

March 20, 2019

Programs and Events

► Career Centre Hiring Fair

Thursday, April 11, 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Parksville Community Centre, 132 E. Jensen Ave, Parksville

Join local employers to learn about their businesses and meet those who are hiring!

The list of participating employers is quickly increasing so stay tuned for updates:

1. Arrowsmith Lodge
2. Arrowsmith Moving & Storage
3. BC Corrections
4. BC Ferries
5. The Bayside Resort
6. The Beach Club Resort
7. Berwick Retirement Communities
8. Black & White Event Rentals
9. Canadian Armed Forces
10. Canadian Coast Guard
11. Casino Nanaimo
12. City of Parksville
13. Domino's Pizza
14. Excel Career College
15. Footprints Security
16. The Gardens at Qualicum Beach
17. Horne Lake Caves Provincial Park
18. Inclusion Parksville Society
19. Industry Training Authority
20. Island Health
21. Lefty's Restaurant
22. McDonalds Restaurants
23. Morningstar Golf Club
24. Nurse Next Door
25. Oceanside Village Resort
26. Old Country Market
27. P & R Truck Centre Ltd.
28. Parksville Dairy Queen
29. Provincial Health Services Authority
30. Qualicum Bay Resort
31. Qualicum Beach Inn – Managed by Kingsbridge Mgt.Ltd.
32. RBC Royal Bank
33. Real Estate Webmasters
34. Riverside Resort
35. School District 69 (Qualicum)
36. Seaspan
37. Skilled Trades Employment Program (STEP)
38. Springford Farm Ltd.
39. Sprott Shaw College
40. Stanford Seniors Village
41. Sun Life Financial
42. Sunrise Ridge Waterfront Resort
43. Tigh-Na-Mara Seaside Spa Resort & Conference Centre
44. Tim Hortons
45. Ucluelet Harbour Seafoods
46. Vancouver Island University
47. Western Forest Products

Included in the Career Centre Hiring Fair are the following information sessions:

► Island Health Info Session

Thursday April 11, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Parksville Community Centre

Interested in applying to Island Health? Meet with an Island Health human resources representative to learn about upcoming opportunities, the application process and the preferred qualifications and resume formatting. This info session is open to anyone interested in seeking employment with Island Health. Pre-register through the Career Centre 250.248.3205.

► Careers in the Marine Industry Info Session

Thursday, April 11, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Parksville Community Centre

Join this informative session to learn more about this growing industry and the variety of career opportunities in the marine sector. Representatives from BC Ferries, Canadian Coast Guard, Gowlland Towing, Seaspan and Western Maritime Institute will be in attendance. Pre-register through the Career Centre 250.248.3205.

► BladeRunners Grounds Maintenance Program

NEW DATES: April 29 to May 24, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Career Centre, Unit #328 -198 E Island Highway, Parksville

This program for youth aged 16 – 30 is designed to give participants the skills and certificates they need to obtain work in a Grounds

Maintenance/Labourer position. The program includes theory in the classroom, onsite experience, life skills training, job search assistance and related certificates. Call us for more information or to register for the information session on **Wednesday, April 3 at 2:00 pm.**



► North Island College Annual Career Fair

March 21, 2019, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Florence Fillberg Centre, 411 Anderton Avenue, Courtenay

North Island College (NIC) is preparing to host the 9th annual Career Fair this spring — a chance for employers to connect with hundreds of skilled and enthusiastic potential employees in the region. Admission is free.

Whether you are looking for the right person to fill your short-term, seasonal, or permanent positions, the Career Fair will give you an opportunity to meet with qualified students, soon-to-be-graduates, alumni and job seekers from elsewhere in the community.

► SuperHost – Foundations of Service Quality

Wednesday, March 27, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Career Centre, Unit #328 - 198 E Island Highway, Parksville

Customer service skills are highly valued by employers! Gain industry recognized certification. This public SuperHost Foundations of Service Quality course is a comprehensive, practical introduction to the principles of providing a quality service experience. Course fee is \$79.00 per person. Please call the Career Centre at 250.248.3205 to register and for more information. <http://bit.ly/2TU73LC>

► Hiring Fair – The Bayside Oceanfront Resort

Wednesday, March 20, 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
240 Dogwood Street, Parksville
Positions available in all departments! Bring your resume and your smile.

► Cruise Line Service Training

March 25 to May 31
Port Alberni campus and online
Navigate to a new career at North Island College (NIC). Get ship-shape in preparation for the three cruise ship visits arriving in Port Alberni this spring:

- Gain knowledge and skills required to access amazing entry-level positions within the cruise line service industry
- Learn about various departments, services and career options
- Understand how to provide exceptional service to all passengers
- Meet industry professionals, marine recruitment specialists and participate in onboard job shadowing opportunities
- Free training for participants who meet funding criteria. Facilitated online, classroom and field experience.

To learn more, email leanne.moore@nic.bc.ca or call 250.724.8705

► WorkBC Nanaimo Job Fair

Thursday, April 4, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 101 Gordon Street, Nanaimo
For a list of registered employers, see <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/workbc-nanaimo-job-fair-tickets-56945531618>.

Business Buzz

► Gypsy Soul Café has opened in Parksville at 155 Morison Ave. The café offers delicious hotdogs and tacos.

► The new Tablet Pharmacy is now open at 154 Middleton Ave #4 in Parksville. The Pharmacy offers customized skin care analysis and can create compound skin care products based on your needs. You can text them your prescriptions and questions, and they also deliver.

► An amendment to the bylaw for the property located at 1180 Resort Drive has been requested. If approved the amendment would alter the zoning from Agricultural and Industrial to allow for the uses of



Looking for your next great job?
Come to the WorkBC Nanaimo Job Fair!

Featured Employers:

BCCA – STEP	Boys & Girls Clubs of CVI	Footprints Security
Casino Nanaimo	Lowe's	BC Corrections
J. Gamons Williams Ltd.	Go Traffic Management	The Hazelwood Group
BC Emergency Health Services	Western Canada Marine Response Corp.	Peace River Hydro Partners
Hub City Fisheries	Home Depot	Canadian Armed Forces
Island Health	Sonshine Girls Painting	IBEW
Tigh Na Mara Resort	Edgewood	Nanaimo Seniors Village
City of Nanaimo	CBI Home Health	Carmichael Enterprises
The Beach Club Resort	Real Estate Webmasters	Cabela's
P&R Trucking	VJU	

Register online at <https://2019NanaimoJobFair.eventbrite.ca>



hotel, restaurant, mixed commercial, retail, tourist store, neighbourhood pub and/or multi unit residential apartment buildings. Parksville Qualicum Beach News, Tuesday, March 12, 2019, pg A16

► The Town of Qualicum Beach is seeking proposals for those interested in providing mobile vending services. Mobile vending applications are only considered once per year. Applicants must submit a Mobile Vending Business Licence Application and a written proposal by April 1. Parksville Qualicum Beach News, Tuesday, March 12, 2019, pg A10

► The new Berwick Retirement Community currently under construction in Qualicum Beach, is anticipated to open this summer. Those interested in potential jobs can visit the career section of their website at <https://www.berwickretirement.com/about/careers/> Parksville Qualicum Beach News, Tuesday, March 12, 2019, pg A19

► Western Forest Products, who own Alberni Pacific Division Sawmill in Port Alberni will be closing the mill for a month starting on March 18. The decision to close for 4 weeks is due to a change in market demand for their products which are largely sold to Japan. Western Forest Products has also closed another mill in Port Alberni, The Somas Mill, will be closed indefinitely as they do not have enough tenure and log supply to support the operation of both facilities. Parksville Qualicum Beach News, Thursday, March 14, 2019, pg A15

General LMI

► The percentage of money that Canadian consumers owe relative to their disposable income may have levelled off last year — but the amount borrowed and the way it's borrowed continue to cause concerns, according to Moody's Investors Service.

"Canadian consumers continue to repay their debts, but remain highly vulnerable to an employment shock, posing significant asset risk to banks in an adverse economic scenario," says a report from the credit-rating agency, which is set to be released Thursday morning.

The level of Canadian consumer debt that's outstanding "stabilized" at 174 per cent of disposable income in the last three months of 2018, the report says. Furthermore, unemployment is hovering near a 40-year low at 5.8 per cent, helping to keep borrowers from defaulting on their loans, according to Moody's.

However, the credit-rating agency notes that higher interest rates helped increase the amount of that disposable income going towards paying down debt, hiking it to 14.5 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2018 from 13.7 per cent in 2013.

Mortgage payments rose to 6.6 per cent of disposable income in the fourth quarter, up from 6.1 per cent five years ago. <http://bit.ly/2Jin2SA>

► The parent company of retailer Gap says it will close stores in Canada as part of a global plan to shutter almost half of the brand's locations over the next two years.

Gap Inc. is refusing to tell The Canadian Press exactly how many of the 230 stores it is closing will be in Canada, but says the majority of international network closures will be in North America. The company is expecting the closures to deliver an annualized sales loss of about US\$635 million, but says the move should bring about \$90 million in annual pre-tax savings.

Gap says it hopes the closures and moves it is making to modernize its marketing will help it develop future growth in its stores, outlets and online offerings. <http://bit.ly/2CkbWXg>

► Richmond based Paper Excellence now owns three pulp and paper mills owned by Catalyst Paper.

The formal transfer of ownership was marked Monday, March 18 in Crofton, where one of the three Catalyst mills is located. The acquisition also includes Catalyst's distribution centre in Surrey, and mills in Port Alberni and Powell River.

Paper Excellence has not divulged how much it paid to acquire Catalyst, which has struggled financially for a decade, thanks in part to declining demand for newsprint and other paper products in the digital age.

Catalyst, previously a publicly traded company, nearly went bankrupt in 2012, when it sought creditor protection, and emerged from that experience as a private company. Last year, it was singled out by the U.S. with punishing duties on newsprint, although they were later lifted.

Catalyst employs 1,600 workers in BC and is Crofton's largest employer, so the mill's closure would be a major blow to the community.

In an attempt to make more fibre available to both sawmills and pulp and paper mills, the NDP government is implementing its Coast Forest Sector Revitalization plan, which aims to reduce log exports and make more wood waste available to pulp and paper mills.

Paper Excellence owns the Howe Sound Pulp and Paper mill and Skookumchuk mill near Cranbrook. It also owns a mill in Nova Scotia, one in Saskatchewan and two in France.

After acquiring the Howe Sound mill, Paper Excellence invested \$150 million to modernize it, and invested \$50 million in the former Tembec mill in Chetwynd. <http://bit.ly/2UKQkus>

Local Job Leads and Postings

Parksville and Area

- Golf Shop Attendant – Fairwinds – Nanoose <https://bit.ly/2TPTlwt>
- Full Charge Bookkeeper - Errington Cedar Products – Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/2Hu9gdO>
- Guest Services Representative – Qualicum Beach Inn – Qualicum Beach <https://indeedhi.re/2ThpLLU>
- Customer Experience Associate – TD Canada Trust – Qualicum Beach <https://bit.ly/2Jj9uX7>
- Front Desk Receptionist – Bodyworks Fitness for Women – Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/2TYNLaQ>
- Warehouse Clerk – Canadian Tire – Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/2HqSYCB>
- Spare Clerical - School District #69 – Parksville/Qualicum <https://bit.ly/2OaomD3>
- Clerk - Gas n Go General Stores and Markets – Errington <https://indeedhi.re/2HLuWBR>

Nanaimo

- Commerical Painter – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2Fk6oOt>
- Front Desk Receptionist – Trojan Collision – Nanaimo <https://indeedhi.re/2W7A9Yr>
- Personal Assistant to CEO – The Network Hub – Nanaimo <https://indeedhi.re/2Y521yd>
- Stock Associate – Urban Planet – Woodgrove Centre – Nanaimo <https://indeedhi.re/2JmCZaC>
- Customer Service Representative Office Worker – Servicexel – Nanaimo <https://indeedhi.re/2HBb2JD>
- Patient Coordinator – Pacific Sleep Care – Nanaimo <https://indeedhi.re/2FgygSf>

- ▶ Receptionist – National Energy Equipment Inc. – Nanaimo <https://indeedhi.re/2HuaVA4>
- ▶ Office Administrator – PAM Immigration Inc. – Nanaimo <https://indeedhi.re/2UDvkG4>
- ▶ Service Advisor - Mercedes-Benz – Nanaimo <https://indeedhi.re/2TQMdAQ>
- ▶ Dispatcher – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2ThA3eN>
- ▶ Shipper/Receiver – Vancouver Island University – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2OcGSxw>
- ▶ Building Maintenance Worker- Vancouver Island University – Nanaimo <https://careers.viu.ca/vacancy/building-maintenance-worker-343258.html>
- ▶ Casual/Part Time Residential Support Worker - Skaana Community Resources – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2HsdvXn>
- ▶ Exterior Cleaning Technician – Island Clean – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2FkvY5O>
- ▶ Tree Service Groundsman - Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2JkTdAM>
- ▶ Temporary Labour and Vessel Entry Watch – Harmac Pacific – Nanaimo <https://indeedhi.re/2Y7IIUM>
- ▶ Administrative Assistant - Corrections Branch/Community Corrections Division – Nanaimo <https://bcpublicservice.hua.hrsmart.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/58814>

Camp Jobs

- ▶ Forestry Camp Cook/Attendant – Vancouver Island <https://bit.ly/2TeAeYj>

Job Search Tips

- ▶ Technology is changing the way we live and how our workplaces operate. What does this mean for you? As an employee, you will need to be ready to adapt to the coming changes. WorkBC outlines the skills required for future workforce <http://bit.ly/2F4HtgB>.