

Our Community's FUTURE



Pictured above:
Keith, Mitch, Rob, Jenna, Chris

*The best small
businesses are
created by people
just like you*

YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR SUCCESS

REMOTE MARINE SOLUTIONS


In the picturesque landscape of British Columbia's coastal region,

Remote Marine Solutions Inc.

stands as a beacon of success. Founded in 2019 by **Keith Wood**, Remote Marine Solutions is a leading craftsman of high-quality custom docks, providing plastic fabrication, welding services, and anchoring solutions in Powell Lake and the surrounding areas. In remote locations, they specialize in the installation of hydroelectric systems. Remote Marine Solutions prides itself on its commitment to sustainable construction, utilizing materials like high-density polyethylene (HDPE) to minimize environmental impact. Keith and

his team stand ready to tackle any marine challenge with precision and expertise, providing a wide-ranging set of professional services, from consultation to 3D design, construction, and installation.

With support from Community Futures Powell River, Keith's dream evolved into a thriving enterprise. Community Futures played a pivotal role in providing guidance, strategic planning, and financial assistance, allowing Remote Marine Solutions to expand and flourish into a family-operated business.

As Remote Marine Solutions continues to grow and thrive, Keith Wood remains dedicated to his path of success. Keith and his handpicked team exemplify success with values at the forefront, even in remote locations. Their expertise in tackling marine challenges propels them confidently into the future of business excellence. 

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Community Futures Powell River offers financing and advisory services for small businesses and entrepreneurs in our community.



CONVENIENT CHEF *Steve Macleod*



Convenient Chef's new owner is Red Seal certified Chef **Steve Macleod**, who is excited for this new chapter in his culinary career. "I have had my eye on the Convenient Chef for a while now, so when the opportunity came up to purchase the business, it was the perfect fit for me," says Steve.

Chef Steve's journey into the culinary world started when he was working in carpentry and decided to take a job in the kitchen at a local ski resort instead of moving to Edmonton for a project. He found his passion for cooking there, and went on to attend culinary school in the Fraser Valley for two years before completing his third year in Vancouver, working with some of the best chefs in the industry.

Using local produce wherever possible, all of the Convenient Chef's meals are created from fresh ingredients with no additives. Meals are packaged in individual and family sizes and sold frozen, so you can easily enjoy Steve's delicious creations at your convenience. With a rotating menu of mouth-watering mains and soups, there is always something available for every palate.

"Community Futures is very approachable and never discouraged me, but rather encouraged me, presenting me with various options while I adjusted my plan. They are a solid support, guiding me every step of the way as I stay focused and driven towards my goals," says Steve.

It is inspiring to see Chef Steve pursue his passion and succeed in the culinary industry. This story serves as a reminder that with hard work and dedication, dreams do come true! 🍴

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IGUANA'S LATIN MARKET *Blanca Treavor & Diana Rodriguez*

Blanca Treavor and **Diana Rodriguez** are the talented pair behind the successful business, **Iguana's Latin Market**. With their love for Latin cooking, they turned their dreams into reality, sharing their culinary delights and shaping their vision into a successful business.

Fueled by their passion for Latin cuisine and with a strong entrepreneurial spirit, Blanca and Diana joined forces to create a Mexican culinary haven in Powell River. At Iguana's Latin Market, the shelves are stocked with spices and mouth-watering delights, from fresh chorizo to tantalizing vegan options. Their diverse selection of authentic Latin products satisfies all cravings, with Mexican classics like tamales and small-batch salsas made in-house, alongside BBQ sauces and speciality Mexican cheeses. From mild to fiery, they cater to every taste bud.

By bringing a taste of Mexico to Powell River, Blanca and Diana have not only filled appetites but also captured the hearts of their community's food lovers.

Join the fiesta and let the flavors of Iguana's Latin Market transport you to the vibrant streets of Mexico! 🍴



📍 Tues-Sat, 11:30am-6pm | 7053 Glacier Street 📞

MESSIER TRUCKING

Bill Messier & Kara Williams



Since 2016, **Bill Messier** and **Kara Williams**, long time Powell River locals, are the dynamic duo behind **Messier Trucking Ltd.** With over 25 years of expertise in log hauling, Messier Trucking Ltd. has become a trusted name in the forest industry, establishing solid partnerships with key players. Bill operates and repairs the trucks while Kara adeptly manages the day-to-day office tasks, ensuring smooth financial operations.

Bill and Kara expanded their fleet to meet growing customer demands while maintaining their commitment to excellence. With four trucks and trailers in operation, Messier Trucking Ltd., is set for even more success.

“We heard about Community Futures from people around town and we haven’t looked back. Keith made everything smooth and easy and when we were in a time crunch he made sure we had everything we needed on time. We highly recommend using them and look forward to working with them again in the future.”

Their story is a testament to the potential of small businesses driven by passion and hard work, and they’re ready to keep on trucking into the future. 🍂

BRUT charcuterie



Working in and out of different kitchens over the years, **BRUT charcuterie** started as a way of exploring the potential of the dry curing process. BRUT translates to dry/raw and these two elements knit the cornerstone that informs our process. Salt from the Salish Sea and the passing of time in controlled conditions slowly concentrate the flavours found in our dried sausages and salami. With some products aging up to a year or more, dry curing is a curiosity that is uncommon (unfortunately) among most producers of specialty delicatessen in this country. We nod heavily to the Mediterranean traditions of France, Spain and Italy as that is where we’ve been lucky

enough to pass time- but make no mistake. This is a foundation, a point jumping off into the yet unknown.

These are contemporary cures with an old soul.

BRUT is proud to be partnered with Community Futures on this journey and committed to helping establish a regional identity through food. Find our products at the Powell River/ Sechelt Farmers Markets or at Hearth and Grain. 🍂

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WESTVIEW OFFICE TECHNOLOGY

Romina Pavel



In 2012, **Romina Pavel**, alongside her late father Cris, embarked on a mission to create their own legacy, establishing their business, now called **Westview Office Technology**. Specializing in the top-notch servicing, training, and sales of leading

brands like Konica Minolta and Kyocera, they also offer a range of other office equipment, including printers and shredders.

For Romina, the ultimate reward of owning her own business has been the spirit of independence and fulfillment that comes with entrepreneurship, allowing her to shape her business’ future.

This journey wouldn’t have been possible without the support of Community Futures who provided vital mentorship and financial support, turning Romina’s vision into reality.

Expanding into a new PR location, Romina invites everyone to visit their show room and experience Westview Office Technology’s quality products firsthand.

As Romina continues to grow her business, her story serves as an inspiration to aspiring entrepreneurs; with the right support and determination, anything is possible. 🍂

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ENVIRODIG CONTRACTING *Ryan Bellham*



Ryan Bellham owns and operates **EnviroDig Contracting Ltd.** He is a professional and experienced contractor and is a registered onsite wastewater practitioners (ROWP). He stands out in the septic industry for his expertise in system design, installation, and maintenance. Ryan also offers a wide range of services including foundations, demolition, hauling, and excavation.

With a new excavator and two dump trucks, his business is headed toward a promising future with further expansion.

“The entire process with Community Futures has been exceptional. Keith and the team are truly there to help people’s goals come to life, from funding to business advice and support.”

Ryan’s devotion to delivering quality workmanship and ensuring customer satisfaction shines through by collaborating closely with clients. Success is not merely quantified by completed projects; it is measured by the long lasting client relationships.

While Ryan’s business is successful, it is the simple joys of family time that truly bring him happiness, as they work together to build a meaningful future. 🌱

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DIVERSA COLLECTIVE



Founded by a trio of passionate entrepreneurs and the help of **Keely**, the project facilitator, this social enterprise is more than just a business - it’s a heart-driven community business that celebrates diversity and fosters talent.

The **Diversa Collective** includes **Lorelei**, whose boundless talent and organizational skills ensure that every event they plan is nothing short of spectacular.

Adding rhythm to the mix is **DJ Mike**,

whose expertise in mixing beats and providing top-notch music services elevates any occasion.

And **Ryan**, whose keen eye behind the camera lens and editing finesse bring the team’s creative visions to life. Together, they seamlessly produce captivating videos, podcasts and social media content that captivate audiences.

With the support of Community Futures, Entrepreneurs with Disability Program and the guidance of business mentor **Rod Allan**, the Diversa Collective is navigating the intricacies of business planning with confidence and clarity. Their dedication to empowering individuals with diverse abilities is not just commendable—it’s transformative, paving the way for a more inclusive and equitable future for all.

To explore their documentaries, visit The Diversa Collective’s YouTube channel. 🌱

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WILLOW ROSE

Karen Peterson



Step into **Willow Rose Boutique** and discover a world of endless possibilities. From jewelry to sunglasses, purses to wallets, shoes and more, the list of fabulous new and used attire goes on. By offering quality consignment Karen extends the lifespan of these items and diverts them from landfills.

In the face of the COVID-19 storm, **Karen Peterson**, the owner of Willow Rose Boutique since 2017, hasn’t just survived—she’s thrived by embracing innovative approaches to retail and tapping into the growing demand for sustainable fashion. Karen’s passion for her business and community shines through in every aspect of Willow Rose Boutique. From her dedication to customer satisfaction, to her active involvement in fundraising, she embodies the spirit of small business success.

Willow Rose’s journey proves that no matter how tough things get, resilience can light the way to a brighter future. 🌱

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