Island region access to invaluable advice from a successful entrepreneur. More info [here](#).

► **Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program (EDP)**

Have a disability and a dream for a business? Ask us about the Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program. Self-employment can be a great way for persons with a disability or an ongoing medical condition to achieve economic inclusion. Self-employment is made more manageable through flexible hours, personalized work environments and a sense of control over your future. More information at: <https://www.communityfutures.ca/edp>.