



## BC Chamber AGM 2016

The Kitimat Chamber of Commerce had representatives Wendy Kraft, Chair and Trish Parsons, Executive Director in attendance at the 2016 Annual General Meeting of the BC Chamber of Commerce. The three day event focuses on the debate and adoption of policies that affect the business community across British Columbia. The end result was 49 of the 55 resolutions adopted on the policy floor will become part of the BC Chamber's advocacy agenda to the Provincial and Federal governments.

The Kitimat Chamber supported the adoption of several policies related to housing challenges across the province, which include calling on provincial and federal governments to develop tax incentives to encourage purpose built affordable housing and increased affordable rental markets. Chambers from across the province focus on these challenges as they have a direct impact on business and their ability to hire and retain staff in a growing economy.

The Chamber membership continues to advocate for a new "made in BC" value added tax system. The current PST is cumbersome and confusing for many businesses, penalizes businesses investing in new technology and is a time consuming administrative burden for many businesses.

"Every extra day British Columbia operates under the broken and archaic PST, we do our economy, our businesses and our residents a major disservice," said Maureen Kirkbride, BC Chamber interim CEO. "It's been five years since the failed HST referendum and our tax problem hasn't gone anywhere. As British Columbians, it's time for us to reject the PST, which is hurting our businesses and our economy, and to demand something better."

The annual gathering of Chamber representatives from across British Columbia also includes a variety of guest speakers covering topics from Chamber Relevance, to LNG in BC and the impacts of social media on business and where that may take us in years to come. The discussions with Chamber directors and staff from across the province provide our directors with new ideas and opportunities to effect change at the local level and to continue to support the growth of our local economy.

Other highlights from this year's AGM were Gaby Poirier of Rio Tinto Kitimat speaking to delegates at the Innaugeral Chair's dinner, where he spoke highly of the work and efforts of our local chamber. The dinner was also where Ken Veldman of the Prince Rupert Port Authority was sworn in as the Northern BC Representative to the BC Chamber Board. We look forward to ongoing partnerships and colloborations with Rio Tinto and the Prince Rupert Port Authority as our region prepares for significant future economic growth.



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### Upcoming Events

#### Flag Raising Day

Saturday, June 25, 2016  
 11:00 am  
 Heritage Park, 2109 Forest Avenue

#### Kitimat Chamber of Commerce Golf Scramble

Sunday, June 26, 2016  
 1:00 pm  
 Hirsch Creek Golf & Winter Club

#### BC Hydro Project Update & Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, July 19, 2016  
 6:00 pm  
 MK Bay Marina, Kitimaat Village Road

#### Show N Shine

Saturday, August 20, 2016  
 10:00 am  
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## Chair - Wendy Kraft

June – the school year is coming to a close and many families are planning the annual vacation to other areas of our province or country. Some are looking forward to the slower pace that summer brings with BBQ's, fishing and camping. I know I am!

In May, Trish Parsons, our Executive Director, and I travelled to Kelowna to attend the BC Chamber AGM. The AGM brings all of the Chambers from across the province together to meet and debate policies. The policies debated are either passed or defeated. If a policy passes, the BC Chamber lobbies government to make those changes that we as a BC Chamber feel are important. How do we know what's important? As the Voice of Business in BC, your local Chamber can advocate for you and your business concerns. Combine that with other Chambers throughout the province that feel the same way and we have the ability to affect change. How cool is that?

The Chamber has a wealth of information as well as contacts that can help your business - it's what we are here for. In addition to the policies, the BC Chamber AGM is an excellent networking opportunity. At this year's AGM we were invited to a lunch and presentation by the Prince Rupert Port Authority. It was very enlightening, but also nice to meet Chamber directors from Prince Rupert. We are all in the North and having those connections are important.

Your Chamber board does not have formal meetings over July and August, but we are always available through the website or by calling the office.

Don't forget the upcoming Annual Golf Scramble on the 26th of June! I hope to see a lot of you there and, although I can't promise sunny weather (I sure hope it is), I can promise a great time!

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*the way you look at things,  
the things you look  
at will change.*

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### Kitimat Chamber of Commerce

Make use of the Kitimat Chamber of Commerce unique advertising opportunities, available to our members. Advertising runs from July to June each year. Pricing for the full colour advertisement is as follows:

Monthly Newsletter	2" x 3 1/2" - \$35 per issue
Fishing Guide	2" x 3 1/2" - \$99 per year
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Website Banner	\$199 per year

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Space is limited - book your advertisement early to avoid disappointment.

Contact us for options or view our advertising brochure on the Chamber website [www.kitimatmatchamber.ca/content/membership](http://www.kitimatmatchamber.ca/content/membership).

# Member Feature

## Pacific Northwest Electric & Controls Ltd.

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[www.pacificnw.ca](http://www.pacificnw.ca)



Pacific Northwest Electric & Controls Ltd. has been in business in British Columbia for nearly 60 years. They are comprised of two former businesses: Couto Electric and Controls 2012 Ltd. (from Kitimat) and The Electrician, operating as D.E. Guyatt (1990) Company Limited, (from Prince Rupert). By bringing together two thriving companies in 2016, Pacific Northwest Electric & Controls successfully executes projects of any size in a range of industries throughout Northwest BC.

They have worked on many projects ranging from small scale residential services and installations, to large scale industrial projects.

Their services include:

- Electrical and instrumentation construction and maintenance
- Start-up assistance and commissioning
- Low, medium and high voltage switchgear installations
- Fiber optic installations
- Fire alarm installation, maintenance and verification
- Data and wiring installations
- Function and loop testing
- Sign maintenance and installation
- Bucket truck-53' reach

## Business Façade Improvement Program

The character and quality of a business is directly impacted by its storefront. Even simple changes such as repairs or a new paint job, can create a shopping community that is inviting to locals and tourists alike.

The District of Kitimat has partnered with Northern Development to help provide funding incentives for locally-owned businesses to put toward commercial building improvements.

50% of project costs, to a maximum of \$5,000, is available for local businesses each calendar year to support building improvements such as façades, signage, murals, architectural features, siding, lighting and awnings.

For more information, please contact  
 District of Kitimat Economic Development:  
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## GOLF SCRAMBLE

Hirsch Creek Golf & Winter Club  
Sunday, June 26, 2016 1:00 pm Shot Gun Start

Please Register by Friday, June 17, 2016  
Email - [info@kitimatchamber.ca](mailto:info@kitimatchamber.ca)  
Phone - 250-632-6294

We hope you can join us at our annual Golf Scramble on Sunday, June 26 for the 1:00 pm Shot Gun Start.

Please register by Friday, June 17, 2016.

Thank you to the following companies for sponsoring our 2016 Golf Scramble:

**101 Industries Ltd.**  
**Chalet Motel & Restaurant**  
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**CityWest Cable & Telephone Corp.**  
**Envision Financial**  
**Kitimat LNG / Chevron**  
**Kitimat Valley Institute**  
**Northern Gateway Pipelines Ltd.**  
**Pyrotek Inc.**  
**WSP**

The banquet dinner menu includes:

Garden Salad  
Potato Salad  
Honey Glazed Roasted Carrots  
Roasted Baby Potatoes  
Fresh Veggie Tray  
Dinner Buns  
Pasta Alfredo  
Chicken Cacciatore  
Chef's selection of dessert squares

\$75.00 per person  
Please be at the clubhouse by 12:15 pm  
1:00 pm Nine Holes of Golf - Scramble Format - Best Ball  
5:00 pm Banquet Dinner and Prize Presentation



## Project Update - Kitimat Clean Refinery Project

Kitimat Clean Ltd. is a private company based in BC that was formed in 2012 to plan, construct and operate an oil refinery 13 km north of Kitimat. The proposed project consists of an oil refinery, rail yard, tank farm, refined fuel delivery pipelines corridor and a marine terminal for product export. Bitumen will be transported from Alberta in a solid form to the receiving facility at the refinery using existing CN rail lines. The refinery will process up to 400,000 barrels per day of bitumen, which will be processed into fuel products, including gasoline, some ultra-low sulphur diesel and jet fuel. The proposed fuels will be stored in tanks and delivered to the marine terminal on the west side of the Douglas Channel in Kitimat by pipeline. As requested by Kitimat Clean, Hatch has configured the greenest heavy oil refinery in the world. Kitimat refinery will be less than the CO2 emitted by the conventional oil industries in Iraq and Nigeria. The proposed Project Description has been sent to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA). The CEAA is inviting the public to comment - please refer to their website [www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/document-eng.cfm](http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/document-eng.cfm).