



Vulcan & District Chamber of Commerce

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We would like to announce that the new vice president for the Vulcan and District Chamber of Commerce is Dwayne Hill. Mr. Hill brings a wealth of experience to our executive as he has served on Town Council for Vulcan, as well as president for the Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate Dr. Michael McKee on his one-year anniversary at the [Vulcan Dental Clinic!](#)

Welcome to the following new businesses – [The Coulee Pub and Grill](#) located at 118 Centre Street, Vulcan; [Swanky Hair Co.](#) located at Little Bow, [Generations Car Wash](#) located at 115 2nd Street South, Vulcan; and [vTV \(Vulcan Television\)](#).

Chamber Member Benefits

What can we do to help you make 2016 the best year yet? Being a Chamber member brings many value added benefits: Below listed some of our great benefits!

[ATB Financial Merchant Discounts.](#) In addition to dedicated customer support, a one bank – one account solution, and competitive discount rates, ATBs Merchant Payment Program is making a membership exclusive offer on rates for Visa, MasterCard, and debit or credit transactions.

[The Chambers Group Insurance Plan](#) covers businesses up to 50 employees, is open to all industries, and offers a full range of benefits including coverage normally reserved for “big business”.

[Purolator Shipping Discounts.](#) The Purolator volume discount program can save you up to 30% every time you use their services.

[Farmers and Ranchers Insurance.](#) Your farm is growing and it's time to reap the rewards! The Chambers Plan can provide affordable comprehensive health and dental coverage for you and your eligible workers. No farm or ranch is too small.

For more information on these and many other member benefits, please visit our website at www.vulcanchamber.ca

Did you know...

Your Vulcan and District Chamber of Commerce is part of the Alberta Chambers of Commerce. The Alberta Chambers of Commerce (ACC) is a voluntary federation of independent Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade in communities throughout Alberta.

The Alberta Chambers has as its objectives the protection of our democratic principles; the preservation of our economic system; the maintenance of fair relation among labour, management, capital, and the consumer; the promotion of cooperation among Chambers and Boards of Trade in Alberta; the development of informed public opinions; and the securing of effective action by the provincial government and member Chambers and Boards. In short, the ACC represent our members at the provincial level just -

Membership Renewal 2016

The VDCC is pleased to announce that memberships for the 2016 year will remain the same as 2015, and that price is \$75. Membership forms are available on the Chamber website, and a renewal form will also be sent to your business via email.

Payments can be mailed to The Vulcan and District Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 385, Vulcan, Alberta T0L 2B0. Or, you can bring your renewal form and payment to the next Chamber meeting. *Remember, if you are considering joining the Chamber for the first time, or know someone who is thinking about joining, membership for the first year is free.

VISION 20/20

Alberta Vision 2020

In partnership with the Certified General Accountants of Alberta, the Alberta Chambers of Commerce has engaged in a new public policy research project entitled “[Alberta Vision 2020](#)”. Vision 2020 is a broad based research project aimed to understating Alberta's and Canada's social and economic policy

The **2015 Holiday Train** will arrive in Vulcan at the 2nd Str Crossing on Dec. 12th at 2:45 pm with Vendors Market and Childcare/crafts at The Lodge Hall. County Central High School Sr. Band performance 3:30-4pm Down Town at The Coulee.



- as the Canadian Chamber of Commerce represents them at the federal level. The Vulcan and District Chamber of Commerce represents our members on the municipal level. For example, our local Chamber has organized the political forums this past year for both the provincial and federal elections. We also arranged a visit from the Federal Minister of Labour and Minister of the Status of Women this past summer.

Your current executive and directors for the Vulcan and District Chamber of Commerce 2015 as follows:

President – Lyle Magnuson, Vice President – Dwayne Hill, Secretary – Tony Scott, and Treasurer – Danyel Fath, Sarah Vaudry – membership, Charntelle Koch – graphics, web management & marketing, Jason Thornhill – marketing.

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The Chamber lost one of our own this past year; **Karen Currie** had served with the Chamber of Commerce, as well as with many other service groups, since moving to Vulcan several years ago. In Karen's memory, the Chamber created a new award; the Karen Currie Community Ambassador Award. The Chamber executive was pleased to present this award to Mr. Glen Hutton; Glen is a long-time member of the Vulcan Kinsmen. He sits on the Vulcan County Health and Wellness Foundation Board of Directors and has worked tirelessly with the Doctor's retention program over the years.



Vulcan & District Chamber of Commerce presents

The 2015 EARS TO YOU

Small Business Awards

Winners of Ears to You Small Business Awards.

On Friday, October 23, 2015, the VDCC hosted the 4th Annual Ears to You Small Business Awards Dinner. We had over 200 nominations for 14 different categories. After the final numbers were counted, here are the winners:

Service Group of the Year: Vulcan Victim Services
Young Entrepreneur of the year: Ashlee Beck | Smashing Weddings
Technology Innovation of the Year: Vulcan Television
Employee of the Year: Cheryl Heinz | Extendicare
Success Through Diversification: Aspen Crossing
Best in Customer Service: Life Med Pharmacy
New Generation Award: Furniture Villa
Manager of the Year Award: Lynn Brookes | Sarini Fine Jewellery
Marketer of the Year: Sarini Fine Jewellery
New Business of the Year: Latinum Loonie
Ag Innovation: Knutson Shaw Growers
Family Friendly Business of the Year: Chinook Financial
Business of the Year: Sarini Fine Jewellery
Marian Fisher Volunteer of the Year Award: Lynn Brookes

Congratulations to all the recipients and nominees!



What Does a Chamber Do?

With over 100 years in the province of Alberta, the Chamber federation is a grass roots, community driven membership organization. A Chamber of Commerce is the voice of business. Chambers harness energy, champion ideas, and collectively move forward sensible solutions for small business. They advocate on behalf of the business community at all 3 levels of government and are successful in these efforts due to their non-partisan nature.

Chambers provide solutions to businesses' toughest problems, overcome barriers to growth, and work to build welcoming and inclusive business communities. Chambers serve to ensure the interests of the business community are at the forefront of municipal, provincial and national decision-making. Many chambers provide educational opportunities and host events that showcase and celebrate local business successes through a variety of creative marketing efforts.

COMING EVENTS

Events You should know about:

Did you know that 2016 is the 50th Anniversary of Star Trek? As the Official Star Trek Capital of Canada, 2016 is going to be a big year for tourists coming to town. The Vul-Con Convention July 9th and 10th, 2016

- TINMAN TRIATHLON June 4th, 2016 – comes to Vulcan, with over 1000 athletes and fans participating.
- June 11th and 12th, 2016 – a weekend of extra-terrestrial family fun!
- LOMOND CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION – July 15th, 16th, and 17th, 2016
- SHOW AND SHINE – Main Street Vulcan – Saturday, July 16th
- VULCAN FLY-IN BREAKFAST – pilots across Southern Alberta show off their flying machines all in one location– Sunday, July 17th
- VUL-CON CONVENTION – Vulcan – Saturday, July 25th and Sunday, July 26th
- SID HARTUNG MEMORIAL RODEO – Vulcan Rodeo Grounds – August 12-14



Enjoy a safe, happy and prosperous Holiday Celebration!

Lyle Magnuson
2015 Chamber President

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