



**Bay St. George**  
**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

# *Membership Package* *2025*



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### **Our Mission**

The mission of the Bay St. George Chamber of Commerce and its members is to promote economic development within the region and create a positive business climate.

The vision of the BSGCC is to be the leading organization for business development, through the promotion of partnerships, business innovation and support services to achieve prosperity for the Bay St. George Region.

The Chamber prides itself on working for the betterment of the Bay St. George Region. Together with the support of local citizens and the business community, we can help secure the economic future of Bay St. George.

### **What Is the Bay St. George Chamber of Commerce?**

The Bay St. George Chamber of Commerce is an organization made up of progressive and forward planning citizens and businesses that combine their efforts and time to ensure the economic growth of the Bay St. George Region. The BSGCC works to create an atmosphere that continues to develop the region as an area where people want to live and where they want to conduct business.

The BSGCC can boast a membership representing a wide variety of business, government, service organizations and individuals. Our administrative office is in the W.E. Cormack Development Centre in Stephenville. However, the economic region encompasses Bay St. George, from Highlands to Port au Port West and including the Port au Port Peninsula.

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## **History of the Bay St. George Chamber of Commerce**

Before the formation of the Chamber of Commerce, a Businessmen Association initially represented Stephenville's business community. However, the Businessmen Association was limited in that their membership was restricted to business alone. Realizing the increasing need for broader representation in the area, Stephenville residents set forth to form a local chapter of the Chamber of Commerce.

The BSGCC would operate differently from that of Business Associations and would encourage membership from a broader spectrum of citizens in the area. Associates, corporations, societies, firms, or individual citizens concerned about the overall social and economic welfare of the Bay St. George Region were considered eligible for membership.

In 1955, Mr. Leo Bruce, using the services of a field worker from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce as well as several Stephenville residents, formed the Stephenville Chamber of Commerce - the first chartered Chamber of Commerce in Newfoundland.

The popularity of the Chamber of Commerce quickly grew and spread across the province, which led the Businessmen's Association to eventually change over to the Chamber of Commerce.

The history of the BSGCC is rich in the spirit of true enterprise. The focus has always been to encourage and promote the economic growth and prosperity of the region.

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### **Goals and Objectives**

The Bay St. George Chamber of Commerce have established many goals and objectives they follow for the benefit of businesses and the community.

1. To create, sustain and reinforce relationships among business, the community, and other Chambers by:
  - Partnering with other organizations whose objectives are compatible with those of the Chamber.
  - Providing a platform for networking among business.
2. To participate in the development of public policy as it affects economic growth and development of the Bay St. George Region by providing a voice on important issues through active membership.

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### **Benefits of Becoming a Member**

Through the strength of its members, the BSGCC acts as a remarkable concentration of resources from which new ideas are created and potential business opportunities are identified.

In keeping with promoting progressive initiatives, the BSGCC:

- Encourages members to participate in luncheons, seminars, and workshops.
- Provides a means by which views may be voiced on local developments and programs that may affect regional businesses.
- Serves as a unified voice for business to government and actively participates in meetings with municipal, provincial, and federal officials.
- Provides an active voice in important community issues.
- Maintains memberships with the NLCC (NL Chamber of Commerce) and the APCC (Atlantic Provinces Chamber of Commerce).

### **As well, Members of the BSGCC:**

- Have an opportunity to serve on committees that deal directly with community issues.
- Receive special merchant rates for both Visa and MasterCard.
- Receive reduced rates for participation in the Chamber activities, including the annual Bay Expo Trade Show, Golf Tournament, and other Chamber events.
- Have access to the Chamber of Commerce Group Insurance Plan.
- Have a link to the BSGCC website.

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# Bay St. George CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Membership Information Form

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It is important to us to have the most accurate and up-to-date information possible for our members. Please fill out the following information and return it to us by email: ( [yit@1955bsgcoc.ca](mailto:yit@1955bsgcoc.ca) ) by fax (709-643-6398), or by mail (35 Carolina Avenue, Stephenville, NL, A2N 3P8).

Name of Organization/Individual:

Name of Primary Contact:

Address:

Phone:

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Indicate Type of Membership:

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|  | Individual (Student) | \$10  |
|  | Individual (Retired) | \$25  |
|  | Individual (General) | \$60  |
|  | 1-5 Employees        | \$100 |
|  | 6-25 Employees       | \$125 |
|  | 26-75 Employees      | \$160 |
|  | 76-150 Employees     | \$230 |
|  | 151+ Employees       | \$500 |

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