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Alexander Traffic Control Ltd.	Traffic Control Company	Dore Lafortune	Alexander Traffic Control is a small local company providing traffic control services.	N/A
AlliedOne Consulting	IT Strategy	Gina Pala	AlliedOne Consulting is a management consulting service specializing in IT Strategy and leadership, as well as CyberSecurity.	http://www.alliedoneconsulting.com
Anker Mechanical Welding	Mechanical Welding	Jason Breitreitz	Anker Mechanical Welding specializes in welding and metal fabrication.	https://www.ankermechanical.ca/
Animikii	Web Design Company	Jeff Ward (Animikii Gwewinzenhs)	Animikii is a web-services company building custom software, web-applications and websites. They work with leading Indigenous groups across North America to leverage technology for social, economic and cultural	http://www.animikii.com/
Atrue Cleaning	Cleaning Company	Trudee Paul	Atrue Cleaning is a local Indigenous owned cleaning company specializing in commercial & residential cleaning, including Airbnb rentals.	https://www.facebook.com/trudeescleaning/
BC Air Guards	Flight school	Jacques LeClair	BC Air Guards is classified as a flight school specializing in unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs & Drones) for ship borne marine monitoring operations.	https://web.goigi.me/bcairguardswp/
Bear Phoenix Photography	Photographer	Kim Dupont	Bear Phoenix Photography provides cutting edge photography and graphics.	https://www.facebook.com/BearPhoenix-Photography-and-Graphics-517258031693211
Brandigenous	Corporate Branding	Jarid Taylor	Brandigenous is a custom branded merchandise supplier, crafting authentic marketing merch with an emphasis of quality over quantity.	www.brandigenous.ca
Brianna Marie Dick TEALIYE	Artist - Songhees Nation	Brianna Dick	Brianna Dick is from the Songhees/Lekwungen Nation in Victoria through her father's side with roots to the Namgis Kwakwaka'wakw people in Alert Bay through her mother's side. Brianna has had the honour of working on murals such as the third phase of the Unity Wall at Ogden Point, the Rock Bay Mural project on Government and Pembroke Streets, and leading the mural project in the Victoria Native Friendship Centre's Youth Department.	N/A

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Butch Dick	Artist - Songhees Nation	Butch Dick	Butch Dick is a master carver trained in fine art and graphic design. He has taught First Nations Art and Culture in School District 61 for more than 20 years and is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of Victoria, teaching an Indigenous Learning course. Butch's work is featured on the Unity Wall Mural at Ogden Point, the Rock Bay Mural Project, and Signs of Lekwungen.	N/A
Canada Signal Company	Safety and Environmental Products	Tara Jensen	Canada Signal Company is an innovator and manufacturer of safety and environmental devices for industry. They craft products to address the visual, auditory safety needs and environmental requirements of the workplace in the oil and gas, mining, aquaculture, rail, ship yard, aviation and forestry industries. They are an Aboriginal owned and operated company located on T'Sou-ke First Nation on Vancouver Island.	https://www.canadasignal.ca/
Carden Consulting	Consulting	Laara Yaghujaanas, M.A.	Carden Consulting is a First Nations owned and operated consulting practice with more than a quarter of a century of expertise in Nation Rebuilding (good governance training, governance policy planning and development, and building organizational capacity and cultural relevancy of First Nations governing institutions). Carden also has proven success supporting First Nations with Strategic Planning, Community Research (utilizing Indigenous approaches), Planning and Development to support greater self-determination and self-governance. Finally, Carden also provides partnership development and reconciliation between First Nations and their partners in the public and private sectors (e.g., Right Relations Training).	www.cardenconsulting.com
Charles Elliott	Artist - Tsartlip First Nation	Charles Elliott	Charles Elliott is a wood carver of the Tsartlip First Nation. Elliott's totem poles have been placed at several locations throughout Greater Victoria, including three at the Victoria International Airport, one at Butchart Gardens, and one at the University of Victoria.	

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Darlene Gait	Artist - Esquimalt Nation	Darlene Gait	Darlene Gait was born on Vancouver Island and is a Coast Salish contemporary artist from Esquimalt Nations in British Columbia. Darlene's work can be found at the Unity Wall Mural at Ogden Point and on the BC Ferries Salish Orca vessel.	http://www.onemoon.ca/
Doug LaFortune	Artist - Tsawout and Quw'utsun' First Nation	Doug LaFortune	Doug LaFortune is a versatile artist known for his playful sculptures, powerful masks, elegant feast dishes, totem poles and paintings. His pieces are often left in their natural state to exhibit the natural beauty of the wood pieces he chooses to sculpt. LaFortune has three impressive Totem Poles in Duncan.	N/A
Dylan Thomas	Artist - Songhees Nation	Dylan Thomas	Dylan Thomas was born in Victoria and is a Coast Salish artist from the Lyackson First Nation of Valdes Island. Dylan is the Indigenous Artist in Residence with the City of Victoria.	N/A
Esquimalt Singers and Dancers	First Nation Dance Group	Joe Thomas	The Esquimalt Singers and Dancers is a First Nations dance group made up of members of the Esquimalt Nation.	N/A
Geo Services	Security Services	Leslie George	Geo Services provides mobile security services and parking enforcement. Leslie George is a member of Songhees Nation.	N/A
Greg Forsberg Photography	Photographer	Greg Forsberg	Greg Forsberg is a local Indigenous photographer working out of Victoria.	https://www.facebook.com/GregoryForsbergPhotography
Gwaii Engineering	Engineering firm	Corey Brown	Gwaii Engineering offers expertise in the areas of project management, civil engineering, land development, housing, environmental engineering and physical hydrogeology.	https://www.gwaiieng.com/
Hermesen Construction Limited	Construction	Gary Hermesen	Hermesen Construction specializes in excavating and underground utilities. They also have trucking equipment for hire.	N/A

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Indigenous Corporate Training	Corporate Training	Bob Joseph	Indigenous Corporate Training's mission is to provide training to get everyone Working Effectively with Indigenous Peoples® in their day-to-day jobs and lives. Bob Joseph is an initiated member of the Hamatsa Society and has inherited a chief's seat in the Gayaxala (Thunderbird) clan, the first clan of the Gwawa'enuxw one of the 18 tribes that make up the Kwakwaka'wakw.	https://www.ictinc.ca/
Indigenous Insight	Indigenous cultural training	Maynard Harry	Indigenous Insights provides Indigenous engagement, economic/business development and cultural awareness advisory services.	https://indigenousinsight.ca/
Indigenous Perspectives Society	Corporate Training and Consulting	Rachelle Dallaire	Indigenous Perspectives Society (IPS) is a charitable and not-for-profit social enterprise that offers training, consulting, and projects to help foster a deeper understanding of Indigenous perspectives, cultural differences, and the need for self-determination.	https://ipsociety.ca/
Island Business Print Group Ltd	Printing	Lorne Mearns	I'm 100% owner/ sole proprietor of Mearns Holdings Ltd. And an equal partner in Island Business Print Group.	www.islandprintgroup.com
Jesse Campbell Visual Arts	Paint/Maintenance Work	Jesse Campbell	Jesse Campbell is of Métis, Cree, Scottish, and English ancestry currently living in the unceded Lekwungen territory of Victoria. He has been a practising mural painter since 2010 and has helped produce many public art pieces throughout Greater Victoria and is now leading his own projects throughout the city.	https://www.campbellvisualarts.com/
K'ENES Transportation	Waste Hauling Services	Blair Tassone	K'ENES Transportation (pronounced "kiwanis") is a Victoria-based trucking & hauling company. We offer flexible transportation services to customers on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland of BC. K'ENES Transportation specializes in roll-off & bin supply, bulk	www.kenestransportation.ca
Kwassen Productions Inc.	Information and cultural industries	Kwassen Productions	Kwassen Productions is a 100% First Nations production company dedicated to making creative ideas a reality from concept to a finished product. Kwassen works on all production needs, including PSA's Corporate, TV and documentaries.	http://www.kwassen.ca

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Mack Law Group LLP	Law Firm	Leah Mack	Mack Law Corp is wholly Indigenous-owned and operated. Founder Leah Mack has dedicated her career to working with and for First Nation communities and organizations to find original solutions to complex legal issues. Mack Law Corp will always incorporate all aspects of the law, including your community's unique Indigenous laws, culture, traditions, and history. Mack Law Corp is gratefully located on <u>WJOLELP</u> (Tsartlip) First Nation land.	https://lmlawgroup.ca/
Lekwungen Traditional Dancers	First Nation Dance Group	Lyla Dick	The Lekwungen Traditional Dancers are a First Nations dance group made up of members of Songhees Nations.	N/A
Le-La-la Dancers	Indigenous Dance Group	George Taylor	The Le-la-la Dancers are a traditional Kwakwaka'wakw dance company who present First Nations culture of Northern Vancouver Island, located in British Columbia, Canada.	N/A
Mike Charlie Jr.	Carver - Songhees Nation	Mike Charlie	Mike Charlie is a member of the Songhees First Nation. He a carver mentored under the well known master carvers LaFortune (Howard, Tom, and Doug). Mike helped to carve the poles at the Songhees Wellness Centre.	N/A
Metis Nation of Greater Victoria (MNGV) Jiggers	Art/Dance Group	Kear Porttris/Jo-Ina Young	Metis jigging is the traditional dance of the Metis. MNGV has a group of jiggers who can perform at events in the region. This group also holds a significant amount of knowledge that can be shared during performances.	N/A
Metis Medical	Medical Supplies	Brittany Winters	Metis Medical provides Health Canada approved personal protective equipment such as: Face shields, ASTM level 3 masks, Nitrile and vinyl gloves, Isolation gowns and Naloxone Kits.	https://www.metismedical.net/
Orca Masonry	Concrete and masonry services; waterproofing solutions	Cory Brune	Provides top quality concrete and masonry services in addition to waterproofing solutions.	https://orcamasonry.com/

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Orca Spirit Marine Transport	Transportation	John Douglas / Walter Cadwallader	Orca Spirit Marine Services has been facilitating the movement of people and goods along the coastal waters of British Columbia since 1996. They help both public and private sector organizations bring work crews, residents and tourists safety and efficiently from one location to another, on a schedule designed to meet their needs.	http://osmarinetransport.com/
Porlier Pass Contractors	Civil Construction	Kathy Parkinson (CFO), Dan Williams (Owner)	Porlier Pass Contractors (PPC) was established and they have built a solid reputation in Civil Construction across Vancouver Island over the past 10+ years. In 2019 PPC was purchased by the late Ted Williams, and his son Dan Williams, joining current partner Fran Williams. In the acquisition of shares by Ted and Dan the company transitioned into a 100% First Nations owned Civil Construction Contractor. PPC's new partnership also brings a high level of commitment to workplace Health and Safety to our worksites though ongoing and continuous improvement of our safety systems. We believe that all our workers must go home safe to their families each and every day in order for us to be	www.porlierpass.ca
Porttris Consulting Group Ltd.	Business Support, Consulting, Cultural Training, Indigenous Initiatives, Business Development & Indigenous Inclusion Programming	Kear Porttris	Kear Porttris is Metis-Chinese and has a diverse and eclectic background that he brings to the projects. He is able to support projects in unique ways that fit the needs of the project and client. He can support businesses in many ways: help develop Indigenous procurement initiatives and programming to better achieve goals and objectives; engage local Indigenous communities, partners and stakeholders; connect project personnel with local resources to appropriately and effectively meet project designs guidelines and parameters; develop and facilitate cultural training; write grant applications. As a trained engineer, Kear works in the intersection of technical and relational project needs.	N/A

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Prism Marine	Commercial Marine Consultancy	Jordan Pechie	Prism Marine is an Aboriginal commercial marine consultancy firm with offices in Victoria, British Columbia. Composed of locally based Master Mariners that have worked at sea on commercial vessels and ashore in marine operational office roles, enabling us to provide a full range of services for our clients.	http://prismmarine.com/
Raven Events	Event Management	Katrin Harry	Raven Events is an Indigenous event management business located in the Coast Salish community of Tla'amin. Raven Events owns and produces Advanced Business Match, a technology-facilitated business matching event that connects Indigenous and non-Indigenous decision makers to create opportunities for business.	https://ravenevents.ca/
RavenStone Construction	Construction, First Nations Labour Force	Kathy Parkinson (CFO/Owner), Dan Williams (Owner)	RavenStone Construction was established in 2020 with a vision to create a company to foster the gap of meaningful employment opportunities in the Construction Industry for First Nations peoples. RavenStone Construction is a leader in supporting First Nations to reach their training, mentorship, and apprenticeship goals. RavenStone Construction is a locally owned Quw'utsun company with roots that go back generations. They are progressive in empowering First Nations to enhance their skills through training and mentorship programs with the highest standard in safety and community.	www.ravensc.ca
Richard Hunt	Artist, carver	Richard Hunt	Richard Hunt is a Kwaguilth artist, carver and lecturer. He is passionate about the preservation of his culture and lectures whenever he can about the importance of keeping this culture for our children. He travels the globe carving and demonstrating his talents and at the same time tries to educate people about his culture. Richard Hunt works are in numerous private and public collections worldwide. He is the recipient of the Order of Canada, the Order of British Columbia and a Member of the Royal Canadian Academy of the Arts to name a few.	http://www.richardhunt.com

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Salish Sea Industrial Services Ltd	Marine Industrial Services	Curtis Harold	Salish Sea Industrial Ltd. specializes in pile driving and dredging, water and land based construction, maintenance, restoration and deconstruction, and marine safety and marine support. Founded in 2012 by the late Chief Andy Thomas of the Esquimalt First Nation, Chief Robert Sam of the Songhees First Nation and Ian Maxwell of the Balmax Group of Companies.	https://salishseaind.com/
Salish Seaside RV Haven	RV Park	Tom Westley	Salish Seaside RV Haven is a premier RV park located in Victoria's harbour.	https://www.salishseasidervhaven.com/
Sage Initiative	Investment Consulting	Sage Lacerte	The Sage Initiative is specifically designed to build wealth and prosperity for Indigenous womxn and their families	https://sageinitiative.ca/
Songhees Events & Catering	Catering	Catherine Davies	Songhees Events and Catering offer off-site catering. From galas & fundraisers to gourmet boxed lunches, dynamic receptions, parties, & weddings, the talented team is always happy to create custom menus with seasonally inspired ingredients and locally grown goods that are sure to impress!	http://www.songheesevents.ca/
Songhees Innovation Centre	Rental Space	Songhees Nation, Animikii, SIPP	The Songhees Innovation Centre has two meeting rooms for rent – a large boardroom with a 10 person capacity and a small meeting lounge with 5-7 person capacity.	http://www.songheesinnovationcentre.ca/
Songhees Seafood and Steam Food Truck	Food truck	Chef Gary Henry	Songhees Seafood and Steam Food Truck is rooted in the Songhees Nation's deep history in Victoria and the surrounding region. The food truck offers a modern take on Songhees cultural tradition. Critically-acclaimed Victoria local, Chef David Roger, in collaboration with community members from Songhees Nation, offer a vast menu with fresh local ingredients that authentically incorporate the craft and care of food preparation embodied by the Songhees.	http://www.songheesevents.ca/

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Songhees Tours	Tourism	Cecelia Dick	Songhees Tours is home to Explore Songhees, an authentic Indigenous tourism experience. Explore Songhees offers cultural canoe tours and a Signs of Lekwungen walking Tour.	https://www.exploresonghees.com/
Songhees Wellness Centre	Rental Space	Catherine Davies	Songhees Events and Catering offers rental space. The gymnasium has capacity of 300. There are also boardrooms available for rent.	http://www.songheesevents.ca/
Tom LaFortune	Carver - Tsawout Nation	Tom LaFortune	Tom LaFortune, a carver since 1972, works mainly in wood, carving masks and totem poles. In 1994, the CBC. commissioned him to create a piece for the Commonwealth Games, which were held in Victoria, BC. Tom recently worked on Songhees Wellness Project.	N/A
Tsartlip Construction	Construction	Cory Hastings	Tsartlip Construction is an excavation company specializing in road building and underground utilities.	N/A
Turtle Island Consulting	Management consulting company	Dr. Natasha Caverley and Don Caverley	Turtle Island Consulting provides management consulting services that meet the needs of organizations in the public, private and non-profit sectors (facilitation, strategic planning, HR support, workshop planning).	www.turtleislandconsulting.ca
Two Worlds Consultancy	Environmental and Social Consulting Firm	Jennifer Campbell	Two Worlds Consulting is a professional consultancy providing environmental assessment and community engagement services to government organizations, industry proponents, and Indigenous Nations.	https://www.twoworldsconsulting.com/
Ursa Creative	Web Design & Graphic Design	Brendan Decontie	UrsaSol is an Indigenous web design and services company operated in Victoria, BC, on the traditional territories of the Lekwungen and WSÁNEĆ peoples. UrsaSol has a simple vision: work collaboratively with clients to provide a professional website design for non-profits, small businesses and social enterprises.	ursacreative.ca