

Chamber News – June 4, 2010 (all substance, no style)

1. **Revelstoke Show and Shine:** Reminder this **Sunday, June 6** is the annual Revelstoke Show and Shine. This year it will be located downtown on 1st Street and Mackenzie Avenue. Downtown merchants are asked to remain open for this event as there are many visitors expected to be downtown looking for shopping and restaurant experiences.
2. **Relay for Life Car Wash:** Reminder this **Saturday, June 5** there will be a Relay for Life fundraising Car Wash and Hotel Garage Sale outside of the Powder Springs on 2nd Street. Come check it out between 11am and 5pm and help raise money to for Cancer research!
3. **Electronic Billing:** WE ARE JOINING THE 21ST CENTURY! **Starting this month, the Chamber of Commerce and Revelstoke Tourism will be making the transition to electronic billing and statement notifications.** Account statements will now be sent on a monthly basis (as opposed to the 90 day cycle we are all used to). **All invoices and account statements will be sent to the contact email you have listed on your membership application.** If you wish to use an alternative email address (Mayor Raven's doesn't count!), you will need to notify us at the Chamber of Commerce.
4. **Are you HST Ready?** With only a few more weeks to go, the Canada Revenue Agency wants to make sure you and your business are prepared for the transition to a provincial HST. Attached you will find a PDF from the CRA answering some questions about the transition, however you can also visit the following website www.cra.gc.ca/harmonization for more information.
5. **Community Charette:** You've probably heard a lot about the "Community Charette", but what does it mean? To learn more, visit <http://revelstokeudb.com> and then join City and Community representatives at the Community Centre on **Tuesday, June 8 at 4pm** to have give your ideas and input in the Economic Development and Business Group session. You can have your say on how the Unified Development Bylaw will regulate our built future. If you have additional questions, contact Jessica Stuart at 250-837-3637 OR jstuart@cityofrevelstoke.com
6. **11th Annual Tourism Industry Awards:** Do you know of a tourism business or individual practicing industry *excellence*? Be sure to nominate them for one of the eight awards found by following this link: <http://www.bctourismindustryconference.ca/nominations.html> Companies or organizations may be self-nominated or may be nominated by other agencies. Previous nominees can resubmit as appropriate. **Deadline for nominations is Friday, August 6, 2010.**
7. **"Revelstoke Fat Tire Crit":** The "Fat Tire Crit" will be back in downtown Revelstoke on **Saturday, July 10 from 4-8pm.** Additionally, the anchor event for the weekend is the "Stoked to Get Spanked" Mountain Bike Race on Mt. Macpherson on **Sunday, July 11.** Approximately 150-190 racers are expected for the weekend's events, many from out of town with families. Race

organizers are **looking for businesses who would be interested in helping build this event into a signature event** that will continue to grow in future years. Racers and their families will be looking for things to do in town on Saturday. Some ideas could include; a bicycle show and shine, townie races, skate board demos, climbing wall, sidewalk sale AND YOUR IDEAS!!! If any of you or your staff would like to get involved and help create a signature Revelstoke event, please contact me.

8. **Municipal Government Reform:** Please find attached a news release from the BC Chamber of Commerce regarding a policy passed by members this past week at the BC Chamber Annual General Meeting. Revelstoke was represented by Board members; Brydon Roe (Director), Emma Kirkland (Director), Meghann Hutton (Treasurer), and John Devitt (Staff). If you have questions about the AGM, work that the BC Chamber does on your behalf, or how you can become more involved, feel free to speak to any of those mentioned above.
9. **Business After Hours (aka Safety Meeting):** Remember to mark your calendars for the next Business After Hours Social event at the **Riverside Landing Restaurant and Clubhouse on Thursday, June 17 at 5:30pm.** Chamber members will receive their first drink on the house and be able to sample some delicious appetizers prepared by Rusty and Laura Berarducci. Remember to bring your business cards!
10. **Did you know that the Revelstoke Chamber of Commerce was formed July 12, 1895? This makes the Revelstoke Chamber the 6th oldest in British Columbia!**

See you all at the Car Wash and the Show and Shine this weekend!

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