

## October Mayneliner

The transition from a busy summer to a more relaxed fall season has occurred and it's time to pull out your cozy sweaters and blankets. We at the Chamber hope that you had a great summer, whether it was on island, or as a tourist exploring other wonderful destinations.

Membership time is upon us, with invoices being sent out October 15<sup>th</sup> this year. The deadline for new memberships or renewals will be November 15<sup>th</sup>. We have done some investigating and it appears that we will be able to accept e-transfers this year. This is a great option because few, if any, fees are involved. Details are still being ironed out, so expect to see information in an email closer to the invoice date. We will be sending invoices out through Square (email), so paying with a credit card is also an option. The downside to this method being fees associated with Square are costs that the Chamber must absorb. Cheques are also welcomed.

If you're curious about joining the Chamber, check out our website page: <https://www.mayneislandchamber.ca/membership.html>. Different levels of memberships and associated benefits are explained here, and you can also download a membership form. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at [executiveofficer@mayneislandchamber.ca](mailto:executiveofficer@mayneislandchamber.ca)

Also in the works is the annual Spaghetti Dinner. It is scheduled for 6pm on November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Community Centre. Sue Duncan will be cooking up delicious delights and there will also be wine by the glass for purchase.

The focus of this year's dinner will be different than past dinners. Instead of an update on current tourism projects, this year's focus will be a community discussion on what the Chamber can do to help the community improve its infrastructure. With the increase in tourism, some growing pains have been observed when serving both tourists and locals alike. Examples of ideas raised for the Chamber to champion (either with funds, lobbying, or both) are: rumble strips at the school's playground zone, trails, road shoulders, benches/shelters at car stops, garbage cans/removal, parking, and road conditions. Look for an online survey gauging your interest in these various projects. Results will be announced at the dinner, with opportunity for discussion. We do ask that you RSVP to the dinner at [executiveofficer@mayneislandchamber.ca](mailto:executiveofficer@mayneislandchamber.ca). A reminder for this will be in the next Mayneliner as well.

Lastly, our Welcome Bag program has been booming and we are requesting supplies from member businesses. If you have anything to contribute to this bag, which is given to newcomers to the island, please let Sue Duncan know (250-539-3640).

Well, it's time for this writer to go curl up in a cozy quilt with a warm drink. Have a great October and a Happy Halloween. If you see two child sized ducks walking around Halloween night, it will mean that #1, I got my act together and figured out costumes, and #2, that our family has gone a bit quackers. Cheers!