



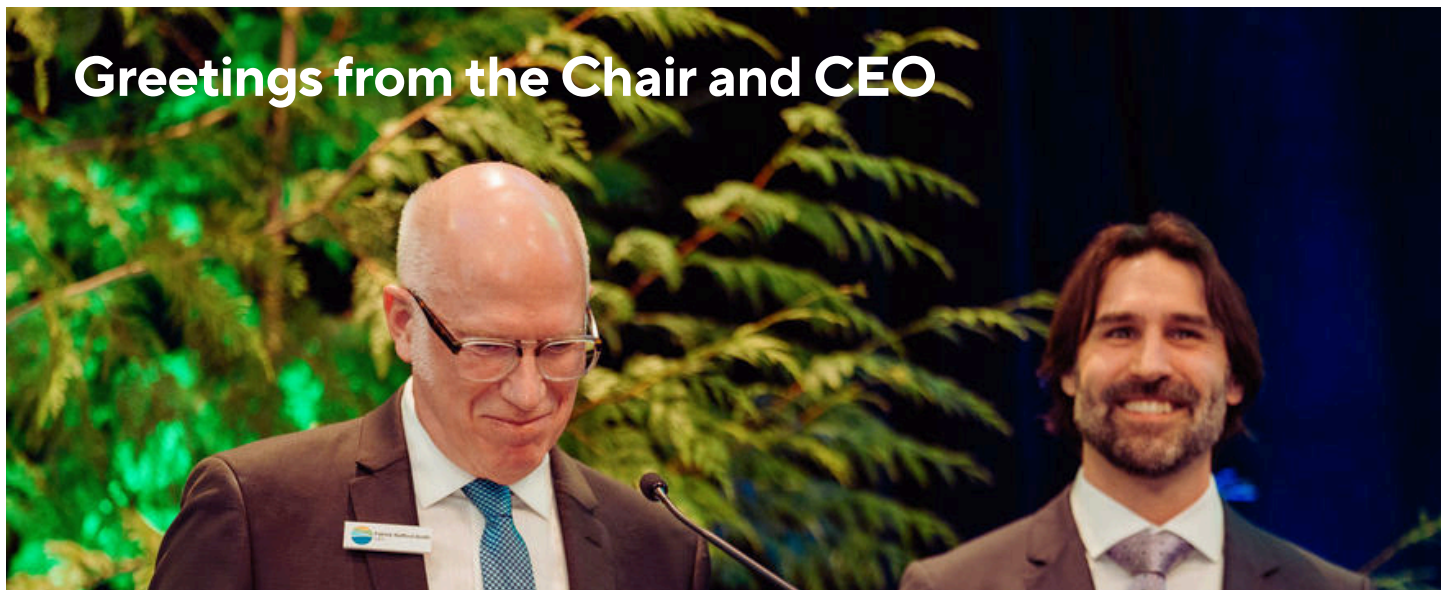
# YEAR IN REVIEW 2025-2026

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NORTH VANCOUVER  
CHAMBER

# Greetings from the Chair and CEO



**What a thrill to reflect on the momentum we've built together!** Celebrating 120 years of community leadership, the North Vancouver Chamber is stronger than ever—powered by the resilience, creativity, and ambition of our exceptional business community.

This year marked a proud reminder: we were officially acknowledged as one of the founding members of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, which celebrated 100 years in 2026. That's your local Chamber plugged into a powerful national network, amplifying our voice from the North Shore to the nation.

**We showed up big.** More than 40 events and initiatives brought you, our members, leaders, and partners, together to connect, learn, and grow.

From record-breaking attendance at *The State of Business* and *Women in Business* panels, to waterfront tours, high-energy learning sessions, and unforgettable Business After 5 gatherings, we created spaces where ideas sparked and relationships deepened.

We celebrated at our *North Vancouver Business Excellence Awards*, shining the spotlight on the entrepreneurs, businesses, and non-profits making this an incredible place to live, learn, work, and play.

**Advocacy that delivers.** Even in uncertain times, we stayed laser-focused on what matters: real support, strong connections, and new opportunities.

We kept the pressure on for fast, reliable transit to help keep our economy moving—championing the Bus Rapid Transit route linking Metrotown and the North Shore. We secured BC Chamber support for key policy resolutions to remove interprovincial trade barriers and reform BC Hydro rates for small businesses and non-profits.

**Growth you can see.** We welcomed more new members this year than at any time in the past decade, which is a clear sign of the continued strength and diversity pulsing through our business community.

To every *Member, Annual Partner, Sponsor, Supporter & Volunteer*: thank you. Your energy, partnership, and trust fuel everything we do. Together, we're strengthening advocacy, opening doors, and building a vibrant, thriving local economy.

As you'll see in the pages ahead, this has been a year of growth, bold adaptation, and real impact. We are your Chamber. Let's keep the momentum rolling—together.

**Patrick Stafford-Smith**  
CEO

**Jonathan Mosley**  
Board Chair



## Thank you to our Annual Partners

We are deeply grateful to our Annual Partners for their generous support and ongoing commitment to building a stronger, more vibrant business community in North Vancouver.

### PLATINUM



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## NVC commended for national Chamber contributions



“Through its leadership, the North Vancouver Chamber has strengthened businesses, supported communities, and advanced the collective interests of Canadian enterprise.”

We're honoured to be recognized as a founding member of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, highlighting our longstanding contributions to business leadership.

[Read our letter from the Canadian Chamber.](#)



Canadian Chamber of Commerce

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## National recognition for excellence in chamber leadership

We are proud to have earned national recognition for our excellence in leadership, governance, and member offerings by the [Chamber Accreditation Council of Canada](#).

The North Vancouver Chamber stands in select company as one of six Chambers or Boards of Trade with accreditation status in B.C., and one of 71 in Canada.

*“Your accreditation showcases your community as a great place to do business, backed by the support of your exceptional organization.”*

– **Chamber Accreditation Council of Canada**



## SUPPORT. CONNECT. LEAD.

As a member-focused non-profit, the North Vancouver Chamber is focused on maximizing the value, benefits, and impact we deliver to you. This year, we raised the bar higher than ever—delivering stronger advocacy, powerful new connections, and highly relevant events and education that truly moved the needle for our members.

Here are some of the standout highlights from 2025/2026:



*ELEVATE: Senior Service Sector* connected local entrepreneurs and business leaders to discover and seize new opportunities in the senior services market.



*The State of Business 2026* drew a sold-out crowd to Seymour Golf & Country Club, eager to learn about the latest economic trends from industry leaders.



The *2025 North Vancouver Business Excellence Awards* lit up the night with celebration and pride as we honoured outstanding local businesses and entrepreneurs. [See the highlights!](#)



Our *Women in Business* event in March was a resounding success, bringing together dynamic female leaders, entrepreneurs, and allies for a morning of empowerment.

# Support

**We help you be your best.**

Our members gain real value every step of the way—through dynamic programs, high-impact events, and strategic partnerships that open doors, spark connections, and fuel business growth.

## Communications

- [NVChamber.ca](http://NVChamber.ca) serves as an essential resource for members, offering easy access to valuable information, timely updates, and tools that support business success and community engagement.
- Social Media: Our [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#) pages are used for updates, networking, and engaging with members. We also post exciting reels in these spaces—check it out!
- Digital marketing opportunities available exclusively for NV Chamber members. [Book your space!](#)



The Umbrella is the NV Chamber’s weekly newsletter, featuring event listings, business news, member benefits, and more. [Subscribe](#) today!

## Education/Resources

- Peer Mentoring Group for female business owners
- [Understanding U.S. Tariffs & CUSMA Compliance](#)
- [Pay Parking: What Businesses Need to Know](#)
- [Naloxone Resources for North Shore Businesses](#)
- [Series: Five Key Points for Business](#)
- Get Ahead with AI Training
- [Support & Resources](#) section on NVC website



North Van Chamber CEO Patrick Stafford-Smith offers some networking tips during a Member Morning session.

## Events

- Member Mornings: Focus on Networking
- Marine Industry Roundtable
- Senior Care Services Roundtable
- Tax Help for Small Business with CRA liaison officer
- Federal Export Readiness Roundtable
- AI Training for Small Business



Peer Mentoring Group participants received expert business guidance while building a strong support network of female entrepreneurs.

# Support

## NVC Initiatives

Our ongoing initiatives support everyone—from students to small business owners—helping us build a stronger, more connected community together!



Our 2025 summer admin assistant, Gwen, with our reusable Shop the Shore bags.

### SHOP THE SHORE

Our [Shop the Shore](#) initiative encourages you to spend local first. By putting your purchasing power back into our communities, you help keep this beautiful, diverse, and vibrant place thriving. Check out our [Member Directory](#) to discover great local businesses near you. **#ShopTheShore**



NVC CEO Patrick Stafford-Smith attends Capilano University's Work-Integrated Learning Awards Ceremony.

### GROWTHHUB

Our successful [GrowthHub](#) partnership connects NV Chamber members with Capilano University students, creating a win-win where students gain hands-on work experience and businesses receive valuable project support. **#GrowthHub**



NVC Communications Manager Maria Spitale-Leisk visits our 2025 BEA Best Employer Winner, Mt Seymour Resorts.

### BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

We are proud to celebrate every year our local businesses and entrepreneurs who go above and beyond in their commitment to excellence. See a full list of [2025 North Vancouver Business Excellence Awards winners and finalists!](#)

**#NVChamberBEA**

# Connect

Together, with our strong network of local partners, we collaborate on initiatives that drive economic growth and foster community well-being.

## Partnerships

- Capilano University – [GrowthHub/WIL](#), [Business Career Fair](#), [Leadership Masterclass series](#)
- Vancouver’s North Shore Tourism Association – [Neurodivergent Sensory-Friendly Backpack Loan Program](#)
- Impact North Shore – [North Shore Immigrant Inclusion Partnership](#), [North Shore Racism Response Protocol](#), [Youth Elevate Program](#)
- [North Shore Poverty Reduction Strategy](#)
- Vancouver Coastal Health and District of North Vancouver – [Resource: The Drug Poisoning Crisis & North Shore Businesses](#)
- CMX Partnerships – [2025 Canada-Mexico Dialogue](#)



We partnered with Capilano University School of Business on a successful Business Career Fair and enjoyed connecting with the next generation of talent.



We were invited on the WorkBC Get A Job podcast to share how the North Van Chamber can be a powerful ally in your employment search. [Listen now](#)



CMX Partnerships President Juan Salvador Navarro Estrada speaks to North Van Chamber members during a Mexican delegation reception at the NV Chamber office.



We are proud to support NVC Silver Annual Partner, [Vancouver’s North Shore Tourism Association](#), in their work to promote local tourism opportunities.

# Connect

We host more than 40 events each year—creating the space for you to meet other business owners in the community. [Explore our event listings!](#)

## Events



THIS is how we network in North Van! NVC members cruise on the water during a Business After 5 hosted by Deep Cove Kayak.



Toasting the season with CapU faculty & staff in December at Wildeye Brewing.

## Business After 5 Member Hosts

- In the Raw Pet Food
- Sunrise Lonsdale Square
- Deep Cove Kayak
- Golestan Bakery
- 88West Realty
- The Wallace Venue
- Life Studio

## Event Highlights

- ELEVATE: Senior Service Sector
- Chemtrade & Seaspan tours
- Mexican Business Delegation Reception
- CapU School of Motion Picture Arts tour
- AGM & Members' Reception at BlueShore Financial Lonsdale office
- Summer Social hosted at NV Chamber office
- 2025 Business Excellence Awards
- Holiday Social: Wildeye Brewing
- The State of Business 2026
- North Shore Studios tour
- ELEVATE: Women in Business



NV Chamber members explore behind the scenes at North Shore Studios during an exclusive tour!



NV Chamber members on a tour of Chemtrade, one of North Vancouver's waterfront industrial manufacturers.

## Lead

We lead the way and build confidence in the business community by raising awareness about economic issues with government officials through dialogue and policy recommendations.

### Dialogue with Regional Leaders

- 2025 Federal Pre-Election Meet the Candidates Mixer
- Conversation with North Vancouver MLAS Susie Chant and Lynne Block
- Federal Budget 2025 Overview with MP Jonathan Wilkinson
- Federal Export Readiness Roundtable



Our conversation and Q&A with North Van MLAs Susie Chant and Lynne Block tackled local issues.

### Local Advocacy

- [LETTER: North Vancouver businesses need council support as property assessments drop](#)
- NV Chamber speaks to [Global News](#) and the [North Shore News](#) on pay parking changes
- [FIFA World Cup Business Relevance Survey](#)
- [ARTICLE: Economic spinoffs from local film industry are significant.](#)
- [Letter of Support: R2 RapidBus extension to Metrotown](#)



NV Chamber CEO Patrick Stafford-Smith spoke with Global News about pay parking in North Van City and the impact on local businesses.

### Provincial/Federal Advocacy

- [A Reduction of Interprovincial Trade Barriers](#)
- [Reducing Electricity Bills for Small Businesses & Non-Profits in BC](#) – both policy resolutions unanimously adopted at B.C. Chamber AGM
- 2025 Federal Pre-Election Survey



Meet the Candidates: Federal Pre-election Mixer put our members face-to-face with the candidates to ask questions relevant to their businesses.

# Lead

We lead key discussions on local economic issues and foster community leadership by leveraging our networks for meaningful impact.

## Leading Discussions

- Transportation
- Commercial taxation
- Housing & development
- State of the local economy
- Female leadership
- Senior Care Services Roundtable
- Marine Industry Roundtable



Our Marine Industry Roundtable members meet regularly to share opportunities, challenges, and innovations in the sector.

## Community Awareness & Advocacy

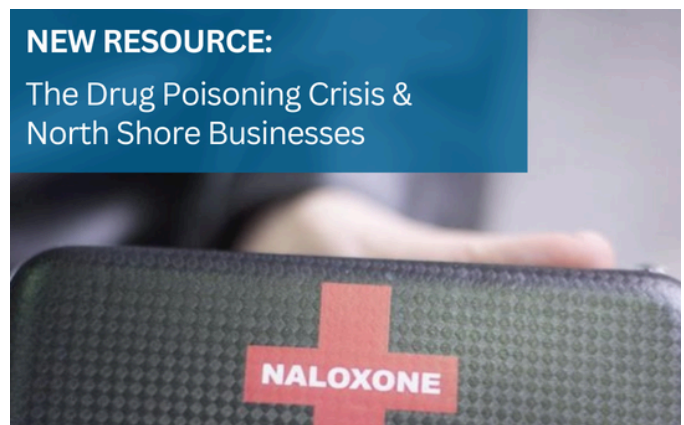
- CN – Rail Safety Week
- Emergency Preparedness Week
- [Resource: The Drug Poisoning Crisis & North Shore Businesses](#)
- [Resource: Pay Parking in the City of North Van: What You Need to Know](#)
- [Watersmart – What can your business do?](#)



Our Senior Sector Roundtable, representing local businesses and non-profits, discusses challenges and opportunities involving senior care.



Our [5 Key Points for Business Series](#) supports you with practical tips—from marketing to grant applications and regulatory compliance—to help your business thrive.



We collaborated with Vancouver Coastal Health and the District of North Vancouver on this resource: [The Drug Poisoning Crisis & North Shore Businesses](#).

# 2025 North Vancouver Business Excellence Awards



The North Vancouver [Business Excellence Awards](#) program is our annual recognition of local businesses, non-profits, and young entrepreneurs. Congrats to our 2025 winners and finalists!



## Service Excellence Award (1 – 10 Employees)

Winner: [Tireland Performance Centre](#)  
Finalists: [88West Realty](#), [The Woods Spirit Co.](#)

Award Sponsor: [Vancouver's North Shore Tourism Association](#)



## Environmental Initiative

Winner: [Lonsdale Energy](#)  
Finalists: [Copperpenny Distilling Co.](#), [Hanna Energy Inc.](#)



## Service Excellence Award (11+ Employees)

Winner: [Elite Body Shop](#)  
Finalists: [Ledgers Online](#), [TCA Electric](#)  
Award Sponsor: [Capilano Suspension Bridge Park](#)



## Innovation

Winner: [Aqua-Guard Spill Response Inc.](#)  
Finalists: [Lonsdale Energy](#), [Nomad Vanz](#)  
Award Sponsor: [Tatras Industrial](#)



## Excellence In Equity

Winner: [BUNYAAD Public Affairs](#)  
Finalists: [LDS – Learn. Develop. Succeed.](#), [Smart Investments & Insurance Services Limited](#)  
Award Sponsor: [Impact North Shore](#)

2025 BEA Presenting Sponsor





**Non-Profit of the Year**

Winner: **Spectrum Mothers Support Society**  
Finalists: **Capilano Community Services Society**, **North Shore Community Resources**  
Award Sponsor: **Seaspan**



**Best Employer**

Winner: **Mt Seymour Resorts**  
Finalists: **Maven Consulting Limited**, **Vizzion**  
Award Sponsor: **SSA Marine**



**Young Entrepreneur**

Winner: **Graham Macdougall (Paris Service Group)**  
Finalists: **Dr. Swail Pirzada (Clearlight Eyecare)**, **Luc Destrube (Lumia Group)**  
Award Sponsor: **CapU School of Business**



**Business of the Year**

Winner: **Quay North Urban Development**  
Finalists: **Maven Consulting Limited**, **Valhalla Pure Outfitters**  
Award Sponsor: **RBC**

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## NV Chamber in the Spotlight



The North Vancouver Chamber continues to be a trusted voice for business, with our work and impact regularly featured in local and regional media.

- [North Vancouver businesses recognized at NV Chamber Business Excellence awards](#)
- [North Vancouver Chamber hosting an event to highlight local role models for women in business](#)
- [North Vancouver business community reacts to new parking changes](#)
- [NV Chamber speaks to Global News on pay parking changes](#)
- [Business community desperate to see some tax relief](#)
- **LETTER:** [North Vancouver businesses need council support as property assessments drop](#)
- **ARTICLE:** [Economic spinoffs from local film industry are significant.](#)
- [CBC Radio: Ironworkers Memorial Bridge congestion impacts on local business community](#)

## NV Chamber in Your Neighbourhood



**Dr. Teri Hines, Owner,  
View Optometry**



**Bruce Peters, Owner,  
Zazou Salon & Academy**



**Fehmina Lalani & Arif Datoo,  
Owners, Lonsdale Pharmacy**

North Van Chamber staff regularly stroll through local neighbourhoods to connect directly with our members at their businesses and non-profit organizations. These visits provide a great opportunity to hear what's new with our members, learn about their current priorities, and strengthen relationships through face-to-face connections. *Stay tuned—we'll be back in your neighbourhood soon!*

## North Vancouver Chamber Board of Directors 2025-2026



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