

Our Community's FUTURE



YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR SUCCESS



TOWNSITE MARKET

Martin Williams of Townsite Fruit & Veg

came to Powell River to escape the big city and be closer to the great outdoors. On moving here, his first question was, "Where's the fruit and veg store?" We didn't have one, so Martin opened Townsite Fruit & Veg, an affordable fresh fruit, vegetables, and plant-based foods market, supporting local producers and operating with the smallest environmental footprint possible.

"Starting a business will consume more hours of the day than you can imagine," says Martin. "Taking small moments for your own well-being, even a few hours, makes a huge difference in your ability to weather the intensity."



Do a business plan, Martin advises. Work through the numbers and variables, look at different 'what if' scenarios and know how

everything is affected.

"Working with Community Futures has been a simple and stress-free process. They know what their purpose is and have a good understanding of what business needs and how to move things forward."

Community Futures also assisted Martin with a term loan for operating cash flow, which would otherwise not be available through regular banking channels.

Townsite Fruit & Veg plans to expand its product lines soon. Visit them at Townsite Market, 5831 Ash Ave., 604.828.4215, townsitefruitnveg@gmail.com.

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Community Futures Powell River offers financing and advisory services for small businesses and entrepreneurs in our community.



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Colleen McClean is the owner, Operator, baker, brewer - you name it - at Townsite Market's **Hearth & Grain**.

Opened in summer 2019, Hearth & Grain goods are made by hand, baked on a stone hearth and produced with love. Using organic flour and heritage grains, these products harken to days of old.

"We have started simply," says Colleen. "With 12 products (four breads, four pastries and four cookies), but we will soon start to expand our product line, such as our delicious spicy house-fermented ginger beer."

"My job is to make tasty things. I take that job very seriously," Colleen says with a cheeky smile.

She advises, "When opening a business, have three times more money than you think you need. Have plans B, C, D and E if things don't go well with plan A and have great patience. Keep looking for ways to diversify income streams."

"Joanne and Allison at Community Futures were great, helping with my business plan, financial advice and support. They pushed me to answer hard questions, guiding me in doing the work."

For evolving tasty treats and beverages, stay tuned. Hearth & Grain is on the lower floor of the Townsite Market, info@hearthandgrain.ca.

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Our business clients

ALL THE MUSHROOMS

Jason Leane



Jason Leane of All the Mushrooms sells fresh mushrooms, cultures/clones, kits and growing supplies locally and internationally. He currently grows oyster and shiitake mushrooms, with lion's mane and maitake coming later this year.

When he was ready to expand, he came to Community Futures for a loan that enabled him to purchase enough climate control to grow cold-weather species year-round as well as DNA sequencing equipment.

Jason has a science background, which has been an asset with lab work involved in growing mushroom.

Jason will bring his expertise and practical experience to his discussion on mushroom genetics at the Mushroom Festival this November, and plans to offer mushroom growing workshops in the future. 🍄

allthemushrooms.com



ALOPEX COURIERS Shawn & Sherill Bateham



Shawn Bateham (CEO) and his wife Sherill Bateham of Aloplex Couriers, are a family-owned contract and sub-contracting courier company throughout BC.

Aloplex Couriers started in 2011 with only three main drivers, Shawn and Sherill being two of them. They now have 80 employees!

“Our industry is constantly evolving; Community Futures offered courses, helping us gain knowledge in the business world.”

The most rewarding and meaningful

aspect of Aloplex Couriers is the strong team they have established. Always thinking outside of the box to find solutions, this is where their team really comes together.

“We truly care about our employees, the companies we work for, and of course the customers. For Aloplex this means **Stand tall** for yourself, **Stand proud** for the customers, **Stand together** for the company.” 🍄

alopexcouriers.com



WILD NIGHTS CREATIONS

Karamia Davis & Samantha Sherman

Karamia Davis and Samantha Sherman of Wild Nights Creations make unique bath and beauty products packaged in eco-friendly packaging.

As business owners living with disabilities, having jobs that work within their hours and means is incredibly important. They have found the flexibility and creativity of being entrepreneurs inspiring. They are thriving as business partners, encouraging each the other to grow and succeed.

The most rewarding part of their business is knowing that they are part of the solution to reduce plastics and improve the environment.

They have found working with Community Futures has been a great



experience; “we wouldn't have had the opportunities we have now if it hadn't been for the investment of Community Futures. We got some great advice from Allison to begin with that helped us to finish our business plan and give our business clear direction.” 🍄 (604)414-9531

wildnightscreations.com



PR SPORT & FITNESS SOCIETY

Igor Skobkarev was keen to bring year-round tennis to Powell River, and achieved that goal in 2017, opening an indoor tennis facility. With two standard tennis courts, the facility is run by a non-profit organization, the Powell River Sport and Fitness Society.

Players range from 4-year-olds making their first steps on the court, to retired seniors and Junior National level players. Coaches and instructors are Tennis Canada certified and provide a high quality, fun experience.

“We love introducing kids to tennis, seeing them running to start hitting that fuzzy ball,” says Igor. “Tennis is a great sport, one of the best for improving human longevity.”

This year, Community Futures provided



support for new upgrades, including a tennis warmup/conditioning area and table tennis.

“It has been a great pleasure to work with Community Futures. The application process is straightforward and easy to work through and the people of CF are fantastic.”

604.223.8704 prtennis.ca 

POWELL RIVER PHYSIOTHERAPY

Kevin Turpin

Physiotherapist Kevin Turpin felt that this year was the right time to open his own business, Powell River Physiotherapy, a bright clinic offering a full physical therapy gym.

“I wanted to create a space where I could provide excellent customer service, bring a more modern approach to physiotherapy in Powell River,” he says. “I have a wonderful team.”

Kevin believes in lifelong education and professional development. His extensive knowledge in manual therapy, exercise prescription, and chronic pain management is a benefit to his clients.

“I could not have opened Powell River



Physiotherapy without the guidance of Community Futures. Allison was very helpful, encouraging and supportive of my desires to open my own clinic. We worked together for months to build a business plan.”

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GREAT BALLS OF WOOL *Roisin Sheehy-Culhane*



Roisin Sheehy-Culhane, owner of Great Balls of Wool, offers a full experience venue!

“With the store open I found that I could also teach, and create unique designs. I believe in the creative process of knitting as well as the therapeutic values.”

She doesn't get caught up by newly-hyped products and the multitude of choices that

SOLUTIONS ORGANIZING SIMPLE *Ranka Burzan*



Ranka Burzan is a professional organizer, cleaner, coach, public speaker, and motivational writer who has been in business for over 16 years. She moved to Powell River to expand and explore her market, where she connected with Community Futures; “In one place you will get resources, encouragement and friendly guidance from Allison Boulanger and her team.”

The timing was right for her to develop and introduce “Old Country Clean”, her non-toxic, all-natural biodegradable green cleaning products, as Ranka has always been concerned about her clients and their pets' exposure to harmful cleaning substances.

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online stores can provide. No small business can match them.

“Community Futures has been competent and very supportive through my recent interactions with them. I find their staff comfortable and straight forward to deal with and invaluable to my business”

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Our New Executive Director

Allison Boulanger has taken on the position of Executive Director at Community Futures Powell River.

Allison is passionate about our community and the success of small business. With over 36 years in the financial industry, including small business banker, she has the knowledge to assist clients from start-up to expansion.

"I look forward to working with future and present businesses and local partners with a focus on local economic projects, developing local economy and creating employment within the Powell River Region.

Contact Allison today to discuss your small business start-up or expansion ideas, 604.485.7901 or allison@prfutures.ca.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: Allison with Cindy Babyn, Texada Chamber of Commerce; meeting the new owners of 32 Lakes Coffee; ginger beer at Townsite Market; Allison out and about; visiting Aero Design at Okeover.



BUSINESS FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Community Futures Powell River in partnership with the City of Powell River is pleased to provide design services, loans and a one-time grant program to assist with the upgrade of street facing business façades. Starting with Marine Avenue, the program has plans to expand within the City of Powell River. Please contact Community Futures Powell River for additional information, 604.485.7901.

4722 Marine Ave



4698 Marine Ave



ON THE MOVE

"Community Futures has helped me enormously. They have been instrumental in the expansion and development of my business."

—ROB REED,
Rockit Music & Rockit Fuel Coffee