

Our Community's FUTURE



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A PASSION FOR GREAT FOOD

Sunny Deli, owned by **Rostik and Anna**, is a delicious gem located in the heart of the growing Townsite Market.

The new deli offers amazing charcuterie boards, a wide variety of high-quality cheeses (50 wheels of cheese!), quality meats, dairy products, and desserts. These, together with outstanding, freshly made to order sandwiches and great customer service make for a delightful shopping experience.

It was a beautiful summer sunset evening, when Townsite Market friends Martin (Townsite Fruit & Veg) and Colleen (Hearth & Grain) got together with Rostik and Anna who wanted to choose their own path by starting their own business. Their passion for great food sparked the idea of a deli in the Townsite Market, making it a one-stop shopping experience.

Rostik and Anna are friendly, helpful, and open to discovering what their customers truly love.

“One thing that excites us is when we see our customers leaving the store happy or saying, ‘OMG, I could only see these cheeses in Europe 10 years ago.’ That is a great result for us!” says Rostik.

Sunny Deli works directly with local Powell River and BC producers, as well as with great Canadian and European suppliers. No wonder everyone is raving about them!

“The Community Futures team provided excellent help from the beginning of the process until getting the project going!” says Anna. “We can’t imagine that Sunny Deli would be alive if not for the team of Community Futures. Keith was extremely helpful and knowledgeable about all aspects of starting the business. He guided us throughout the process and he advised us on every step.”

So next time you want a tasty treat go to Sunny Deli, located on the upper level in the Townsite Market. 🌿

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Our business clients



qathet art + wares

Karen Skadsheim and Evelyn Russell



Congratulations to **qathet art + wares** on their first anniversary! This neighborhood art supply store is 100% locally owned and operated by artists **Karen Skadsheim** and **Evelyn Russell**, who are passionate about their business of providing fabulous products to the art community.

This vibrant art supply store is sure to inspire all, from the long-time experts to the budding new artist and everyone creative in between. Bring your next art project to life with a wide range of quality art supplies that will surely cover everything you will need as well as some fun kits for kids, sketchpads, paper, canvases, and paints (acrylic, watercolour, oils), and specialty brushes. An owner's favourite is the lovely palettes from Beam Paints, which are handmade paints placed in reclaimed pine blocks.

If you are looking for inspiration, look no further than qathet art + wares for your next project!

Quality art supplies and thoughtful things in the qathet region, and another great shop local experience. Located in the Ecosentials Market with plenty of parking. **CONTACT:** qa-w.ca | (604) 413-6830 | create@qa-w.ca

SITKA HD MECHANICAL LTD. *Ian Shaw*



Ian Shaw of **Sitka HD Mechanical Ltd.** offers mobile repairs, servicing and trouble shooting on equipment and heavy trucks, specializing in road building and logging equipment.

Ian was born and raised in Powell River and has worked as a mechanic in the forest industry since 2006. He decided now was a

good time to give running his own business a shot, as the economy has been very strong, and our not-so-little town is really booming.

"I decided to go into business to have the ability to control my schedule to some extent, and for the challenge," says Ian. "The most rewarding part of running my own business is getting out what you put in. You only have yourself to hold accountable if it is successful or not.

"Dealing with the staff at Community Futures was a very straight forward process with no fine print. Keith was never pushy and I truly felt like he was there to help."

In the future, Ian is hoping to have a shop space with one or two employees to take on bigger projects such as rebuilds and refits. **CONTACT:** (604) 414-4013 [f @Sitka-HD-Mechanical-LTD-110984111428207](https://www.facebook.com/Sitka-HD-Mechanical-LTD-110984111428207)

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GAMBLE ENTERPRISES LTD

Jim Gamble



At **Gamble Enterprises Ltd**, **Jim Gamble** starts his workday before sunrise and loves the awesome views, wildlife, as well as being his own boss. Jim is a red seal heavy-duty mechanic with over 30 years of experience in logging and truck driving.

When it came to launching Gamble Enterprises in early 2021, Audrey advised Jim to just pull the trigger and do it, start your own business. So, he went ahead and bought a truck—his dream truck that he had been building in his head for over 20 years.

Recently, Jim made his first upgrade by adding a new loader. He can now haul logs up to 100ft. He keeps customizing and building accessories for it, like a specialized bunk to haul shorter (20-40ft) logs as well as culvert pipes.

"Modern changes in forestry have made my life more versatile and self-sufficient, as I am able to load and unload without waiting for a crew," says Jim. "I'm so glad I went ahead with my business, as we are doing quite well and – at the end of the day – it's quite rewarding to see what we have built together." **CONTACT:** (604) 414-4013 [f @Sitka-HD-Mechanical-LTD-110984111428207](https://www.facebook.com/Sitka-HD-Mechanical-LTD-110984111428207)



ORA LEATHER GOODS + ARO CUSTOM MOTORCYCLE UPHOLSTERY *Randi Obenauer*



Randi Obenauer is passionate about leatherwork and owns not one but two complementary businesses. **Ora Leather Goods** focuses on handmade leather bags and accessories, and **Aro Custom Motorcycle Upholstery** offers hand-crafted motorcycle seats. Business has been great, and her new standalone workshop will give her the space to expand her Ora product line and create more exciting custom motorcycle work for Aro.

Formally trained in fashion, upholstery, and design, Randi found her niche with Ora in 2006 and then with Aro, created in 2010. Randi's love for her work is reflected in her signature collections, celebrating the natural beauty of the leather combined with fine detailing and gorgeous stitch work.

"I have honed my upholstery career into doing what I love," says Randi. "And finding that balance of work and play in nature, being with my son and our dog, has been the most rewarding part of owning my own business. It allows me the flexibility to set my own hours."

"Working with Community Futures has honestly been a dream. Feeling like my business is valuable, successful, and has the ability to thrive, is an incredible feeling. Keith offered more than financial mentorship, his support and enthusiasm for my project was so encouraging!"

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GORDON BROS CONTRACTING *Jessie and Phillip Gordon*

Gordon Bros Contracting owners **Jessie and Phillip Gordon** were born and raised in Powell River. They have a combined 20+ years of valuable experience working in the road construction industry.

"Both of us started working for the same company back in 2010 doing asphalt paving and underground utilities," says Jessie. They worked their way up the ladder in the company, where Jessie became the foreman and Phillip the main machine operator.

However, they found that for the past ten years, they worked three-quarters of the year out of town, and it was time for a change. Staying close to home was the main reason for branching out on their own.

"One of the most rewarding parts of owning our own business is being able to spend that extra time with our family and friends," says the pair.

"Community Futures was a huge help in order to get our business started," says Gordon. "Our experience working with Keith on our business plan was a big help in order for us to move forward with securing funding for startup cost."

Gordon Bros Contracting has been up and running since November 2022. Since then, they have not stopped working and the rest of the year continues to look very busy.

Gordon Bros Contracting offers excavation services, specializing in underground utilities, water, sewer and storm mains along with services for new developments. They also offer road preparation for asphalt or concrete prep work and sidewalks/curbs.



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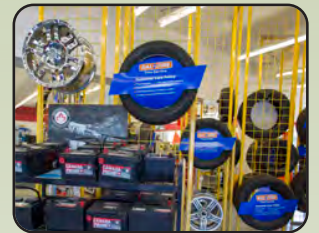
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