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# CASE STUDY

### **TOURISM KAMLOOPS**

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In collaboration with TK's board, management and staff, CIPR Communications created the organization's first ever strategic communications master plan, which included a social media strategy, public and stakeholder relations strategy, media relations strategy, crisis communications strategy and all associated tactical execution plans. CIPR Communications also created Tourism Kamloops' key messages, provided extensive media training and advice to their board and executives and continues to write their press releases and President's message to stakeholders.

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## CIPR STRATEGIC APPROACH

With a highly strategic approach to communications, Tourism Kamloops successfully lobbied for an increase to the levy they collect from hoteliers from 2% to 3%; became the media's go to source for information about Kamloops, increased engagement with their

target audiences and grew their media and social media statistics dramatically. Tourism Kamloops is now recognized as a leading Destination Marketing Organization in British Columbia.

### CIPR TACTICS

Tactics that were instrumental in the campaign included:

From day 1 CIPR has played an important role in the marketing program created by Tourism Kamloops. In 2016 CIPR assisted in a full marketing audit for the organization and created several tactical plans to reorganize and reprioritize the marketing focus for the organization and transform their focus to digital marketing over more traditional marketing avenues. CIPR has provided key support and advice to all marketing team members and leaders throughout the last 3-years including project management of their new website and CRM, social media strategy and execution for paid and organic posts, creation of key messages and themes, managing media buys locally, influencer marketing advice and support, and finding innovative marketing opportunities like podcasts and video.

Currently, CIPR is championing the Value of Tourism project prioritized by the Tourism Kamloops leadership team. Luv'n the Loops is a unique initiative that allows the organization to recruit local advocates to stand up for tourism in the community.

CIPR created the strategy and provides strategic oversight to the execution of the program, as well as implements the tactics, including:

- Hosting weekly radio segment featuring community leaders (featured on NL Radio, iTunes, Spotify, and Spreaker)
- Government relations advocacy campaign featuring postcards, calls to action, and pledges
- Expansive local media-buy including radio, television, and print
- Social media campaign across multiple platforms
- Monthly bus tour to unlikely tourism destinations
- · Travel trade advice and support
- Presentation creation and coaching on tourism trends

16 press releases written by cipr

10-12 quotes in print



46,377 - social following



FACEBOOK, TWITTER, YOUTUBE, LINKEDIN + INSTAGRAM

## **CIPR TACTICAL RESULTS**

- Media coverage highlights
- KAMLOOPS THIS WFFK
- SUN PEAKS NEWS
- · CJFC
- · CTV NATIONAL NEWS ·
- WESTJET MAGAZINE
- KAMLOOPS BC NOW
- SUN PEAKS INDEPENDANT
- BC LOCAL NEWS



Presentation and coaching on tourism trends











Digital advertisements





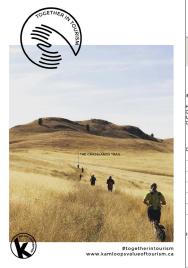






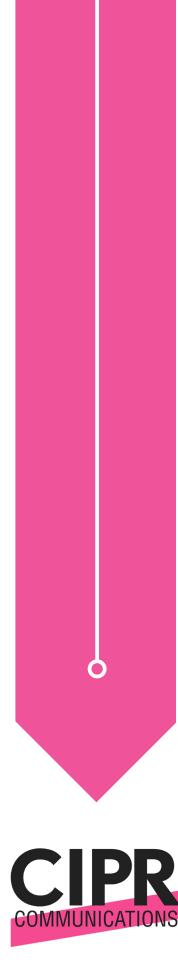
Luv'n the Loops Radio Segment & Podcast

Carl Desantis from Downtown Kamloops	
Self proclaimed water-baby and Kamloops downtown advocate, Carl, tells us why he is dreaming of summer and pinpoints his al	
Arlene Schieven from Tourism Sun Peaks	
As another exciting ski season approaches, Arlene from Tourism Sun Peaks tells us why working with Kamloops is integral to bot	
Jon Pankuch from 55+ Games	
You wouldn't necessarily think Jon was integral to a thriving tourism economy - but it is. Our hosts attempt to bottle up his	
David Tombs from Terra Restaurant	
From forged mushrooms to local ingredients - David is a community builder. He knows that his restaurant plays an integr	
Dylan Methot from Mostly Mental Shuttles	
Dylan has built an amazing business that touches visitors to Kamloops from around the globe. He has come a long way and	
Tyson Andrykew from Sandman Signature	
Tyson was instrumental in ensuring the racers (and producers) of Amazing Race Canada had a home base while competing in	



Together in Tourism advocacy campaign

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