



Skilled Trades Forum

The BR&E Committee and Tweed & Area Chamber of Commerce held a skilled trades forum March 7, 2019. We had a good turnout from our skilled trades community. The evening started with a survey and piece of pie. We then moved into a facilitated discussion on these 5 questions:

Q#1 – What do you need the most?

Q#2 – How can the community support you in your recruitment/retention efforts?

Q#3- What are your training needs for yourself/your staff?

Q#4- Why would I want to work for you? Stay working for you? What do you offer as an employer?

Q#5- How do we encourage youth skilled trades? What role can you play?

The discussion was good, and provided a lot of valuable information, which when added to the survey results should give us a good picture of what the needs are, and how we may help.

We are still looking for Skilled Tradespeople interested in taking the survey – please contact info@tweedchamber.com for a copy.

If you are a consumer please take a moment to fill out our second survey. We have had some responses but would like more to get a better picture <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CTYKZYJ>

B2B – Rashotte Home Building Centre

On March 27th we held our B2B Evening at the new Rashotte Home Building Centre store. Thank you to Chris Rashotte for hosting the evening and for giving us a look at the beginning of the business and how he envisions the future – including his newest venture Village Net.

Rachelle Hardesty, Manager of Community Development for the Municipality of Tweed, and Jennifer Genereaux spoke about the BR&E Committee and the Skilled Trades Forum. Results from both surveys will be compiled into a report and shared with Municipal Council, along with Provincial and Federal Governments.

We had a draw for a \$50 gift certificate to Tweed & Company Theatre which was won by Jamie DeMarsh, realtor ReMax Quinte\councilor.

Thank you to all who attended our B2B it was a great evening as always.

Tweed Summer Season Kick Off Party

Planning has begun for a new event being held May 18th as a kickoff to Tweed's amazing Summer Season. We are known for having MANY events during the summer. This year is also the 90th Anniversary for the Tweed Kiwanis Pavilion – we are so lucky to still have such an amazing venue in our Municipality. Some events already announced for the day include an Art Show at the Tweed Heritage Centre, Tweed & Area Arts Council is having an afternoon fish fry, The Tweed Fair Board is having Horse Pulls at the Fair Grounds and the evening is culminating with Tweed & Company Theatre hosting Jessica Wilson at the Kiwanis Pavilion.

If your business is interested in participating in this event, offer a discount or deal please let me know so it can be advertised.

3rd Annual Classic Car Show

Planning is in full swing for this year's Classic Car Show to be held June 15th at Tweed Memorial Park. A BIG Thank You to Howell Financial Corp, our Chamber Benefits Plan Administrator for sponsoring this years Car Show Trophies, Generations Carpentry Services for sponsoring our Dash Plaques (a new addition for this year), and Newton House B&B for sponsoring our flyers.

We still have room for vendors or service groups who would like space in the Kiwanis Pavilion or on the lawn. Contact me for a Vendor Application if you are interested. We are also looking for a business or group interested doing a BBQ for lunch.

Chamber Benefits Plan

One benefit of being a member of the Tweed & Area Chamber of Commerce is the Chamber Benefits Plan. Allowing your small business to provide insurance benefits to your employees, no matter the size. You can visit chamberplan.ca for more information or email info@tweedchamber.com and we can put you in touch with our representative. Each month I will include in the newsletter articles of interest from our Chamber Benefits Plan.

Upcoming Newsletter

Do you have an something you would like included in next month's newsletter? Send it to info@tweedchamber.com. I am looking for new and exciting content – stories about local businesses, sales you may be offering in the coming months, or coverage of an event you hosted or attended. Help us make this newsletter the voice of the Tweed Business & Organization Community.

Monthly Board Meetings

Our Board of Directors meets monthly, on the 2nd last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 am. Meetings are usually held at Newton House B&B 246 Colborne St. All are welcome to attend these meetings.

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday April 24th

Contact information

Have a question, or looking for information? We are here to help

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TWEED MEMORIAL PARK
10 AM - 3 PM**

**VENDOR'S VILLAGE
PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS
1ST \$50 2ND \$30 3RD \$20
50/50 DRAW**



For more information on being a vendor or to register your vehicle contact Jennifer at 613-243-7207 or email info@tweedchamber.com