



When Lindy bought the Shaker Mill Restaurant, she wanted to make sure the restaurant was in compliance with all the current permits and licensing regulations in Lake Cowichan. She turned to BizPaL to help – an online source that cuts through the paperwork burden and red tape that small business owners encounter. But knowing more needs to be done to help the restaurant industry deal with regulations, the B.C. government is developing an online roadmap that will clearly explain to entrepreneurs what to expect and the steps needed to start up and operate a restaurant in B.C.

“I’ve run businesses before, but never a restaurant, so I wanted to make sure I was aware of all the potential permits I may need. BizPaL was a huge help in that regard.” –Lindy Harrigan



Nu-Tech Fire and Safety specializes in the sales and service of fire equipment, first aid and safety supplies. With a rapidly expanding business operating in more than 40 communities, Nu-Tech is a prime example of a business that benefits from the Mobile Business Licence program.

“Due to the implementation of the MBL program in the Okanagan, we went from 17 business licenses to six. Saving us over \$1500.00 in cost and more importantly, the peace of mind that we are now legal and licensed in the communities we work in.” Bob Dieno, owner, Nu-Tech Fire and Safety



With 25 employees and a fleet of 19 trucks and electricians on staff, Tops Lighting installs and maintains signs and commercial lighting in communities throughout B.C. With Mobile Business Licence programs in some of their key markets, including Metro West, the Okanagan and Vancouver Island, Tops Lighting has been able to save time and money, eliminating the need to get permits in each municipality.

“As a company we operate in many regions in B.C. The mobile business licence agreements make it easier for us to make sure we’re complying with local bylaws and regulations, so that we can focus on serving our customers first.” — Lori Cameron



In 1980, Robin Lapointe returned to his roots to start the first engineering consulting firm in Kitimat. In 1986, Lapointe Engineering Ltd. was incorporated and now employs a staff of 42 uniquely positioned to work on the proposed LNG projects in the region.

“I enjoy playing golf and someone once told me that anyone can play golf from the fairway, it is what you do in the rough that counts. I believe this applies to life itself.” — Robin Lapointe, president, Lapointe Engineering Ltd.



Six years ago, a B.C. mother of two young girls found herself at a loss to find information for the kids, so in 2007, Annemarie Tempelman-Kluit founded a business that has saved thousands of mothers time and energy. Don't know where to take the kids? It's yoyomama time.

“It's great to have a vision of what you want to create, but you have to listen to what your audience wants and know the mediums by which they want it delivered.” — Annemarie Tempelman-Kluit, editor-in-chief, yoyomama.ca



EDI Environmental Dynamics Inc., began its environmental assessment and management work in 1994 in Prince George. With the loss of forestry-related work late in that decade, this group of passionate biologists and technologists turned its attention to other facets of the natural-resource sector.

“We have a great team that gets along well. We have respect for each other and understand what can be achieved when we work together.” — EDI Environmental Dynamics Inc., president Bob Redden.



Just a few minutes' drive west of Revelstoke, a series of zip lines, suspension bridges and scramble nets await the adventurer in all of us. Each summer, some 25,000 outdoor enthusiasts are led on a journey through the trees/canopy at SkyTrek Adventure Park.

"Find the right product and consistently improve, keep educating the key people in the company."

— Veronika Stevenson, operations manager, SkyTrek Adventure Park.