



Greetings from the newly elected Kicking Horse Country Chamber of Commerce ~ President Shawn Carr

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the businesses and community members for a successful past year. During a period of economic and social challenges the businesses of Kicking Horse Country have maintained a level of success and professionalism.

I moved to Golden in December 2007 to open a business after nearly 8 years of being a visitor. Since the first trip into town I knew this was a place for me. (I probably drove by on the highway a couple dozen times before I even knew there was a fantastic town here). The surrounding mountains and rivers are spectacular! The local people are super friendly and optimistic. I am very honoured to be involved with the Board and its members at the KHCCC.

On behalf of the Kicking Horse Country Chamber of Commerce, I would like to thank the past board of directors and its past president, Michael Dalzell, for their continued commitment and support of our businesses. During the past year the KHCCC was able to support its strategic plan by implementing and continuing successful programs for its members such as the Let's Do Lunch Series, the fantastic Business Excellence Awards, monthly Chamber Social networking events, and successfully lobbying the Town of Golden for fair and equitable water/sewer rates.

As we forge ahead in 2010 the KHCCC will expand to develop its website, offering links and information to each of our businesses. The website will be a major change to how the Chamber shares information with our members and those interested persons who would like to relocate to the area.

The Chamber will actively lobby governments to ensure a fair and equitable representation of our members in town and provincial matters. Current topics being discussed are the business tax rates, the Trans Canada highway expansion, and the continued improved access to KHMR.

KHCCC will support the Town of Golden, Kicking Horse Culture, KHMR and other community associations in promoting events that drive local business to Kicking Horse Country. Adding to the outdoor Spirit Square events, Canada Day festivities and the Farmers Market will drive visitors and locals to the businesses in our area.

It is with great pleasure that I boast about not only living in such a thriving business community but it is also a great place to raise a family, receive an education, live a healthy lifestyle and pursue the arts. The Chamber invites existing businesses to be involved and any of its non members to join us and tell us what it is that we can do for you.

Thank you,

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