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# **Chamber membership includes access to Chamber Plan Insurance**

Chamber Group Insurance plan is customizable and flexible so you get the biggest bang for your dollar. The competitor may offer a cheaper premium at the time, but when renewal time comes around you may pay three times more than what you would have been with the Chamber Plan. Chamber Insurance is a not-for-profit entity, run by Chamber people for Chamber people! Get your Quote today by calling Brent @ 902-888-7249.



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### *Coverage Options - Critical Illness*

With Chambers Plan Critical Illness insurance, no medical underwriting is required. Available options provide for a lump sum payment of up to \$50,000 following the diagnosis of certain conditions. For a detailed list of conditions please visit the website or click on Read More.

<http://www.chamberplan.ca>

Critical Illness insurance benefits are paid in addition to other benefit plan coverage and, unlike disability insurance, are paid regardless of income or ability to work.

WE VALUE YOUR INPUT

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO  
COMPLETE OUR  
STRATEGIC PLANNING  
QUESTIONNAIRE  
UNDER MEMBERSHIP

WWW.WESTPRINCECHAMBER.COM



<http://westprincechamber.com/strategic-planning-questionnaire/>

**COMING SOON!**  
**WEST PRINCE**  
**BUSINESS & COMMUNITY SHOWCASE**

in late September!

All businesses welcome! Come and showcase your business, trades, talents, creative art, music, harvest and foods, trades demos and much more. The purpose of the event is to bridge the business and community network. West Prince has a great abundance of resources so let's use them. By providing a more collaborative type of environment, our exhibitors come away with new opportunities to work with other businesses as well as great new ideas.

Speaking Success is a Means - Not an End, By Dr. Ralph C. Smedley



**Speaking Success is a  
Means - Not an End**

"Improving our skills leads to other gains in life according to Dr. Ralph C. Smedley, founder of TOASTMASTERS. He believed that speaking success furthers "our

capacity to live and serve." All civilization, all progress, depends on communication of ideas. As we learn to share our thoughts with others, and compare our own thinking with theirs, we make possible that cooperative action without which there can be no progress. We promote better understanding, on which human relations are based."



Shawn McCarville, President of Summerside Toastmasters presenting Tammy Rix with Speechcraft Certificate.

## West Prince Chamber Speechcraft Session

We have a very talented group of speakers in West Prince according to our facilitator Edith Hogan. Do you have nervous habits when you speak? Such as saying "uh", "um", "okay" and", "you know", or fumbling with buttons or clothing, or jiggling change in your pocket? Toastmasters is a great form of Professional Development for anyone. Have an employee that can benefit? It helps improve self-confidence and re-discover new



strengths that they may be capable of achieving. Call Tammy if you are interested in Toastmasters this fall!

Are you a nonprofit organization looking to access money?

Please visit the PEI Provincial Rural & Regional Development website. For more information on the Rural Growth Initiative please visit the link below or contact

Ellen Rennie

Community Development Officer

902-853-0104.

<https://princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/rural-and-regional-development/economic-growth-program-rural-growth-initiative>

**West Prince Chamber always refers our Members first!**



### **Island Spaw & Kennels**

Professional Pet Grooming & Boarding in O'Leary, PEI ( Tamara Currie , certified groomer since 2001).

**When Chamber receives inquiries from the community or outside it, we refer our Chamber members first using our online membership directory. That translates to additional leads for you and hopefully, more money in your pocket!**

**A-OK Fast Cash ATM Rental Sales & Services** | Serving all of PEI, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia with quality ATM sales, Services, Placements. Michael Gaudet is a





leader in the industry serving customers for over 20 years and is a Certified ATM Technician for Triton, Hantle and Hyosung ATM Cash Machines.



### **Buchanan's Lawn Services**

For all your lawn care needs, landscaping start to finish, lawn rolling, fertilizing, grass cutting, and much more. Visit the facebook link or call Donald at 902-856-0463.

<https://www.facebook.com/Buchanans-Lawn-Care-1880831838831202/>

**Hope Centre Clubhouse** is a program in Alberton, PEI by the Canadian Mental Health Association. Hope Centre is a safe, stigma free place for adults who are struggling with mental illness.

April has been a member of Hope Centre for three years and just completed her Short Order/Line Cook, a 3 week training program, sponsored by Chamber member Rural Community Learning Inc.



She hopes to one day work at a restaurant or bar! Keep up the great work April.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/hopecentreclubhouse/>

**workplace**  
**mental health**

**\$51 billion** how much mental illness costs the Canadian economy <sup>1</sup>

**\$6.6 billion** British Columbia's share of the burden each year <sup>2</sup>

**44% of Canadian employees** report experiencing mental health problems.<sup>3</sup>

how mental health problems cost employers:

- » lost productivity
- » higher health care costs
- » poor relationships among colleagues and clients
- » lower creativity
- » more errors and accidents
- » legal cases

Canadian Mental Health Association  
British Columbia  
Mental health for all

1 Lim, K.-L., et al. (2008). A new population-based measure of the economic burden of mental illness in Canada. *Chronic Diseases in Canada*, 28(3), 92-98.  
2 Ministry of Health Services and Ministry of Children and Family Development. (2010). *Healthy minds, healthy people: a ten-year plan to address mental health and substance use in British Columbia*.  
3 The Conference Board of Canada. (2011). *Building mentally healthy workplaces: perspectives of Canadian workers and front-line managers*. Ottawa, Ontario: Thorpe, K. & Chenier, L.

Achieving work/life balance means having equilibrium among all the priorities in your life – this state of balance is different for every person. But, as difficult as work/life balance is to define, most of us know when we're out of balance.

To find out more about your own personal balance:

Take the Work-Life Balance Quiz

<https://cmha.ca/work-life-balance-quiz>

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# innovationpei

Small Business Investment Grant provides a 15% non-repayable grant toward eligible capital asset costs. Our maximum contribution is capped at \$3,750 but projects greater than \$25,000 are still able to apply and max out our portion. As per our website, "Fishers, farmers, not-for-profit organizations, banks and financial companies, realty companies (including commercial/residential landlords and developers) and professional and consulting services providers are not eligible for assistance." Other sectors such as tourism or retail operations are able to apply.

The company must have at least one employee (minimum of 560 hours) or the business is the primary source of income for the applicant. (verification may be requested)

Apply here: <https://goo.gl/TUh1pw>

Other programs of interest: Capital Acquisition Program (25% rebate) <https://goo.gl/oycLFt> or Marketing Assistance (40% rebate) <https://goo.gl/CiLzfC> both capped at \$40,000 of eligible costs. These programs however are more stringent in terms of who is eligible, mainly they have to have an export focus. Please contact Brad Arsenault with Innovation PEI at 902-853-3636.

All programs can be found at <https://goo.gl/WutHXR>

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## Dine at the North Port Pier - The Beautiful Boat Shop Restaurant



## CBDC - West Prince Ventures AGM

West Prince Ventures Limited Annual General Meeting will be held Wed. June 6 @ 4:30 pm at the [Northport](#)



Pier - The beautiful boat shop  
Restaurant .



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**2nd Annual Golf Outing  
Fundraiser Friday, Oct. 5 @ 2pm**

St. Felix Golf & Country Club.  
Entertainment ideas - Music or  
Trivia? Send me an email!

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Welcome New Members - 160 Members if everyone renews!

Thank you all for your continued support! Membership renewals are due each year after our AGM in February. For those of you who came on late in the fall, they are based on the current year you buy it! We apologize for any inconvenience. All Chamber benefits are for Chamber members only; that mean you have 6 months to renew your membership in order to continue on with your benefits. **Welcome New Members!**

- Sunlife Financial Advisor, Donna Armstrong
- PEI Low Energy Homes, Matt & Cheryl Darrah
- Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI
- Island Spaw & Kennels, Tamara & Mitchell Currie

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**BIG SHOUT OUT TO THE FOLLOWING  
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FOR THE MAY CHAMBER MIXERS!**

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O'Leary Farmers Co-op  
Evangeline Central Credit Union  
Fabric Carfts 'n' More  
Spyce Hair Design

**Thank you Very Much!**