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SPRING INTO LOCAL – NEW MEMBERS, NEW ENERGY!

March has brought fresh momentum to the Eastern Charlotte region with the arrival of vibrant new members, exciting community contributions, and continued support for our local business landscape. In this issue, we shine a spotlight on Alicia and Ryan MacDonald—owners of Hollows Golf Club, The Rouxbarb, and Encompass Contractors—and welcome them to the Chamber family. We’re also proud to feature longtime community leader and Chamber Director, Mary Craig, whose dedication continues to shape our region.

**Anchored in community,
growing with purpose**



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MEMBER SPOT LIGHT: THE HOLLOWES GOLF CLUB, THE ROUXBARB, ENCOMPASS CONTRACTORS



★ Member Spotlight: Alicia & Ryan MacDonald

We are thrilled to welcome Alicia and Ryan MacDonald as new members of our chamber community. As the dynamic duo behind Hollows Golf Club, The Rouxbarb, and Encompass Contractors, they bring a wealth of entrepreneurial spirit and a deep commitment to community development.

At Hollows Golf Club, they have created a premier destination for golf enthusiasts, offering pristine fairways and a welcoming atmosphere. The Rouxbarb stands out as a culinary gem, delighting patrons with innovative dishes that celebrate local flavors. Through Encompass Contractors, they have contributed to numerous projects that enhance our region's infrastructure and aesthetic appeal.

Beyond their business ventures, Alicia and Ryan are passionate about giving back. Their initiatives have supported local charities, youth programs, and community events, making a tangible difference in the lives of many. Their dedication exemplifies the values we cherish, and we look forward to the positive impact they will continue to make.

THE ROUXBARB

AT THE HOLLOWES

EC | ENCOMPASS CONTRACTORS

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS- MARCH 2025

FUNDY NORTH FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION



THE HOLLOWES GOLF CLUB



THE ROUXBARB



ENCOMPASS CONTRACTORS



ST. GEORGE PHARMACY



KATE BOYD, CPA Grand Manan

Please join us in welcoming our new members!

We're excited to have them with us and look forward to building strong partnerships together!



Reminder. If your dues are still outstanding, please submit them at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your attention to this matter

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2-21 Main St. - St. George, NB

Board Director: Mary Craig

Mary Craig is a familiar and respected face in St. George. For 16 years, she owned the Country Market on Main Street—a business with roots dating back to the 1930s. Under her ownership, the store was renovated and expanded, growing into a popular destination for natural foods, in-house bakery and deli lunches, gift baskets, and giftware. Since selling the business in 2010, Mary has remained active in the community, volunteering her time and expertise on several local boards, including CBDC Charlotte-Kings, Charlotte County Adult Learning, Hospice of Charlotte, and the Eastern Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. Mary's dedication to local business and community growth continues to make her a valued member of our board.



**Director
Mary Craig**

Upcoming events - Save the date!



AGM & Networking Mixer You're Personal Invitation!

May 1st
5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
St. George Curling Club
18 Marsh Lane St. George, NB

Light Food **Registration Link:**
Cash Bar <https://forms.gle/G2xeCUFRxxp3hJmx8>
Register by April 17th

Guest Speakers:



Open Board Seats

**Step Up and Shape
Tomorrow's Vision, Where
Networking and
Conversations Lead to a
Stronger Community**

[Nominate/ballot link](#)
by April 17



EASTERN CHARLOTTE AND AREA
COFFEE & CONVERSATION
MAY 13TH @ 11 A.M. @ THE ROUXBARB



WOMAN IN BUSINESS
Join Mary Craig and I for
Coffee & Conversation
Tuesday, May 13th
11 a.m. at the Rouxbarb

Let's connect, share
insights, enjoy good
fellowship & mentorship!

Who will join us?
Drop in, don't be shy, it
will be fun!

**Join us for our 2nd
Coffee & Conversation
Women in Business
Gathering, Connecting,
Sharing & Mentoring**

Hope you can make it!

Building a stronger network together for an improved Eastern Charlotte Business Community

Upcoming events - Save the date! *con't*



The Future of Business Awaits

Southwest
BUSINESS
Summit
2025

May 27th - May 28th
The Algonquin Resort, St. Andrews NB

DO NOT miss the largest Southwest Region Business Summit!

[Registration Link](#)

*As we continue to build and strengthen our chamber, we know that the heart of our success lies in the connections we create. Our community thrives when we come together, share opportunities, and support one another. Now more than ever, your involvement can help us grow stronger. By inviting others to join our network, you're not only expanding our reach, but also enhancing the collective impact we can make. Together, we can create an even more vibrant, supportive, and successful community. **Let's keep the momentum going—invite a business, a colleague, or a friend to our upcoming events and lets give them the opportunity to become a part of this exciting journey. The more we grow, the more we all succeed!***

Community Strength: Navigating Tariffs and Supporting Local

Supporting Local in Challenging Times

With rising concerns over tariffs and political tensions, it's more important than ever to support our local businesses. We've seen strong messages in our community—"Canada is not for sale," "We will never be the 51st state," and more recently "Elbows up"—reflecting the pride and resilience of Canadians, especially when it comes to protecting our economy and way of life. As we face these challenges, let's stand together and remember that shopping local and supporting local businesses is one of the most effective ways to safeguard our community. When you shop locally, you're not just supporting a business—you're helping keep the heart of our community strong.

Here are a few ways to show support:

- **Buy local products:** Look for Canadian-made goods and services that help keep our economy vibrant. (where you can, when you can, if you can)
- **Promote local businesses:** Share your favorite spots with friends and family or on social media.
- **Engage with your local Chamber:** Stay connected with us for updates, resources, and opportunities to strengthen our local economy.

We will continue to keep you updated on developments that affect our businesses, and we are here to support you. Atlantic chamber updates: <https://www.atlanticchamber.ca/>

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