



We've got a proposal for you

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By the way, did you hear:

- Thinking about proposing this Valentine's Day? Emily Kiloh says Duncan's MR MIKES Steakhouse can make it extra-special. The restaurant chain is offering \$1,500 towards a "Dream Proposal" as part of a current promotion Say Yes @ MR MIKE'S. To qualify, share you love story at mrmikes.ca by Jan. 25
- We'd like to offer a big welcome and thank you to the new Duncan Cowichan Chamber of Commerce board of directors: Chris Duncan (MNP LLP), Moira Hauk (Coastal Community Credit Union), Julie Scurr (Queen Margaret's School), Corrine Thompson (RBC), Marsha Todd (Unique Home Health Care), Karen Bittner (Vancouver Island Providence Community Association), Ruth Hartmann (Hartmann Window Coverings), Martin Buck (Thunderbird Motor Inn), Miles Craig Anderson (Outlooks Menswear), Danielle Killam (Hayes Stewart Little & Company), George Gates (NuTech IT Solutions & Chemainus Village Computer Centre), Jason Price (Valley Life Insurance Solutions Inc.), Carol Messier and Maple Bay Marina), Cathy Robertson (Community Futures Cowichan), Jean Cardino (Duncan Business Improvement Association) and Keith Chicquen, Vancouver Island University.
- The chamber also wishes to express appreciation to these outgoing directors and liaisons: Bill Macadam (independent), Janet Martinez (Excellent Frameworks), Martin Barker (City of Duncan), Brenda Burch (Social Media is Simple), and Dave Clark (past-president).
- Congratulations to Cowichan Valley Board of Education Chairwoman Candace Spilsbury for recently being elected vice-president of Island Boards of Education.
- Sophy Roberge tells us a new donation bin at the Cowichan Sportsplex (donated and operated by Island Return It Recycling Centres) accepts refundable drink containers, with all refunds donated directly to the Chesterfield Sports Society for operation of the sportsplex.
- Business Examiner publisher Mark MacDonald tells us seven Cowichan businesses are finalists in the 15th-annual Vancouver Island Business Excellence Awards Thursday night in Victoria. They were the B.C. Forest Discovery Centre, Hudson's On First, Cowichan Sound & Cellular, Hatton Insurance, Tim Openshaw Contracting, Merridale Estate Cidery and the Cedars Discovery Centre.

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