
North Vancouver Chamber

A Year in Review 2019-2020

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NORTH VANCOUVER
CHAMBER

Greetings

From the Chair and CEO



The past year in the life of our business community has been an incredible journey for all of us.

A fall federal election, a new decade, and at the end of March 2020, COVID-19 slammed our economy to the mat.

But it has been a year that has demonstrated the strength that comes from working together, supporting one another, making (and leaning on) strong connections, and good leadership.

At the North Vancouver Chamber, we are proud to take all of these roles very seriously. We met with all Federal Election leadership candidates and made sure they were aware of the most important issues affecting the North Vancouver business community. We held events to support, celebrate and connect you together to maintain resilience when it was required. We spoke out loudly and thoughtfully on barriers to business and issues that matter to the future of our economy. Finally, we immediately reacted to COVID-19 creating a hub of support and information.

The North Vancouver Chamber has been working hard on your behalf to provide the most up-to-date information on funding for business, government updates, education, and timely teleconferences to support you when you need it. As we are supporting you, we too need your support. As a not-for profit, we ask you in the year ahead to reaffirm your commitment to your North Vancouver Chamber and to bring others who benefit forward to join us.

We look forward to bringing life back to our community and look forward to collaborating with you along the way.

Brian Szabo, Chair

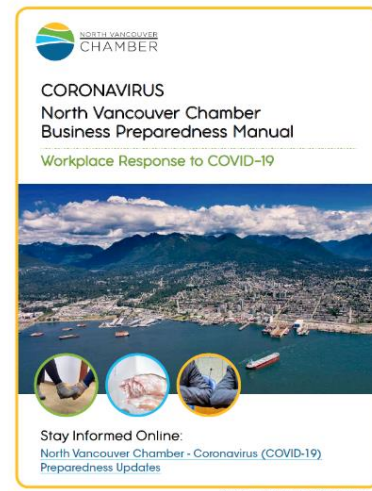
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A. Support.

We help you be your best.

With information, training and education, we helped you find what you needed and learn how to make your business better.



Face to Face or virtual, we held events to help support you and your business:

- 2019 Business Excellence Awards Finalists Celebration & Gala
- North Vancouver Small Business Series Workshops with Capilano University
- TECH Breakfast – Digitalizing your Business: Are you keeping up?
- Employ Right – Protect Your Business by Hiring Lawfully
- Add to Your Bottom Line - Wrap up the Year with Small Biz Tax Tips
- Hiring for Success: Find your Next Best Employee
- Employee Handbook: 5 Things Your Employee Handbook Needs
- COVID 19 – Your Workplace Legal Obligations - teleconference
- COVID 19 – Impacts on Small Business Taxes - teleconference

B. Connect.

A connected community is a thriving economy.

We know who you want to know! We helped you meet people who can bring you new ideas, support your goals and build your community.

North Vancouver Chamber members represent 25 sectors, about 2/3 of the North Vancouver employment. More than 90% of our members are small businesses. In 2019-20, the NV Chamber welcomed 85 new members!



We held 30+ events connecting you with other leading business owners in the community.

- 2019 Business Excellence Awards Finalist Celebration
- Business after 5: Altro Labels, Harcourts, TAO Café, Hearthstone Brewery Taste & Tour
- Hundreds of individual and thoughtful introductions



C. Lead.

We lead the discussion on issues that matter to business.

We lead the way in promoting North Vancouver as a strong, vibrant economy, by focusing on big opportunities and challenges for local prosperity.



i. A Strong Voice. Leading Discussions.

In 2019-2020, we have been leading discussions on critical issues impacting your business:

- Property Assessment & Taxation
- Housing
- Transportation
- Child Care
- Workforce inclusion
- Construction disruption
- Zoning
- Perspectives on Positive City Building: Better City-Building with Brent Toderian
- Building it Right – Let's Talk Land Use with Dr. Paul Kershaw

C. Lead. (cont'd.)

ii. Policy – Punching Above our Weight.

The North Vancouver Chamber has proudly initiated a range of policy recommendations that gained Provincial and National Chamber support:

- Retraining Underemployed Workforce to Meet Needs of BC Tech Sector (2020)
- Enhancing Support of Cycling as Mode of Workforce Transportation (2019)
- Raising the Cap: Supporting B.C. Business with Credit Union Capital (2019)
- Supporting Canada's Steelmaking Coal Industry (renewed 2019)
- Protection of Industrial Lands for Future Prosperity (renewed 2019)
- Transportation Connecting the North Shore and Metro Vancouver: Quantifying the Economic Impact and Defining the Solutions (2018)

iii. Connecting with Elected Officials.

As a business, you don't vote. But as a tax payer, your opinion matters. We bring you closer to those who represent you:

- Federal Election – we met with all Candidates from all parties and shared your priorities. We provided a chance for you to meet the candidates at the Federal Election Mixer. We were the only organization able to attract ALL candidates to our event.
- Conversation with the MLAs Breakfast 2019
- Conversation with the Mayors Luncheon 2020
- Post Budget Overview 2020 with Jonathan Wilkinson, MP North Vancouver



C. Lead. (cont'd.)

iv. Representing **YOU** on community and regional issues.

We have developed a trusted voice – that builds constructive relationships:

- Economic Partnership North Shore
- District of North Vancouver - Targeted OCP Review
- City of North Vancouver Mayor's Business Advisory Roundtable
- North Shore E-bike Share Pilot Program
- Coastal Ferry Vision Forum – w. Hon Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
- Vancouver Fraser Port Authority land use planning
- Speaker – Translink's RapidBus Announcement
- Mayors' Council media events in support of Federal funding for transportation infrastructure
- North Shore Immigrant Inclusion Working Group
- Integrated Transportation Committee - CNV
- Ride Hailing Services & Licensing
- Recycle BC Advisory Committee





2019-2020 Board of Directors.



	CHAIR: Brian Szabo - Partner at BDO Canada
	VICE-CHAIR: Scott Allman - AVP, Business Group at BlueShore Financial
	TREASURER: Dave Dunbar - Group Controller, CFO and Corporate Secretary at Western Stevedoring
	SECRETARY: Annie Prud'homme-Genereux - Director, Continuing Studies and Executive Education at Capilano University
	AT-LARGE: Ron Spence - Owner & CEO of Spence Software Services
	Chris Thompson - VP Sales, Marketing & Business Development at Grouse Mountain
	John Whyte - Partner at Lakes, Whyte LLP
	Julianne Yeager - Employment lawyer at Yeager Employment Lawyers
	Kari Koskela - VP Operations at PARC Retirement Living
	Mazdak Mohammadi – Owner at Blueberry Cloud
	Peter Kvarnstrom - Publisher at North Shore News and President, Community Media for Glacier Media Group

Municipal Council Representatives:

	Mayor Linda Buchanan - City of North Vancouver
	Jordan Back - Councillor - District of North Vancouver

Thank You to our Annual Partners



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