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**Comox Valley Chamber Policy Database**

1. Provincial Policy Positions

Policy 11 – Sustainable Aviation Fuel Takes Flight *(Richmond Chamber)*

* Position: Supported by Comox Valley Chamber.
* Rationale: Advocates aligning BC’s 2028 SAF mandate with realistic domestic supply schedules and incentivizing local production. Relevant to Comox Valley’s tourism and business connectivity via air travel.
* Ongoing Work: Supporting in BC Chamber & coordinating correspondence with provincial officials highlighting regional relevance.
* Media & Coverage: Featured in Comox Valley Chamber’s July 30 press release summarizing AGM resolutions.

Policy 34 – Intranasal Naloxone Access *(Delta Chamber)*

* Position: Supported by Comox Valley Chamber.
* Rationale: Enhances workplace safety through expanded access to nasal spray naloxone, especially in high-risk sectors like construction, which is significant locally.
* Ongoing Work: Advocacy with BC Chamber network and local stakeholders; inclusion in Chamber communications and provincial briefings.
* Media & Coverage: Press release from the Comox Valley Chamber (July 30); ongoing regional media coverage on opioid crisis and naloxone access.

2. Emerging Federal Policy Position

Inclusion of Resort Communities in RCIP *(Revelstoke Chamber; supported by Comox Valley Chamber)*

* Position: Signed supporter.
* Rationale: Seeks to expand the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (RNIP) to include tourism-dependent resort communities. Supports workforce retention in sectors like hospitality, trades, and healthcare. Aligns with Comox Valley’s year-round tourism economy.
* Ongoing Work: Active in CCC policy consultation; attending Canadian Chamber AGM in Mississauga (October 2025) to support adoption.
* Media & Coverage: Internal discussions underway; public positioning planned for fall 2025.

3. Local Advocacy & Research Initiatives

Small Business BC Closure:

<https://www.comoxvalleyrecord.com/business/letter-comox-valley-chamber-responds-to-small-business-bc-bankruptcy-7696800>

Business Climate Survey – City of Courtenay & Town of Comox (2024–2026)

* Position: Project lead (Comox Valley Chamber).
* Rationale: Informs municipal government and economic development strategies based on real-time feedback from local business owners.
* Ongoing Work: Active survey data collection and reporting to Courtenay and Comox; three-year engagement strategy. Report on our website [here.](https://comoxvalleychamber.com/municipal-business-initiative)
* Media & Coverage: Featured in Chamber newsletters and presented to city officials. Featured in CV Record News <https://www.comoxvalleyrecord.com/business/comox-valley-chamber-of-commerce-launches-business-survey-7634353>

<https://www.facebook.com/cityofcourtenay/posts/the-comox-valley-chamber-of-commerce-wants-to-hear-from-you-the-municipal-busine/969910838505459/>

Rural Business Survey – Area C (2024- ongoing)

* Position: Lead organization under Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP).
* Rationale: Identified challenges and opportunities for rural businesses in Black Creek, Dove Creek, Merville, Saratoga Beach, and surrounding communities.
* Ongoing Work: Transitioned from research phase to action phase, now delivering workshops and direct support at Black Creek Community Centre.
* Media & Coverage: Coverage from Comox Valley Record and MyComoxValleyNow; ongoing promotion of rural business programming through Chamber channels. <https://www.comoxvalleyrecord.com/news/comox-valley-chamber-launches-rural-business-initiative-to-understand-business-conditions-7494712>
* <https://www.comoxvalleyrecord.com/business/comox-valley-chamber-receives-over-73k-to-support-rural-business-growth-8025875>
* Documentation: Report and results published on Chamber website [here.](https://comoxvalleychamber.com/rural-business-initiative)