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### Pacific Coastal

### Have fun! But practice fire and pet safety

Summer is a great time for exploring British Columbia.

Right now, it's the peak of the fishing lodge season and, with help from a lower Canadian dollar, we're seeing significant traffic to Vancouver Island and other communities along the coast from south of the border.

It's also the prime season for golfing, camping, and boating. With more than 65 destinations in BC, Pacific Coastal Airlines is a great choice for quick, convenient, and affordable transportation to get you where you want to be.

While the extraordinarily hot and dry weather may be perfect for enjoying your favourite outdoor activity, the arid conditions are also perfect for wildfires. At the time of writing, we have had a total of 1,310 wildfires, with a burn area covering more than 295 thousand hectares. Our wildfire fighters are doing their best to

stem the tide but they can only do so much.

Cigarette butts and uncontrolled campfires are the leading human causes of wildfires in BC. Right now there is a ban on campfires across the province and smokers are being urged to use extra caution at this time. Please refrain from tossing cigarette butts out your car windows and adhere to the campfire ban. If you see a wildfire, report it to 1-800-663-5555 or call \*5555 toll free on most cellular networks.

Summertime heat can be hard on our pets too. The BC SPCA is running an awareness campaign on social media entitled #hotpetsnotcool. It's a reminder to ensure that pets have plenty of shade and water and are never be left in a vehicle during hot weather.

So go ahead and indulge your passion. Enjoy the outdoors, but think before you act.

Thanks for flying with us.



### **MEET A PACIFIC COASTAL EMPLOYEE**



Name: Chris Smith
Position: Ground
Support Equipment
Mechanict

Time with Pacific Coastal: 12 years Based in: Vancouver

What do you like best about this job?

I like the fact that with almost 400 pieces of equipment to maintain, every day is different. No matter what you may have planned for the day, it can change in an instant.

### Where did you grow up and where is home now?

I grew up in Courtenay, BC, where I started my career with Pacific Coastal Airlines in 2003. Today I live in Vancouver with my amazing wife, Melanie, and our two fur kids (cats), Rusty and Bella.

### Where is your job based?

My job is based out of Pacific Coastal's hangar at YVR, but I get to travel to all the great communities we fly into to maintain ground support equipment.

### What do you enjoy outside of the job?

Outside of work I enjoy playing baseball, golfing, hiking, camping and fishing.





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### **BUSINESS ROUNDUP**

### NEW GROWTH AND NEW ART AT COMOX VALLEY AIRPORT

The Comox Valley Airport reported a seven per cent increase in passenger numbers for the first quarter of 2015 at its recent Annual Public Meeting.

The airport at Comox anticipates passenger numbers will continue to climb.

"We expect to see many more passengers using the terminal over the next year thanks to air service improvements implemented in 2015," said Fred Bigelow, CEO Comox Valley Airport. "This translates into a positive economic benefit for the community."

### PROGRAM PUTS HAIDA GWAII HISTORY IN REACH

History will soon be at the public's fingertips, thanks to an employment training program that supports the Haida Gwaii Museum's archives.

The BC government's Job Creation Partnership program has provided more than \$14,000 to help up to two people gain hands-on work experience as archival assistants, organizing and upgrading the museum's archival files. The assistants will also help develop a public space for viewing and accessing the museum's rare collection of historical books, photographs and documents.

The project will help share the heritage of the first people of Haida Gwaii by providing public access to materials like oral histories and family records. A partnership between the Gwaalagaa Naay Corporation, Parks Canada, Heritage Canada, BC government and BC Arts Council, the project will also provide ongoing archival services to communities on Haida Gwaii. The museum expects to host a community celebration to officially open the new archives in September 2015.

### BC TOURISM CONFERENCE IN VANCOUVER OCT. 19 TO 21

The BC Tourism Industry Conference is coming to Vancouver's Pan Pacific Hotel Oct. 19-21, welcoming Riaz Meghji among its keynote presenters with his discussion, "Every Conversation Counts."

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### New marine centre celebrates the salmon; promises tourism dollars

rom an economic perspective, tourists are little cash dispensing pods whose travelling patterns often flirt with the aspirations of BC communities slightly off the beaten tourism path.

Port Alberni — an 80-minute drive from Pacific Coastal Airlines' Comox destination — is one of those communities on



THE KIERAN REPORT with BRIAN KIERAN

Vancouver Island ... a diamond in the rough, often bypassed by tourists in a rush to experience the magic of the mighty Pacific Rim, located 100 kilometres to the west.

That's why the buzz in town this summer has been

all about the soon-to-be launched West Coast Aquatic Stewardship Centre located in the heart of the city's most attractive downtown waterfront resource, Harbour Quay.

The centre, valued at more than \$370,000, will feature indoor and outdoor marine exhibits as well as interactive

educational experiences focused on the life cycle of salmon. It will also serve as a launch pad to learn about local interpretive trails such as those at Rogers Creek and other excursions in the Alberni Valley like the McLean Mill historic site connected to downtown by the #7 steam train.

What's at stake here? Significant new economic revenue and an engaging learning experience.

Having sprinkled a bit of their holiday budget in town, visitors will move on, infused with a new appreciation of the life cycle of the West Coast's most precious marine resource, the wild salmon.

Vancouver Island welcomes 3.7 million overnight visitors per year and that generates \$1.4 billion in tourism spending. These tourists — domestic, American and international — stay between three and eight nights, spending between \$110 and \$280 per day.

By the end of this tourism season more than 800,000 of these visitors will have slipped by Port Alberni twice ... first in a rush west on Highway #4 to Tofino, Ucluelet and the Pacific Rim and, later, back east at the end of their vacation.

For most of these travellers, Port Alberni has been a place to stretch their legs and gas



up. That promises to change with the new centre, which is expected to draw 10,000 visitors per year.

This will generate more than \$600,000 per year in incremental spending. The employment impact is projected to be seven new local jobs.

Sheena Falconer, project manager for the West Coast Aquatic Stewardship Association, says: "Tourists are seeking authentic, local experiences, and this centre will be a draw for them. We also expect the

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At left: The new West Coast Aquatic Stewardship Centre, located in Port Alberni, will celebrate salmon and boost the town's economy. Seen below: Sheena Falconer, aquatic centre project manager, at the Quay.

centre to be a catalyst for the development of new tourism products and markets, providing the community with valuable business and growth opportunities."

Funding support for the project includes a \$140,000 grant from the Island Coastal Economic Trust.

Trust Chair Phil Kent says: "With one of BC's largest salmon runs flowing through the community, Port Alberni is already identified as the 'Ultimate Fishing Town,' and this project will enhance that reputation while bringing in new tourism revenue."

Pat Deakin, the city's economic development manager, says: "I saw the opportunity to put this facility in a city-owned building and city council agreed."

Deakin says there are lots of reasons for transient tourists to stop in town, "they just don't know it." The centre "will be enough of an attraction to encourage them to deviate from their path. This is a good potential target market."

He adds that West Coast Aquatic is developing a collective marketing network with similar stewardship facilities and attractions in Sidney, Sooke, Ucluelet, Campbell River and Port Hardy. "We want to complement each other rather than compete."

Falconer says the interactive technology will help target the educational tourism market. Live tanks, interpretive panels and multi-media interfaces will be a big draw for school tours.

Students will be able to pop their heads into an aquarium dome, touch live specimens and use microscopes and tablets to learn in a dynamic environment.

A large part of the shoulder season market is expected to consist of school groups, researchers and post-secondary students attracted through research partnerships with North Island College and Vancouver Island University as well as eco-tourists who want to spend their vacation working on environmentally beneficial projects.

The centre should be open to the public in the early fall.





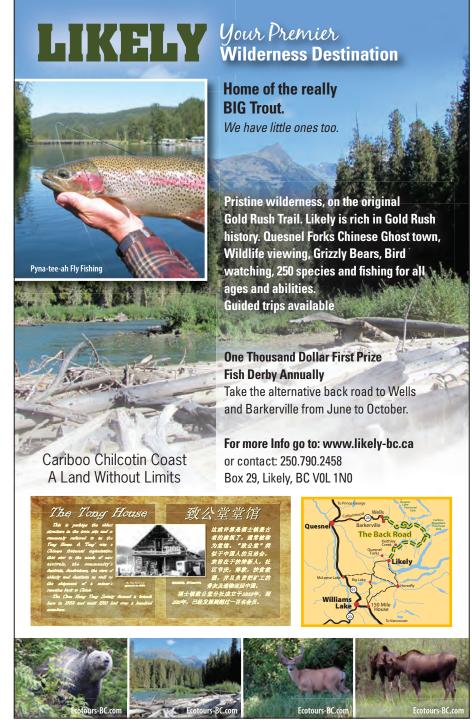
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### Hunting for mitigation sites on BC's North Coast

By PETER MCCARTNEY

distinctive wing beat echoes through the sharp fjords of British Columbia's North Coast. But this is no duck. Dan Buffett and Bruce Harrison, a pair of conservation biologists with Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC), are scouting estuaries near Bella Coola from a helicopter.

Far beneath the whirling blades, waterfowl scatter like ripples in the water. The wetlands and estuaries in the region teem with life — their inaccessibility leaving them mostly untouched.

"We've got to protect this!" says Buffett into his headset, stunned by the majesty of it all.

"If you tried to see it all from the ground you wouldn't be able to," adds Harrison.

But this pristine wilderness presents the two with a challenge. They need to find sites for restoration — sites where they can revive wetlands and their function.

"When you get up there, sites are either pristine — never been touched — or they are isolated sites that have been hammered," says Buffett. "So you don't have a lot of in-between to work with."

This surveying is part of the mitigation work DUC is doing for the Prince Rupert Port Authority (PRPA). Construction on Ridley Island, just outside Prince Rupert, is expected to cause some unavoidable loss of wetlands. When the port exhausts its efforts to avoid or minimize impact, that's when DUC begins.

Buffett and Harrison need to find 170 acres (69 hectares) of eligible sites to compensate for the 118 acres (48 hectares) the port expansion will claim. It's not so simple.

Wetlands need to be "like for like" — in this case maritime bog habitat — and they must fit into DUC's plans for the coast.

"We're trying to create a net gain for conservation," says Buffett.
"We want to go beyond just what we have to do, because in the

end, you're losing that habitat. So you want to create as much benefit as possible."

During their three-day helicopter tour they visit about 80 locations. Contenders include old cannery sites and abandoned mines, but these sites would be expensive and quickly eat away the project's budget. DUC strives to get the most for its conservation investments.

A few promising gems include an area where a dike could be removed, and another where culverts can be added beneath a road — anything to get water flowing back into the wetland.

After touring estuaries, filling their iPads with photos and notes, the pair is able to narrow it down to about 20 viable sites.

They've covered a lot of ground. Even the pilot complains of back pain. She says it's the most she's ever flown in one day. But it's just the beginning.

"There's still a lot of sleuthing that has to be done afterwards," says Harrison, as he heads back to the office to pore through the data.

Mitigation is becoming a larger part of DUC's program in BC as large projects proliferate in the north and traditional sources of funding are harder to secure.

"Whenever one of these major infrastructure projects are built, companies should have to mitigate their impact on wetlands," says Brad Arner, DUC's BC provincial manager. "That means avoid, minimize and, as a last resort, compensate.

"Our goal is no net loss of wetlands. We want to make sure there will always be birds on the Pacific Flyway."

That starts with the thrumming wings of a helicopter.

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Above: Crown Isle Hole 6 fairway. Below, waterfall beside the 17th green at Highland Pacific.

### FINAL LEG OF HAL QUINN'S PACIFIC COASTAL AIRLINES GOLF TOUR

By HAL QUINN

n little more time than it takes golfers to play a couple of holes, the Pacific Coastal Airlines flight from Vancouver to Comox leaves the beautiful Georgia Strait behind and brings



Vancouver Island into view.

Not far past the shimmering blue water and dark green trees along the shoreline, there are glimpses of Crown Isle Golf Resort, close enough to get golfers thinking about the first tee before they unfasten their seatbelts.

Inveterate travellers, particularly those who subscribe to magazines like *Conde Nast* or *Travel & Leisure* have long ranked Vancouver Island as one of the most naturally beautiful, diverse and eminently accessible areas of the planet. It also now rates as one of the world's best golf destinations.

With the emergence of the Vancouver Island Golf Trail, Crown Isle is a great place to start on the 10-course journey. Graham Cooke is one of Canada's finest amateur players and one of golf's best architects. All of his talents are on display at Crown Isle Resort and Golf Community, located just minutes from the Comox airport.

A superb test of ability, at just over 7,000 yards, Crown Isle is almost as well known for its course as for its unique 48,000-square-foot clubhouse. But it's Cooke's creative routing, big rolling greens and splendid use of the forest and ponds that keep golfers coming back.

At the northern end of the VI Golf Trail is Les Furber's Storey Creek Golf Club in Campbell River, with a well-deserved reputation as one of BC's top courses. This 6,699-yard, par 72 classic is cut out of deep forest, allowing each hole to stand alone.

Heading south along the Trail, a stop off on Quadra Island to play the fine, par 36 nine-holer is well worth it. Furber also designed the Morningstar International Golf Course in Parksville, whose beaches are a magnet for vacationers from around the world. With room to stretch here, Furber created a muscular 7,000-yarder that has a fine mix of short holes and challenging long ones like the double-dogleg, par 5 ninth hole.

Along the coast at Qualicum Beach, the Pheasant Glen Golf Resort is a beauty with holes that stretch out toward scenic Mount Arrowsmith. With dense stands of forest, ponds, creeks and well-positioned bunkers, this John Johnson design is a very worthwhile stop.

In Nanoose Bay, Furber created the Fairwinds G&CC as part of the Fairwinds resort and residential community, offering a delightful variety of ponds and streams, doglegs, elevation changes and stately trees.

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Just outside of Duncan, Ming and Grace Hui have transformed the Duncan Meadows G&CC into a first-class golf course and facility. In the shadow of Mount Prevost, the spacious clubhouse overlooks a manicured Claude Muret design with four sets of tee boxes that stretch it from 5,356 yards to over 7,000 yards.

The Malahat Highway — providing one stunning viewpoint after another — leads to Cobble Hill and the beautiful Arbutus Ridge G&CC. This Bill Robinson design takes full advantage of the undulating, heavily treed terrain. The long par 3 17th hole, with its peninsula green, and the long, uphill par 4 finishing hole are reminders of how challenging the layout is from start to finish.

In Duncan, the legendary A.V. Macan designed a nine-hole gem in 1947. The Cowichan G&CC was expanded to 18 holes in 1985 and is another perfect example that length is not the deciding factor in what makes a golf course challenging and enjoyable.

A short drive farther along the VI Golf Trail are two fine layouts that make the most of the dramatic topography: Highland Pacific and the aptly named Olympic View. With the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Thetis Lake Park as a backdrop, Highland is a 6,600-yard beauty. And, not surprisingly, the panoramas of the Olympic Peninsula at Olympic View are dramatic, and so is the stunning waterfall beside the 17th green.

Just a half-hour drive outside Victoria is the spectacular Bear Mountain Golf Resort Community. With the Westin Bear Mountain Golf Resort and Spa as the hub, and two Jack Nicklaus Design golf courses — the Mountain Course and the Valley Course — Bear Mountain is a place to stay and play for as long as you like.

Right in the provincial capital are the doyens of BC golf: the Victoria Golf Club that opened in 1893, Gorge Vale in 1930, and Royal Colwood in 1931. While still writing their own histories, the newcomers on the Vi Golf Trail are worthy rivals in beauty and enjoyment.

With a remarkable variety of quality golf courses, spectacular scenery at every turn, outstanding hotels and resorts and spas, and equally world-class restaurants and recreational activities, Vancouver Island is a great landing spot on the Pacific Coastal Airlines golf tour.

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### ZIPTREKKING IN WHISTLER

By SUSAN LUNDY

needed to take that first step.

Hooked into a harness attached to a line that stretched endlessly in front of me, and standing on a platform high above a mountain valley, I needed to take the step that would send me hurtling across the ravine.

The five women in my group had been somewhat hushed as we ascended the chairlift from Whistler village to Olympic Station one hot June morning. Our two Aussie guides chatted amiably in a relaxed, conversational way, but the five of us were mostly quiet, thinking about the tour's promotional material, which promised an "adrenalin rush" as we zipped back and forth through the trees.

"Fly like an eagle over the Fitzsimmons Valley between Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains ... This tour features five different

ziplines, including our newest 2,400-foot zipline with a 30-storey descent, perfect for anyone who wants a heart-pounding adventure!"

Having just celebrated my 50th birthday, I wasn't sure I wanted a "heart-pounding" adventure. What I did want, however, was bragging rights to my early-20s daughters, who seemed bemused by their mother's latest adventure.

So, here I stood on a wooden platform, high in the trees, on the first, fastest and longest zipline in the Ziptrek Eagle Tour.

As I stepped forward, the harness tightened. I held my breath and plunged forward, a spontaneous laugh erupting from me as I zoomed across the ravine. It was fun!

Whistler, a two-hour bus ride from Vancouver International Airport (just a 10-minute shuttle from Pacific Coastal Airline's home at the South Terminal), is renowned for its winter sports. But more and more, people are discovering the range of activities that make this a great spot to visit year round.

In addition to ziplining, adventure





Scenes from Ziptrek Ecotour's various ziplining and TreeTrek tours. (Photos courtesy of Ziptreck Ecotours)

enthusiasts can ride the renowned Whistler Mountain Bike Park, one of the biggest and best lift-accessed bike parks in the world. There are numerous hiking trails, white-water rafting,

bungee jumping, mountain climbing and ATV excursions. The Peak 2 Peak gondola experience is a must-do for everyone.

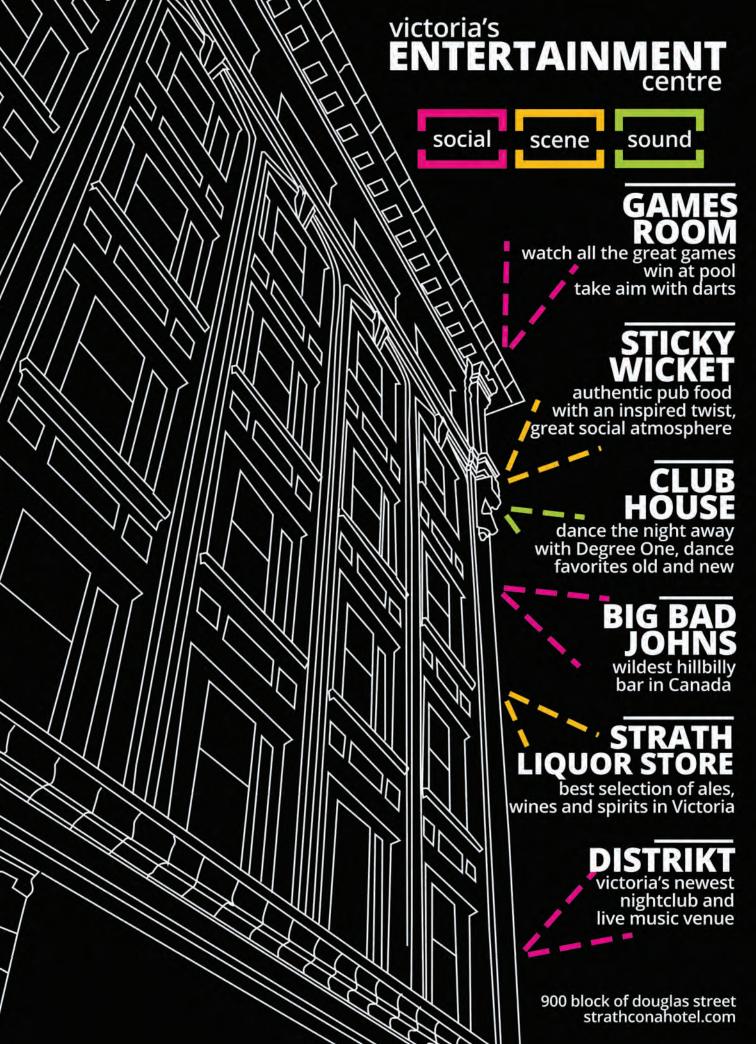
But back to ziplining, where we have chosen one of four different offerings with Ziptrek Ecotour. These range from the TreeTrek Tour (no ziplines, but instead, a two-hour trek through the forest, visiting nine treetop bridges at a cost of \$39 each for adults) to the Mammoth Tour, a 4.5-hour excursion that includes 10 ziplines, eight treetop bridges and comes with an on-tour meal (\$199).

One by one, all the women in our group — even the most reluctant, Eva, who is terrified of heights — zipped across that first line, exchanging the jitters for bubbling enthusiasm. By the end of the two-hour trek, we'd plunged across five ziplines, wandered through pristine forest paths, climbed four treetop bridges, and enjoyed lessons in the area's flora and fauna from our two guides.

We also learned about the steps that Ziptrek and the community of Whistler take to reduce garbage, be sustainable and minimize environmental impact. In fact, every detail of Ziptrek, from construction to ongoing operations, has been carefully planned and

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designed to minimize environmental impact in this area, which includes some of the most endangered forest on earth.

We also got an early, verbal tour of Ziptrek's newest and most ambitious line — the Sasquatch — which was set to open midJuly. At two kilometres long, and launching from high on Blackcomb Mountain to mid-mountain on Whistler, it's touted as the longest zipline in North America. It offers dual zipping (side-by-side) and runs 600 feet above ground at certain points.

"I could conquer that Sasquatch," I thought as I stood on the platform of our tour's final zipline.

On this final zip, our guides suggested we try something "freestyle," ranging from easy — hands free — to more exciting, like upside down. (For Eva, freestyle meant opening her eyes.) By this time, I'd already tried hands off, and while I didn't really *need* to try hanging upside down, all I could think of was the incredulity with which my daughters would receive this bit of news. And so I stepped off backwards, and threw my head back until I was upside down. I righted myself almost immediately, but that wasn't indicated in the text I sent my girls immediately afterwards.

"I went upside down!"

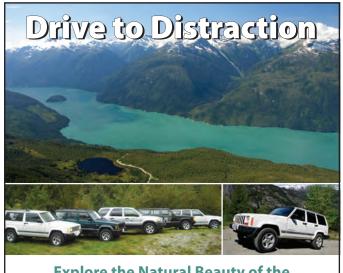
"Ummm, on purpose?"

Well, of course on purpose. Don't you know it: I'm a 50-year-old adrenalin junkie, looking for a heart-pounding experience. Now bring on that Sasquatch.

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A down-home event reminiscent of old country fairs with fun and games for all ages plus logger sports at the fairgrounds. FMI: bellacoola.ca

### CAMPBELL RIVER

### Annual Volunteer Fair 2015 Sept. 12

Volunteer Campbell River's annual Volunteer Fair and non-profit gathering at Spirit Square — learn about organizations that support the community and about volunteer opportunities.

### COMOX VALLEY

### The Filberg Festival July 31 to Aug. 3

Exceptional celebration of artists, artisans and musicians at Comox's Filberg Lodge and Park. FMI: www.filbergfestival.com

### CRANBROOK

### Six in the Stix MTB Festival Sept. 19-20

Join this end-of-summer classic in the Cranbrook Community Forest, with events planned for all ages and abilities. FMI: www.rmevents.com

### HAIDA GWAII

### The 33rd Tlell Fall Fair

### Aug. 2

"The Earliest Fall Fair in British Columbia" celebrates local agriculture at the Tlell Fairgrounds. FMI: https://sites.google.com/site/tlellfallfair/

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### Blue Cheese Gratin Tenderloin – 32

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### POWELL RIVER

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### Sept. 5-6

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### TRAIL

### Trail Market on the Esplanade Every second Friday, until Oct. 9

The City of Trail and The Trail & District Chamber of Commerce host this popular summer market along the picturesque esplanade. Shop for fresh produce, handmade jewellery, soaps, clothing, homemade food and baking, home décor items and more. FMI: www. trail.ca

### VANCOUVER

### **UBCM Convention and Tradeshow**

### Sept. 23-25

The 2015 UBCM Convention and Tradeshow is at the Vancouver Convention Centre. Registration closes Sept. 11. FMI: www.ubcm.ca

### **UBC** Centennial

### Sept. 30

The University of B.C. launches its centennial celebration, combined with the official opening of the Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre. Festivities will continue to alumni week in May 2016. FMI: 100. ubc.ca

### VICTORIA

### Victoria Dragon Boat Festival

Three days of races and cultural festivities in Victoria's Inner Harbour. FMI: victoriadragonboat. com

### WILLIAMS LAKE

### **Barrel Racing Finals**

### Sept. 4-6

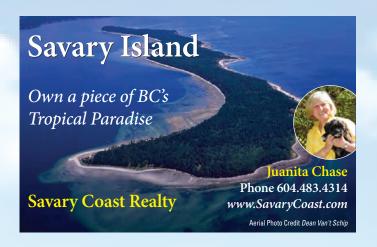
British Columbia Barrel Racing Provincial Finals at the Stampede Grounds. FMI: www.bcbra.com

### Williams Lake Harvest Fair

### Sept. 12-13

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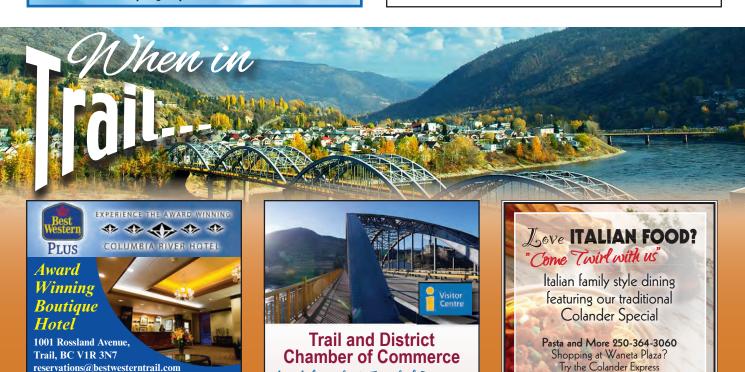
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## **Q&**A Frank Leonard

Chair of the Agricultural Land Commission

rank Leonard brings a diverse background to his recent appointment as chair of BC's Agricultural Land Commission. Hailing from a family business background, Leonard was mayor of Saanich and chair of the Police Board from 1996 to 2014 after serving as a councillor from 1986.

While in public office, Leonard chaired the Municipal

Finance Authority of BC, was president of the Union of BC Municipalities and a director of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. He has also served as chair of the Capital Regional District, the Hospital District and the region's Housing Corporation. While in business, Leonard was a director of the BC Chamber of Commerce, president of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce, and on the boards of local tourism and economic development groups. Additionally, he served as chair of Parkbridge Lifestyles Communities, is vice chair of the Municipal Pension Plan and a director of the Victoria Airport Authority. With a BA and Masters from the University of Victoria, Leonard and his wife, Jackie, are raising her 14-year-old son, Magnus, and their five-year-old son, Atticus. Frank has two grown children, Daniel and Michelle, and four grandsons.

### Q. WHAT IS THE MANDATE OF THE AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION AND WHAT IS YOUR ROLE AS CHAIR?

A. Our mandate is to preserve agricultural land and to encourage farming throughout BC. My role as chair is to lead commissioners and staff in fulfilling this mandate as well as act as a decision-making tribunal in response to land-use applications.

### Q. WHAT DREW YOU TO THIS TO THIS ROLE?

A: I believe in the mandate and enjoy the challenge of being involved in public policy and land use decisions.

### Q. HOW DOES YOUR EXPERIENCE ASSIST IN YOUR WORK WITH THE COMMISSION?

A. I have experience chairing boards and commissions; I have made land-use decisions during my 28 years in local government; and my business background will be useful as we provide more accountability to citizens and taxpayers.

### Q WHAT HAS BEEN THE COMMISSION'S GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RECENT YEARS?

A. The preservation of farmland in BC is something all of us can be proud of — the ALC is the vehicle that achieves this public good.

### Q. WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FACING THE COMMISSION?

A. The Agricultural Land Reserve is always threatened by development pressure, particularly if the property owner is struggling to find ways to make the agricultural land economically viable. We must always seek to find the balance that preserves farmland while respecting the property owner's financial situation.

### Q. WHAT IS HAPPENING TO ADDRESS THESE CHALLENGES?

A. New legislation permits uses that can generate income for property owners, and our regional panels are "on the ground" reviewing applications within the local context.

### Q. ANYTHING ELSE PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE INDUSTRY OR THE COMMISSION?

A. Commission members and the staff at the ALC take great pride in their mission to preserve agricultural land and promote farming in BC — we will ensure our province's valuable farm land is here for generations to come. 

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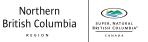


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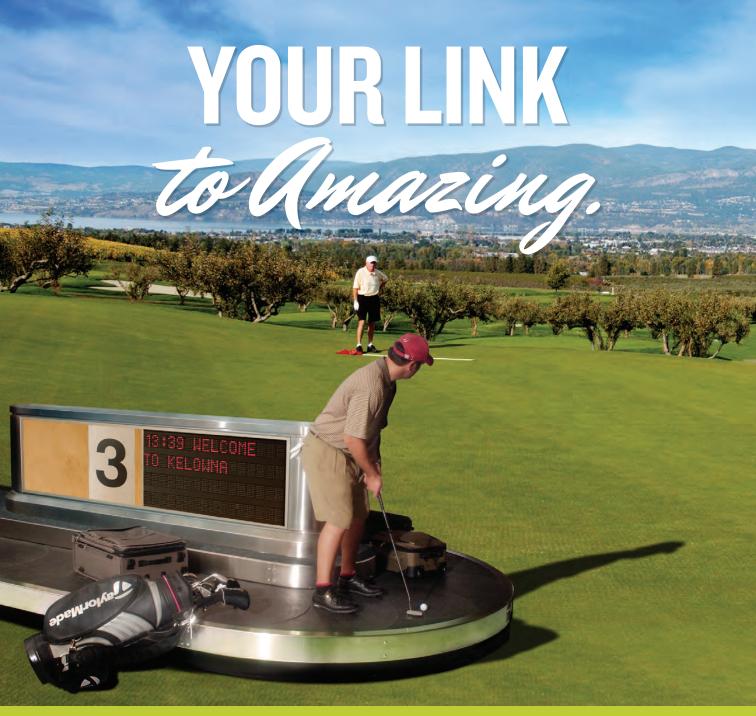












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