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## ABBOTSFORD CHAMBER BRINGS ECONOMIC RISKS OF FLOODING TO THE FOREFRONT AT BC CHAMBER AGM



June 23, 2022

**Abbotsford, BC** - The Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce alongside the Surrey Board of Trade and Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce highlighted the importance of addressing future flooding risks and rebuilding at the Annual General Meeting of the BC Chamber of Commerce. Through the many challenges of the past two years, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the devastating flooding in fall of 2021, Fraser Valley Chambers of Commerce are united in their resolve to support businesses, farmers and communities and to support resiliency and recovery.

The Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce also supported a motion to implement a holistic affordable childcare model that includes private childcare operators as well as the need for more Early Childhood Educators to support people and families across British Columbia.

"This year's BC Chamber of Commerce policy convention was full of inspiring ideas to drive the future prosperity of BC's small businesses. The Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce was pleased to support various policy proposals to support those businesses as well as people and families in our province," said Katerina Anastasiadis, CEO of the

Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce and incoming Executive Secretary and Director of the BC Chamber Executives Association. "Chambers continue to lead the way towards meaningful policy change for BC's small businesses."

Craig Toews, President of the Abbotsford Chamber acknowledges the leadership of the BC Chamber in bringing BC's business communities together in Prince George to reflect on our current state and discuss economic policies that will enable a better future. "Invigorated by thought leaders and industry experts, we engaged in meaningful dialogue with our Chamber colleagues from around the province to prioritize policies that will benefit our diverse business community."

The BC Chamber of Commerce AGM & Policy Convention took place June 7-9th in Prince George with delegates and stakeholders from across the province. The Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce was pleased to collaborate with fellow Chambers and to have won the support of the BC Chamber network on critical issues facing the Fraser Valley region and across the province.

The final book of resolutions will be available on the BC Chamber website: [www.bcchamber.org](http://www.bcchamber.org).

### About the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce:

The Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce is a leading member-driven organization that improves the effectiveness of doing business. We have over 650 members and are the largest Chamber in the Fraser Valley, located in the 5th largest city in the Province. We are an Accredited Chamber of Commerce, meaning that we are a Chamber that is managed strategically and that our operations reflect national standards of business excellence and best practices.

Membership gives access to a variety of benefits and services and a well-grounded organization with quality business people who are focused on the growth and development of the business community. The Abbotsford Chamber is widely recognized as at the forefront of business advocacy and policy development, acting as a strong voice for its members.

In 2021, the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 108th year of service. Created to promote the interests of businesses in the City of Abbotsford, the Chamber has been an integral part of Abbotsford's growth and evolution for nearly as long as the city has existed.

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CEO'S MESSAGE

Chamber invitation for membership voice

Dear Members,

We know the summer season is fast approaching and soon (hopefully) we will all be enjoying the summer weather and vacation time.

Before this summer break the Chamber is calling on members to give us your feedback about how we can improve our service and support to you. Recently, the Chamber sent out email notice of its **annual 2022 Chamber Membership & Policy Survey** which is a confidential brief online survey (10 min) for member feedback. We welcome your input and

are here to listen and respond.

The bonus is a prize draw entry after completion! As a token of appreciation for your time there will be two draws for Whitecaps VIP Club Seats and Fraser Valley Bandits VIP Club Seats to watch an upcoming game. **Deadline to submit is June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please go to: <https://bit.ly/3NRqRek>**

One of the key priorities for our organization this fall will be a focus on further activities to deepen engagement and relationships with our membership. This survey is one tool to get us started and in the



Katerina Anastasiadis  
CEO

upcoming months we will be connecting further in different ways to identify what matters to you most, including the challenges and opportunities you are facing and how we can continue to support your connections, growth and success together.

We look forward to hearing from you.

NEW MEMBERS:

Farmers' Fresh Mushrooms Inc. .... [www.farmersfresh.com](http://www.farmersfresh.com)  
FortisBC Energy Inc. .... [www.fortisbc.com](http://www.fortisbc.com)  
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Langley Cheer & Athletics .... [www.gemsathletics.ca](http://www.gemsathletics.ca)  
Continental Immigration Solutions Inc. .... [www.cisonline.ca](http://www.cisonline.ca)  
Tanya Vanpraseuth ..... Company of Young Professionals & Entrepreneurs  
Lauren Olynick ..... Company of Young Professionals & Entrepreneurs

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, June 29  
La Vonne's Retirement Party  
Townhall Abbotsford  
4:00pm – 6:00pm

Thursday, July 14  
Annual Summer Social  
Taves Estate Cidery  
4:00pm – 6:00pm

Friday, September 9  
35th Annual Golf Tournament  
Ledgeview Golf Club  
11:00am – 8:00pm

For more information and registration go to: [abbotsfordchamber.com/events](http://abbotsfordchamber.com/events)





# The Annual Business Excellence Awards Return For The 26th Year - Nominations Are Open!



## Nominations are now open for the 26th Annual Business Excellence Awards!

Presented by Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce and The Abbotsford News Business Excellence Awards showcases recipients who are Leaders in their industry with a commitment to Customer Service, a concern for the Community, and a passion for Innovation.

It is through the nominations and encouragement of our community members that we can recognize the achievements of our local businesses and honour their work. We encourage you to nominate a worthy recipient so we can feature them and their story by submitting today! If you have any questions the Chamber would be happy to assist you in this process. Contact us through information on [www.abbotsfordchamber.com](http://www.abbotsfordchamber.com)

This year, we will give twelve awards to exceptional Abbotsford-based businesses and entrepreneurs. The categories are as follows:

- Home Based Business Excellence
- Tourism Excellence
- Manufacturing & Production Excellence
- Agricultural and Agri-Business Excellence
- Consumer Services Excellence (1-5 Employees)
- Consumer Services Excellence (6+ Employees)
- Entrepreneur of the Year
- Non-Profit Organization of the Year
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- New Business of the Year
- Established Business of the Year (1-19 Employees)
- Established Business of the Year (20+ Employees)

Award recipients will be announced at the awards reception on Thursday, November 17, 2022.

Nominate an outstanding business or individual today!  
Deadline for submission is Friday, September 23, 2022.

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