

## Chamber News Update – January 14, 2010

1. **Tourism Strategy Presentation TONIGHT:** Members of the Thompson Rivers University Consulting team contracted update the Revelstoke Tourism Development Strategy by the City of Revelstoke and the Chamber of Commerce will be on hand at the Macpherson Room in the Community Centre tonight at 6:30pm to present the updated report and answer questions.
2. **Revy Rail Jam 2010:** We are hosting a preliminary planning session on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the Chamber of Commerce Board room on 204 Campbell Avenue. We will be welcoming event partners from last year and looking for new faces. If you would like to get involved and volunteer for a great community event, come on out!
3. **CALL TO ACTION - Municipal Business Taxes:** By now you will all have received your assessments from the BC Assessment authority. The news is reporting that Revelstoke has had the highest average increase in British Columbia this year of 28%. We are all aware this could mean a huge increase for already high Municipal Business Taxes. The Revelstoke Chamber of Commerce will be lobbying the City of Revelstoke in the coming months on this topic. However, we need your help! The best way to get this process started is by visiting this web link:  
[http://www.bcassessment.bc.ca/online\\_appeal/online\\_appeal\\_form.aspx?nav=appeal\\_form](http://www.bcassessment.bc.ca/online_appeal/online_appeal_form.aspx?nav=appeal_form)  
and appealing your assessment. We will keep you posted as this process develops. If you're upset over your Municipal Business Taxes, this is a great way to speak up!
4. **Membership Renewals:** 2010 Membership renewals are out now. Please contact us if you have new contact information or do not wish to renew your membership for 2010.
5. **Home and Leisure Show 2010:** The Revelstoke Home and Leisure Show will be returning to the Revelstoke Forum this spring on April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. This is the best way to market your product or service to new and existing residents in Revelstoke. Booth prices have been frozen since 2008 to help you in these tough economic times. Early Bird rates are available only until Feb.11. Contact the Chamber to book space today!
6. **Olympic Torch Relay:** Please find attached a newsletter from the City of Revelstoke detailing the Road Closures for the January 26<sup>th</sup> Torch Relay.

7. Revised Ski Bus Schedule: The second attachment is an updated bus schedule for the ski bus to RMR. Please print out this new copy for display in your business.
  
8. Sloppy Streets: The City of Revelstoke has asked us to remind all businesses that City Bylaws require Business Owners to clean and maintain the sidewalks adjacent to their business. This past week has had some very sloppy weather and made it difficult for customers, visitors and residents to navigate downtown streets. Please take a few minutes to clear or sand the sidewalks near your business. We all appreciate it!

As always, my door is always open. Feel free to stop in to tell us how we're doing, or just to give a friendly hello!

Best regards,

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