

**Ten Great Reasons to be a McBride & District Chamber of Commerce Member:**

**Building your Business:** you are successful because of the people you know. Belonging to your Chamber is not about selling things, it's about building connections, rapport and networks.

**Policy/Positions:** typically involved in quiet diplomacy and lobbying, your Chamber together with the BC Chamber, a unified effort is in place to make available more services from Municipal, Provincial and Federal levels of governance.

**Member Discounts:** we have a number of discount programs exclusive to Chamber members including significant savings on Visa/MC merchant rates and fuel discount programs. Chamber members get preferential rates, consideration and treatment.

**Chamber Insurance:** this national group insurance program allows small business, even one-person operations, to enjoy group benefits for dental, medical, drug, disability, and retirement plans.

**Benefits, Benefits, Benefits:** please go to [www.bcchamber.org](http://www.bcchamber.org) for current benefit info.

**The Voice of Business:** we are regularly asked to provide input on behalf of the business community. Whether it's commenting on government policy or advising on community issues, your Chamber provides the business perspective.

**Networking:** we have a variety of events for you to attend from our monthly meetings on the third Wednesday, to special presentations and opportunities to meet with our MLA, MP and other government representatives.

**Information:** we help keep you up to date on news and events in the business community that can affect your business.

**Newsletter:** you will receive a copy of Chamber newsletters with information on local business news, local Chamber news, legislative news, Provincially and Nationally.

**Business Resources:** contact our Visitor Centre for a wide variety of information for people starting, expanding or improving a business.

# January 2013

Memberships must be renewed prior to the start of the AGM.

If you have not renewed prior to January 23<sup>rd</sup>, come early and complete your renewal.

Membership fees:

**LARGE BUSINESS  
\$215.00**

A business with 10 or more full time equivalent staff members, including the owner/manager.

**MEDIUM BUSINESS  
\$115.00**

A business with 4 to 9 full time equivalent staff members, including the owner/manager.

**SMALL BUSINESS &  
NON PROFIT \$65.00**

A business with up to 3 full time equivalent staff members, including the proprietor.

**INDIVIDUAL \$25.00**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

January 23, 2013

Social at 6:00 pm, AGM at 7:00 pm

McBride E Free Church

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# McBride & District Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

## What your Chamber is doing:

McBride & District Chamber of Commerce continues to collaborate with the Village of McBride, Regional District and other interested parties in keeping the proposed 138kv Hydro line from Valemount in front of BC Hydro.

After many months of emails, the Chamber was able to secure a visit from Bob Zimmer, Federal MP for the region. Bob mingled with the locals at the Meet & Greet, hearing issues of importance for the Robson Valley.

Adventure weekend tagged up with the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Pioneer Days and saw several new events with large crowds. The summer really started with the annual Canada Day BBQ and celebrations. September saw the Chamber recognize our many First Responder Volunteers with a luncheon. As well the McBride Chamber

sponsored the annual Loggers Bonspiel in March and in November the Festival of Lights kicked off the “shop local” campaign that will run until January 15/13.

The Chamber applied for and acquired the operational agreement for the McBride Visitor Center. The Chamber also has members on the Tourism Advisory Committee, which is an active group that is advantageous for the tourism industry in the Robson Valley. The Chamber is spearheading the creation of a new Visitors Center (tourism) website. All businesses and groups are encouraged to list themselves on this new site. For more information please email – [clara.appleby@mcbridechamber.ca](mailto:clara.appleby@mcbridechamber.ca)

In January the Chamber will be rolling out a new website which will allow members to discuss issues via the privacy of a member’s only site. If you want to hear or be heard, become a member and receive your log-in information.

## 2013 Chamber Calendar of Events

<b>JANUARY</b>  23 <sup>rd</sup> AGM Shop local draw	<b>FEBRUARY</b>  20 <sup>th</sup> MEETING	<b>MARCH</b>  20 <sup>th</sup> MEETING	<b>APRIL</b> 5-6-7 LOGGER’S BONSPIEL 17 <sup>th</sup> MEETING
<b>MAY</b>  15 <sup>th</sup> MEETING	<b>JUNE</b>  19 <sup>th</sup> MEETING  29-30 MCBRIDE ADVENTURE WEEKEND	<b>JULY</b>  1 <sup>st</sup> CANADA DAY  NO MEETING	<b>AUGUST</b>  NO MEETING
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>  8 <sup>th</sup> EMERGENCY RESPONDER APPRECIATION  18 <sup>th</sup> MEETING	<b>OCTOBER</b>  16 <sup>th</sup> MEETING  23 <sup>rd</sup> MEET & GREET	<b>NOVEMBER</b>  20 <sup>th</sup> MEETING  29 <sup>th</sup> FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS Shop Local	<b>DECEMBER</b>  18 <sup>th</sup> MEETING

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