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Land Division Committee Virtual Meeting

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Tuesday, January 11, 2022

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Dialogue with Dan - Annual Mayor's State of the City Address (Oshawa Chamber of Commerce)

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 11 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Join the Chamber as we hear from City of Oshawa Mayor, Dan Carter as he discusses what the City can expect f rom 2022!

BACD Business Fundamentals: Business Planning

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 11 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

In this session, you will work on a roadmap for your business. Presented by a BACD advisor we will work thro ugh each step with you, so you leave with an outline of plan you can implement.

Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting (CANCELLED)

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 11 7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Social Media Content: Strategy and Planning (Digital Main Street Webinar Series)

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 12 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Social media is a never satiated content beast - it's always hungry for more! It can be tough to keep up with soci al media content creation, but if you create and repurpose your content smartly, you can stay ahead of the curve. Discover how in this workshop, where you'll learn the tricks of how to efficiently plan a month's worth of soci al media content in one sitting.

You'll learn:

- How to create a content plan that reaches your social media goals
- How to establish the best voice for each of your business's social media channels

- Tactics and ideas for repurposing content, so creating content doesn't become your full-time job
- How to share content across different social media channels without just copying and pasting
- How to build (and populate) an editorial calendar
- How to create and reuse "evergreen" content

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Legal Contracts: Online & E-Commerce must have's (BACD)

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 12 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

The presentation will focus on the legal aspect of the formation of electronic contracts and also on what agree ments an online business will need to have in place to protect itself.

Transit Executive Committee Meeting (CANCELLED)

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 12 1:30 pm

Thursday, January 13, 2022

War For Talent (Scugog Chamber of Commerce)

Date and Time: Thursday, January 13 7:30 am - 11:00 am

Join Karey Anne Large, Executive Director of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce, and Matt Parish, Investment Advisor, RBC Dominion Securities as they meet with expert panelists to discuss the challenges of employee Re cruitment and Retention and how we wage the War FOR Talent. Following our panel discussion, we will hear f rom employers as they present their businesses and what future employment with them looks like.

BACD Start Up Session

Date and Time: Thursday, January 13 9:30 am - 11:00 am

This session covers the essential steps to starting a small business including registering a business name, license s & permits, HST, business banking, insurance and hiring employees.

Special Planning and Economic Development Committee Meeting

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Health and Social Services Committee Meeting (CANCELLED)

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The goal of ShopHERE powered By Google is to build and optimize online stores for small independent busin esses and artists in just a matter of days. With ShopHERE, businesses get to expand their selling opportunities i nto the online market.

When I sign up with ShopHERE, what do I get?

- An e-commerce store customized with your information, theme, logo and branding
- Hands-on assistance setting up and launching your online store
- Additional training to support your online store including topics like digital marketing, shipping and inventory management
- Access to free tools to help support the successful launch of your online store

In this webinar you will get the answers to the top questions we've received about the ShopHERE program, inc luding:

- Who is Digital Main Street?
- What is ShopHERE?
- What does it mean to sell online, and why should my business?
- Do I qualify for this program?
- What are the costs involved?
- Do you have any examples of completed websites?

Friday, January 14, 2022

Coffee With... (Whitby Chamber of Commerce)

Date and Time: Friday, January 14 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Swing by (virtually) and have a coffee with a CEO, entrepreneur or leader in our community! Bring your coffee and your questions. Unscripted and unapologetic, have a real conversation with a leader. No membership, no co st, no registration, no worries.

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Bonnie Devine is an installation artist, video maker, curator, and writer. A member of the Anishinaabek of Gen aabaajing, (Serpent River First Nation) on the north shore of Lake Huron, Devine's work emerges from the stor ytelling and image-making traditions that are central to Anishinaabe culture. She has exhibited her work at the Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto; McMichael Canadian Art Collection, Kleinburg; and National Museum of the American Indian, Washington, D.C.

Maria Hupfield is a transdisciplinary artist who activates her work in live performances. She is interested in the formation of shared moments that open spaces for possibility and new narratives. An urban off-reservation me mber of the Anishinaabek People, she belongs to the Wasauksing First Nation. She has exhibited her work at the National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa; Montreal Museum of Contemporary Art; and The Power Plant Contempor ary Art Gallery, Toronto.

Teo Monsalve is an Ecuadorian artist whose multidisciplinary practice explores themes relating to the natural world of the Andes and the Amazon region of Ecuador. In his practice, Monsalve engages in ideas of intercultur ality, interspecies relationships, geographical contexts, and metamorphosis, both mythological and botanical. Hi s work was exhibited at No Lugar, Quito; Emily Carr University of Art + Design, Vancouver; and Khora Galler y, Quito.

Su Yuh Hsin is a Taiwanese artist and filmmaker based in Berlin. She approaches ecology from the point of vie w of its close relationship with technology. Her lens-based work reflects on technology, ecology, and the critica l infrastructure in which the human and non-human converge. She has exhibited her work at the Centre Pompid ou, Paris; Museum of Contemporary Art Busan; Taipei Biennial; and ZKM Karlsruhe.

Joseph Tisiga is a member of the Kaska Dena Nation whose multidisciplinary practice includes painting, drawi ng, installation, and performance. His work reflects upon notions of identity and what contributes to this constr uct—community, nationality, family, history, location, real and imagined memories—to probe questions about the social milieu. He has exhibited his work at the National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa; Museum of Contempor ary Native Arts, Santa Fe; and Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art.

Curator Biography:

Noor Alé is a curator, art historian, and writer. She is the Associate Curator at The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery, Toronto. Her curatorial practice examines the intersections of contemporary art with geopolitics, d ecolonization, and social justice in the Global South. She holds an MA in Art History from The Courtauld Instit ute of Art, and a BA in Art History from the University of Guelph.

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Accompanying Image: Teo Monsalve, *Pasto Astronomer*, 2021. Oil and watercolor on inkjet print, 11.8 x 15.7 inches.

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