



Weekly Window Vol.2

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Mission Statement:

"To promote small business in general and specifically to aid, enhance and motivate each other in our respective business enterprises. Our desire is to expand the knowledge and personal network base of each and every one of our members and to make them better at what they do."

A Moving Presentation



Wayne Keeler, Sales Manager, explains the intricacies when shopping for a mover

Moving can be one of the most stressful, intense, organizational nightmares any household can encounter. It involves picking up your entire life, and moving it to another location.

Wayne Keeler, Sales Manger for Ferguson Moving and Storage, knows and understands this feeling of stress homeowners and renters feel when they must move.

Verticals:

Accounting/Finance

Banking

Brokerage (Mortgage, securities)

Building Inspection

Business Services

Cleaning Services

Communications, Marketing (Advertising, Design, Sales)

Computer H/ware

Construction

Counseling

Database Mktg

Home Renovation

Human Resources (Social Engineering)

Insurance (Life, Asset)

Medical (Holistic, Therapeutic)

Non-profit

Office Mgmt.

Real Estate (Investment, Sales/buying)

Retail

Software

Special Event Mktg.

Ferguson Moving and Storage has been incorporated since 1916, and is now part of the Mayflower Moving family. This developed a synergy between moving across town to moving across North America, creating a full-service mover/agent relationship for their clients.

Ferguson offers a variety of storage facilities to meet the varying needs of the community at large. From a 7000 square foot building, used periodically as a movie set, to a 20,000 square foot facility with 300 portable containers for on-site storage, Ferguson offers variety, convenience and service.

Mini storage for those in transition is also one of Ferguson's specialties. Their facility offers 12500 square foot storage, subdivided into cubicles to meet the needs of those who have sold their homes, and have moved to temporary rental homes while they continue to hunt to buy a new home, or are waiting for closure, a common occurrence in today's ever expanding real estate market.

While your furniture is in transit and in storage, it is wrapped with blankets, and the blankets remain with the furniture until unpacked, unlike many of the "price movers".

Wayne offered comprehensive advice on shopping for a mover:

- Research potential movers through the Better Business Bureau to look into their past record
- Be cognizant of price, of course, but don't fall for the "cheap deal"; they often work out costing more
- Your cost is averaged over three main variables; distance(includes from and to their office), weight, and time
- Be organized; pack your boxes of small goods in advance and have at the ready in a corner, preferably the main (ground) level or foyer.
- Book in advance, and confirm your appointment.
- Get all agreements and insurance in writing. In fact, confer with your insurer as to the best moving insurance available.
- Be aware that the moving business is seasonal; summertime and end of the month are the busy time, and the hardest to book.
- Be aware that Liquor store boxes, as convenient as they are, are not the best choice. Generally they are a single use design and may fail. Also, they are less than standard size, than the moving industry average and can cost you on time (smaller box, equals more boxes, equals more time to load and unload)

Wayne also provided some additional caveats along with these points:

The Cheap Deal:

Wayne often receives calls from distraught families whose moving company failed to appear on the day of the move. If they even get an excuse, often it's "the truck is unavailable/broke down". Simply put, they got a better offer, and your "cheap deal" is now no longer their priority.

Insurance Coverage:

While your furniture is in your home, your homeowners' insurance protects you. Once loaded on a truck, furniture becomes freight, making it subject to the Freight Act. This means that freight is valued and covered up to 60cents/pound. This makes talking to your moving agent and your insurance agent all the more important to make sure you have the coverage you are comfortable with.

Wayne is dedicated to make sure your next move, across town or across north America, is as smooth as possible, and will even provide a pamphlet providing you with statistical information and important contact numbers in your new town.

For help with your next personal or corporate move, or additional information, please contact Wayne Keeler at Ferguson Moving and Storage, at 604.604.922.2212, or info@fergusonmoving.com.

Guests:

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Next Meeting:

Wednesday July 16, 2006 TO BE ANNOUNCED

Announcements:

Bulletin:

As many of you know, Neil Hamilton, President is attempting to make arrangements for us to join the North Vancouver Chamber /Caribbean Days Pancake Breakfast this coming Wednesday morning.

At press time, we had nine confirmations from Members. Neil will be contacting Wayne McIntyre, Chamber president, to see if we can be accommodated and to receive special member pricing.

Once confirmed, Neil will be sending out a bulletin by email announcing the suspension of our regular meeting, and the temporary move to the Hurricane Grill for this meeting.

Members wishing to join us at the Chamber breakfast are asked to let Neil know as soon as possible so the Chamber can be informed of the number of attending members. Details of the event can be found on the Chamber site, or in the Networking Event section below.

The following members wish to send thanks to their fellow members for continued business, referrals, and ongoing projects:

Neil Hamilton, Royal LePage North Shore, thanks **Bryn Hamilton, Investors Group**, for sending a referral that is now active business with **Marion Maysenhoelder of Invis Mortgage Brokers**. He also thanks **Tatsuya Nakagawa, Associate Member**, of **Atomica Creative Group** for a business referral.

Marion Maysenhoelder of Invis Mortgage Brokers is working with **Gerry Scallion of Casey's Home Repair** and **Trudy Gruber of A Clean Sweep**.

Simeon Garriott of PPL is working with **Chuck Brady of Eighty/Twenty** on blog development.

Wayne Keeler of Ferguson Moving thanks **Bailey Jung of Silver Bullet Shredding** for a business referral

Velia Tham of VFK Travel thanks **Amanda Lin of Jigsaw Services** for a referral

NSBSG All-Star Bowling Team shines at Charity Event

An evening of Fun, Charity and Networking was held at REV's Bowling Center on July 11, 2006.

Hosted by the Vancouver Business Networking Forum, and Alex Au-Yeung, the event was organized to provide a venue to bring multiple networking groups together, and to raise funds for the Children's Wish foundation. Over one thousand dollars were raised to their benefit.

Trudy Gruber of A Clean Sweep was our high scorer. Little did we know we had a "ringer" in our midst. **Neil Hamilton, Glenn Duxbury, Gerry Scallion**, and **Bob Rogers** rounded out the NSBSG team.

For our effort, the NSBSG Team won a bottle of wine, and a certificate for a VPN installation, which was raffled at our meeting and won by **Pat Miller of Fairweather Cruises**, and **Bruce Duncan of HealthyNow**, respectively.

Gracious Host: Bikini Fashion Show/Singles Boat Cruise

Alice Zhou of Gracious Host, and Posh Entertainment Inc. are hosting a boat cruise on three consecutive Saturday afternoons on board the M.V. Hornblower.

This singles event will feature a bikini fashion show, music and dancing, and mingling. Games, door prizes, food and beverages are all part of the fun in the sun theme. See the

details below in the networking section, or contact the editor, Norman Accipiter for more information.

Networking Events:

Burnaby Board of Trade

Tuesday August 8, 2006 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m

Networking Breakfast

Executive Hotel Burnaby, 4201 Lougheed Highway.

Early-bird tickets are \$16 for members and \$21 for non-members. After July 4th, tickets will be \$18 for members and \$24 for non-members. All prices are exclusive of GST.

Dunbar Business Circle Networking Group

Monday, July 24, 2006

Guest Speaker: Avrom Digance

"What's Really Behind A Website?"

Owner of VirgoDesign.ca, a local web design company in its third year of business, Avrom's experience with a variety of clients, organizations and design professionals gives him valuable insight into proven web design strategies and how people really understand the web.

TIME: 6pm for supper & networking

COST: \$17, supper included

LOCATION: Cafe Organica

3500 W. 41st Ave. Vancouver

Corner of Collingwood, Near Dunbar Street

Entrepreneurial Success Group

Tuesday July 25/06 – Hawaiian theme

ESN Networking Social Evening: Last Tuesday each month.

Empire Landmark Hotel, 1400 Robson St. 5:30pm – 7:30pm

info@esnorg.org

<http://www.esnorg.org>

Gracious Host Events & Posh Entertainment Inc.

Saturday August 5th, 19th & 26th

“Summer Fun In The Sun Bikini Cruise” Summer Beach Wear Cruise

Location: Hornblower Yacht Charters (foot of Denman, Coal Harbour)

www.hornblower.caDates:

When: Boarding begins at NOON. Boat leaves with or without you at 1pm SHARP!

Time: Cruise is from 1pm till 4pm.

Itinerary: 01:00 – 01:45pm Mingling, Appetizers served

01:45 – 02:30pm Singles/Ice Breaker games

02:30 – 03:00pm Fashion Show & Door Prize Draw

03:00 – 04:00pm Mingling, Dancing, Door prize

Tickets: \$65.00 for Ladies, \$85 for Gents

Includes: Hors d'oeuvres, Desserts, Bikini Fashion Show, Games, Dancing, Door Prizes, goodie bag ... A perfect afternoon of mingling!

Harvest Project “Summer Splash” Charity Gala

Sponsored by Harvest project, Sunshine Cabs, Vancity

Thursday August 24, 2006. Holiday Inn – North Shore

\$100/ticket

Entertainment, Live Auction, Door Prizes including Spa package and “Secret” Celebrity Lunch

Contact Bob Rogers at the Harvest Project, 604.983.9488

North Vancouver Chamber

Caribbean Day Pancake Breakfast

Wednesday, July 19, 2006

7:30am - 9:00am

The North Vancouver Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Trinidad and Tobago Society is hosting a pancake breakfast at the Hurricane Grill to promote Caribbean Days. You will hear and see more about the festival from the organizers, listen to the music and have a great breakfast with a Caribbean flair in the Hurricane Grill replete with the colours and ambience of a Caribbean locale.

Come and join us for this fun-filled event.

Location: Hurricane Grill - 999 Marine Drive

Pricing for this event: Members \$15.00 Non-Members \$20.00

New Members Reception

Location: Lions Gate Studios, 555 Brooksbank Avenue

Thursday, July 20, 2006

New Members Reception

5:00pm - 7:00pm

https://www.nvchamber.ca/ecal_eventregistration.php?EventID=19

Richmond Chamber

Tuesday July 18, 2006 Annual BBQ Luncheon

Come Invent the Future...

Join us pool side at the Best Western Richmond Hotel on Tuesday, July 18th, for the Richmond Chamber of Commerce Annual BBQ Buffet Luncheon!

Summer Networking at it's finest!

11:45am - 1:45pm

Tickets:

\$30.00 Incl. GST Members

\$45.00 Incl. GST Non-Members

Vancouver Business Network Forum

- VBNF Burnaby Chapter - 2nd Tuesday of the month.
- VBNF Vancouver Chapter - 4th Wednesday of month

http://vbnf.com/next_meeting.html

Resource Guide:

Online Business Webinars:

http://main.placeware.com/demos/web_seminar_archive.cfm

Virtual Handshake – online business Book

<http://thevirtualhandshake.com/free-book-download.htm>

<http://vancouver.craigslist.org/>

<http://www.soho.ca/>

<http://www.vef.org/web/EventDetails.asp?ProductID=82>

Chamber events:

http://www.hpmarketing.com/cgi-bin/events_calendar.cgi

Networking Database:

LinkedIn Resources: SONI Canada
<http://www.atomicacreative.com/sonicanada.html>
<https://www.linkedin.com/home>

Job Boards:

<http://charityvillage.com/>,
<http://working.canada.com/vancouver/index.html>
<http://jb-ge.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/>, <http://regionalhelpwanted.com/home/167.htm?sn=167>

Wage Subsidy Program (& Job Board)

FutureWorks

<http://fwt.bc.ca/>

Social / Event Management:

<http://gracioushost.ca/>, www.perfectday.ca, www.tgifbc.com,
<http://fairweathercruises.com/>

Urban Legends Reference Page:

<http://www.snopes.com/>

Yellow Pages Business Finder:

<http://www.yellowpages.ca/searchBusiness.do>