

**THE FLYING CANOE WEST COAST PUB
OPENING SOON
IN BEST WESTERN PLUS ~ THE WESTERLY HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTRE**

The Comox Valley's First West Coast Pub with an Authentic Forno Pizza Oven

Courtenay, BC February 14, 2011 – The former Gulliver's Pub is now the **Flying Canoe West Coast Pub**, after extensive renovations and rebranding.

"There is nothing else like the Flying Canoe West Coast Pub in the Comox Valley" said Michelle Le Sage, The Westerly Hotel General Manager. "We are bringing the beauty and bounty of the West Coast indoors with the use of timbers, stone and a spectacular dance floor made from reclaimed Stanley Park wood." "Local contractor Tim Schwindt from Heart Wood Contracting, and Designer Elizabeth Witthoef from West Country Homes, have helped us create a new culinary and entertainment destination for both locals and out of town guests to experience the uniqueness of our Valley!"

The hotel's new Executive Chef, Christopher Thrift, has created a menu focusing on classic pub fare with the addition of authentic Forno fired pizzas made right in-front of your eyes. "Our culinary team has put a personal touch on traditional pub favourites with an emphasis on staying local and using only the freshest of ingredients. I am looking forward to sharing my love for food and "from scratch" philosophy of cooking with the local community" said Chef Thrift. "From our simplest of menu items such as the Margherita pizza, to our Macadamia Crusted Halibut Sandwich, there is sure to be something to please every palate!"

The West Coast Pub will be open for lunch and dinner and will feature live local entertainment, karaoke evenings and a casual fun atmosphere in which to enjoy some great food and an Island brew on tap. The Pub will also boast an extensive wine list and specialty beer and cocktail list.

The Flying Canoe West Coast Pub will open its doors in early March and is sure to be a popular Comox Valley destination!

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