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KELOWNA CHAMBER CELEBRATES SMALL BUSINESS WEEK OCTOBER 12-19 SEES MULTIPLE EVENTS

Kelowna: The Kelowna Chamber of Commerce is celebrating Small Business Week 2018 with four events and one announcement between October 12-19. Small Business Week is a national celebration of Canadian entrepreneurs and their contribution to Canada's economy. The Business Development Bank of Canada has been organizing Small Business Week since 1979. It takes place every year during the third full week of October.

- First, a Governance Training Workshop Saturday October 13: a must-have for Board Directors or CEOs offering essential strategies and best practices. (SOLD OUT)
- Second, on Tuesday October 16th the Chamber will announce its coveted "Business Leader of the Year" award, to be presented Wednesday October 24th at the Business Excellence Awards Gala Evening at the Delta Grand.
- Third, a lunchtime workshop Tuesday October 16th at the Chamber: "How Mindfulness Reduces Chronic Stress" presented by Healthy Transitions Consulting.
- Fourth, a Chamber luncheon Wednesday, October 17th at the Coast Capri – an informative and lively session on the pros and cons of Proportional Representation. Official funded spokespeople for each side, Bill Tieleman, NDP Strategist (no) and Marina Dobrinskaya, (yes) will trade views at the luncheon.
- Fifth, our monthly Commerce ConneX Thursday October 18th from 5-7pm with the new owners of Sunshine Pools & Spas on Springfield Road. A chance to celebrate change, meet other business people and share news and gossip of the month.

Carmen Sparg, President of the Kelowna Chamber says, "Chambers across the country celebrate small businesses during this week with events, workshops, and social media posts. The events help spotlight the role the 1.3 million small businesses in Canada play in our economy: 98% of Canadian businesses are small to medium-sized."

From Ottawa, the Honourable Mary Ng, Minister of Small Business and Export Promotion commented, "We're working hard to make it as easy as possible for Canadian small businesses to succeed. This includes reducing the small business tax rate to 9 per cent – one of the lowest in the world, and lowest in the G7 – and providing opportunities for small businesses to start up, scale up and access new markets." Ng is traversing the country during Small Business Week to celebrate with a range of business owners and Chambers.

For more information visit www.kelownachamber.org/events

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