



EXPLOITS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CHAMBER VISION

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19th Annual Trade Show
"Celebrating Our Success"



Many people visited the 19th Annual Trade Show on Friday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 4th at the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium in Grand Falls-Windsor.

There were a number of new exhibitors this year from across the province, such as Flanker Press, Steeped Tea, Arbonne and KSAB Construction. There were also new local exhibitors this year such as Munn Insurance, The Mortgage Group, Royal Bank, Easyhome, GL enterprises, Jumping Bean Coffee and Kent's Building Supplies. We also had our regulars like CSI Spray-foam, Rogers, Teck, Scoop & Save, Phoenix Publishing and more.

This year's show even featured two auto dealers, Grand Toyota and Central Kia. Of course we also had amazing products from our craft vendors like Diamond Fudge, Kylie Rose Jewellery, Dawn Baker, Mildred Rowsell Baked Goods, H.P. Martin Artwork and Microbusiness. Committee Chair Brian Casey thanks all who took part in our Trade Show and made it a great success.

TRADE SHOW GRAND PRIZE

Toyota Salmon Festival Concert
Shed Party

One of the Highlights of the 19th Annual Trade Show was our Grand Prize Draw for the "Toyota Salmon Festival Concert Shed Party".

The Grand Prize was drawn on Saturday by a member of the audience, and the winner was Francis Rideout.

The Grand Prize consisted of:

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| Shed | Canadian Tire Corp. |
| BBQ | Dawe's Mechanical |
| Lounge Chair | Notre Dame/Castle Building Centre |
| Patio Bench | Kent Building Supplies |
| Steaks | B&W Meats |
| Kabobs | M&M Meat Shops |
| \$50 Gift Card | Sobey's |
| \$25 Gift Card | Dominion |
| \$15 Gift Certificate | Wanda's Bake Shop |
| 2 Dozen Beer | Molson |
| 2 Dozen Beer | Labatt's |
| Refreshments | Coca-Cola |
| 2 Tickets for Salmon Festival | Town of Grand Falls-Windsor |
| 2 Tickets for Salmon Festival | Grand Toyota |





EXPLOITS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Board of Directors

President
Tom Boone

Executive Director
Gerald Thompson

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Kris Spurrell

1st Year Directors
Peter Morris
Ashley MacDonald

2nd Vice President
Joe Rideout

Craig Murray
Brenda Cooper

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Brian Barry

2nd Year Directors
Michael Strickland
Shawn Osmond
Brenda Hayter

Treasurer
Keith Abbott

Past President
Scott Kenny

Ex-Officio
Darren Finn
Anita Hynes
Kevin Jeans

MEETING NOTICE

Board Meetings are tentatively the 3rd
Thursday of the month

Time: 12:00 noon
Place: TBA

MISSION STATEMENT

The mandate of the Exploits Regional Chamber of Commerce is to promote and improve trade and commerce, and the economic, civic, and social welfare of the Exploits Valley Region.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Guest Speaker:
Larry Bartlett



Courtesy of The Advertiser

In January of this year Larry Bartlett was named the General Manager of Teck-Duckpond Operations. The Chamber's Annual General Meeting was the first time he has the opportunity to speak to the Chamber in this new capacity.

During his presentation, he updated the Chamber on the company's operation in the Central Region. Mr. Bartlett stated that the actual date of shutdown for the mine has come and gone, and with new explorations and deposits being found, they are looking ahead into 2016. He discussed how both surface and underground drilling programs have been ongoing for the past few years, with over 44,000 meters of drilling done so far, 622,000 tones of copper and zinc milled last year, and over 350 full time employees.

In closing Larry stated how Teck has become part of the Central Region, and that he is optimistic of their future. Incoming President Tom Boone thanked Mr. Bartlett for being the Guest Speaker for the evening, and for his support of the Chamber and the Central Region.

SCOTT KENNY



The Chamber's Annual General Meeting took place on April 25th at the Shalaps' Centre in Grand Falls-Windsor. During his speech, Outgoing President Scott Kenny outlined the Chamber's activities over the past year.

He stated that successful events such as the Trade Show, Business Awards and Small Business Week were all good for the Chamber. The highlight of the year was in October, when the Chamber unveiled its new logo and held its 60th Anniversary. What made our 60th Anniversary even more meaningful was when Minister Susan Sullivan presented our founding father and guest speaker Mr. Boyd Cohen, with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Scott also stated that the Chamber was very active with making presentations to the provincial and federal government over the past year. He was happy to report that the Chamber's membership has grown over the year, particularly from the Coast of Bays Region. The Chamber has been working with this area to bring attention to the lack of internet and cell phone service, and the poor road conditions.

Scott reminded our members of the need to have our local resources such as forestry and hydro bring benefit to this region. In closing, Mr. Kenny thanked all who supported him in his year as President.

OUTGOING PRESIDENT PRESENTS AWARD



Courtesy of The Advertiser

At the Chamber's Annual General Meeting on April 24th, Outgoing President Scott Kenny presented the Mayor of Buchans, Mayor Derm Corbett, with a plaque in memory of the late Ernest Noseworthy.

Ernest was a councilor for the Town of Buchans, and served on the Chamber Board of Directors for many years. Although he lived many miles away, he was very constant in his attendance, and did a great job of representing his Town and the Chamber.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD



Courtesy of The Advertiser

At the Chamber Annual General Meeting, Outgoing President Scott Kenny surprised Executive Director Gerald Thompson by presenting him with the President's Award.

This award is given to a member of the Board who in the president's view worked above and beyond in their elected office. Scott thanked Gerald for all of his hard work and dedication to the Chamber.

PRESIDENT TOM BOONE



Tom Boone was elected President of the Exploits Regional Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber Annual General Meeting on April 24th.

Tom was born in Grand Falls-Windsor, but grew up in Lewisporte. He graduated from Memorial University with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree in 1997, and in 2000 he received his Chartered Accountant Designation.

Currently Tom is the Principal of Grant Thornton in Grand Falls-Windsor, where he has been employed for the past 9 years. Tom is married to his wife Penny (Thistle) and they have three children: Cameron (11), Jack (8) and Sam (4).

Away from work Tom spends his time with Minor Hockey, both as a parent and as a Coach. Tom has spent many years with the Chamber in various capacities and we wish him well in his term as President.



WE WILL REMEMBER



Ronald Patrick Aucoin
March 20, 1948 - May 9, 2013

Ron Aucoin was Executive Director of the Chamber from 1998 to 2006; for eight years he was the face and voice of the Chamber. To the many who are saddened by his passing, we have lost a friend who has touched many of our lives. Ron was committed to this Region and formed many partnerships that exist to this day. This Chamber is well founded because of him. May he rest in peace.

You're Friend,

Gerald

2013-2014 COMMITTEES

2013-2014 Committees Announced by President Tom Boone

Government Relations - Joe Rideout (Chair)

Business Awards - Brian Barry (Chair)

Trade Show - Kris Spurrell (Chair)

Governance - Tom Boone (Chair)

Social - Brenda Cooper (Chair)