

Our Community's FUTURE

YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR SUCCESS



Pat Haist, Road Warrior Welding

POWELL RIVER

Road Warrior



Part of a national economic development program that has been supporting small business and community economic development since 1986. There are 269 Community Futures offices in rural communities across Canada, with 34 of those in BC.

Community Futures Powell River offers financing, training, and advisory services for small businesses and entrepreneurs in our community. We serve the Upper Sunshine Coast from Lund to Saltery Bay, including Hardy Island, Nelson Island, Savary Island and Texada Island.



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Pat Haist is a Red Seal level A journeyman welder/fabricator, and a heavy duty mechanic with 35 years experience. This spring, Pat knew it was time to spark up his remarkable expert skill set and embark down the road of owning his business, **Road Warrior Welding Inc.**

“With financial help from Community Futures, I was able to boost my buying power of materials and equipment to better serve my customers and take on bigger jobs,” says Pat. “Thank you to Allison and her team for such prompt and excellent service.”

Within a few months, Pat expanded his business services by adding a removable

20ft x 81/2ft fir deck to his Freightliner truck with a Hiab 160-3 crane mounted on it with a reach of 35 feet and lifting capacity of 6000 kg.

Recently, Pat is thrilled to offer a great new service for the boaters of Powell River, a prop repair business – no more out of town shipping! He also provides mobile services to the Sunshine Coast, Vancouver Island and beyond.

Pat is an insightful, progressive, problem-solving entrepreneur. He’s a skilled fabricator who can customize your design project idea. His motto is: “Our promise to you: safety, quality, excellence – it’s what we do.”

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Community Business



Allison Boulanger

Allison joined the team at Community Futures Powell River in January 2017 as our **loans officer/business advisor**. She is an enthusiastic supporter of her small business clients – listening, advising and working together with them.

“It’s exciting to help our clients start or expand their businesses and, most importantly, to see them succeed,” says Allison.

Allison grew up on Texada Island and moved over to Powell River to start her 36-year local banking career. One of her many roles was that of a small business banker.

“This is where I found my passion for small business,” she explains. “If the bank could not help, I would often refer the client to Community Futures. I still see some of these entrepreneurs in business today.”

Contact Allison today to discuss your small business start-up or expansion ideas, (604) 485-7901 or allison@prfutures.ca. 📧

PR GLASS SHOP

Richard Nordentoft & Victoria Maslin



This is the story of Richard Nordentoft and Victoria Maslin’s family business.

“For our new business, Community Futures Powell River was there for us,” says Richard. He was an employee for 24 years of Dave’s Glass, providing services to residential, commercial and industrial installations and repairs. When the time was right they made the move to transitioning their new business.

Richard and Vicky were excited to revitalize the business with fresh ideas and enthusiasm, starting with a name change to PR GLASS.

Their policy will always be “quality service and installations” and friendly staff to serve you.

Contact: (604) 485-7500, www.facebook.com/PRGlassShop 📧

BITE CLUB

Nick Sherris



Bite Club is the newest generation of the Powell River Rec Complex concession. Nick Sherris has created an alternative take on fast food, providing affordable, delicious, healthy options as well as traditional concession fare.

“I’ve been cooking my whole life,” says Nick. “Bite Club gives me an opportunity to express my culinary ideas in a way that helps people live better and be happier.”

He adds, “The mentorship and support from Community Futures was invaluable.”

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SUNCOAST CHIROPRACTIC+CUSTOM ORTHOTICS *Dr. Brittney Chisholm*

A Personal Story: When I graduated school with a doctoral degree, I had a mortgage-worth of debt and no assets to my name. But I had passion, a work-ethic, and a drive to succeed. I was turned down by bank after bank and eventually had to go on welfare with a new baby because I couldn't get funding to open a clinic.

Community Futures: A friend told me about Community Futures and it changed my path. They looked at me as a person and considered my earning potential, the healthcare service I would be providing to my community, and the jobs I could create by being employed myself. They saw me as more than a positive or negative ratio and for that I will be forever grateful that this program exists.

Being self-employed: Powell River has a high-demand and low-supply for alternative healthcare options. When I moved here there were only two other part-time chiropractors. Both were well established and had been serving the community for a long time. I knew I could succeed in business if I was given the chance

to prove myself. I had all the necessary skills, knowledge, and management skills to succeed, I lacked one thing - capital. Community Futures provided me with the missing piece required to fulfill my dream.

Success: Success to me is simple: word-of-mouth that provides a full schedule every day. I think we are uniquely positioned in Powell River in that it's a tight-knit, social community. People will champion your business when you impress them. When I moved into my Malaspina Massage location I didn't have signs up for over a year. People still came, every day; new patients discovered the business despite having no visual advertising. I feel blessed to have established a clinic that people keep coming back to and that they tell their friends and family about. When I started, I focused on the numbers, making sure I hit my goals. Now I've let go of the numbers and focus on the patients. I think putting people first is what ultimately leads to success.

Future: My future is to expand the business, hire another full time staff member and another full time chiropractor.



When that happens, I will be free to expand my pre-natal and paediatric services, working closely with Ten Moons Midwifery.

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YOUR ADVANTAGE RENOVATIONS *Michael Paemoller*

Your Advantage Renovations offers residential and commercial renovations, specializing in trim work and finishing, kitchen and bath upgrades, furniture alterations, as well as electrical and lighting updates. Some custom projects have included: relocating the Chamber of Commerce's heat pump and exterior window; building an office in an existing space at Family Place; building and designing a custom partition wall and exterior signage at the new Powell River Public Library.

Personal story: My journey to entrepreneurship began when I was 17 years old. I worked for ten years in the renovation sector and obtained a general knowledge of all levels of construction. I earned my Journeyman Electrician Red Seal while working in the residential and commercial

sectors, finishing as an industrial electrician in the oil and gas sector for five years. I went back to renovations work, as I have always felt a greater level of satisfaction in working in the local community making my clients dreams a reality.

Community Futures has been an invaluable resource as I advanced in my business; providing advice about employees, time management, budgets, and financing. We have succeeded because of Community Futures' commitment to business mentorship and education.

Future plans: Affordable residential housing solutions in Powell River; construct and remodel secondary basement suites; build mobile tiny homes.

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Self Employment Program

- Business Concept Development
- Business Coaching
- Training and Workshops
- Business Launch
- Up to 48 weeks of financial support
- Monthly intakes

The best small businesses are created by people just like you



Donna Moseanko, Wildwood Queens
www.wildwoodqueens.com

Wildwood Queens offers queen honeybee breeder, sales of nucleus hive, woodenware, honey, pollination and mentoring/workshop services.

"I wanted to do what I loved full-time," says Donna Moseanko. "The various beekeepers I met encouraged me by sharing their own business experience."

"With the Self-Employment program, I have had the support, financially, along with the quality resources available in learning to run my own business."

Kelly Munday of **Squatter's Creek Wines & Designs** offers extensive knowledge on the wine making process and products, with over 100 different type of juices.

"The self-employment program has been a great experience for me, I have learned a lot, the staff have been fantastic and very supportive. Whenever I have been met with a hurdle I can ask them for help on how to figure something out and I don't feel like I am alone."

Kelly Munday, Squatter's Creek Wines & Designs
www.squatterscreekwines.com



Dane and Rachael Sherstad, Paradise Valley Produce
www.paradisevalleyproduce.ca

Paradise Valley Produce is a local farm growing year-round produce just 10 min from Powell River on Padgett Rd. Dane and Rachael Sherstad grow a variety of fresh vegetables throughout the year.

Dane and Rachael are thankful for the support of Community Futures Self Employment Program which helped provide a foundation of business fundamentals. They believe local organic food is central in the effort to a more sustainable future, and are excited to expand greenhouse space for further winter production and harvesting a delicious variety of winter crops. They will begin a CSA (Community Shared Agriculture) program in 2019.



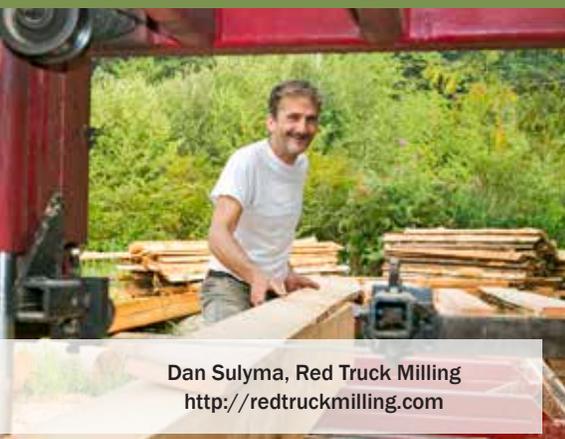
Derrick Alexander, Nice Plumbing & Gas
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Willow Rose Boutique is a consignment and new retail store selling quality, lightly used clothing, accessories and home decor.

"Community Futures has been my 'rock' as I have ventured out to become a small business owner," says Karen. "Everyone is so helpful and reassuring - answering any questions I may have."

"Business success to me means building a rapport with my customers, having fun creating new ensembles for themselves. I enjoy hearing expressions of happiness when they find exactly what they needed and perhaps an unexpected treasure or two!"

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