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My new beginning began with the “Implicit Career Search” facilitated by Jim Niemi and then “Steps to Success” with Alexandra Kirchner. I would like to thank these two remarkable individuals for their contribution to me and the community.

After 25 years in the Forestry Industry I was not able to do what I was trained to do as a ticketed saw filer because of medical reasons. I have always loved meeting new and interesting people in all walks of life and lending a hand when I can.

Having always been a “hands-on” person in doing things, and seeing that I had most of the equipment so wouldn’t have to invest a huge amount of money for start up, my business “Joys Tug & Haul” was born.

As of January 2011 the business is up and running servicing the Shuswap area with pick up and delivery of Industrial and Residential goods, Hot Shot and Piloting. The company is using a 1 Ton Dodge Dually diesel and two trailers, one 16’ car hauler and a 25’ tandem gooseneck, capable of hauling up to 8,600 Lbs. /with lengths up to 28’. The truck is fitted to pull all R.V.s up to 16,000 lbs., horse trailers, boats, etc. For deliveries of a smaller and lighter weight cargo a 2010 Honda Fit will help out. As the business grows other trailers will be added as needed.

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Our customers are most important and will be treated with respect and dignity. We believe they deserve the most courteous and attentive treatment. The customers' property will be handled and transported in the same manner as we would our own ~ good old fashion service . . .

The start up hasn't been an easy road, especially the time away from my family. I spent 3 months in Castlegar at Mountain Transport Institute enrolled in a Class 1 program called "Earn Your Wheels". While away my wife had to deal with a blown hot water tank which flooded our basement. The time away from my year old grandson was time lost which I am making up for now.

In time my greatest wish is to build my business into a family affair and be surrounded by the people that I love and care for the most; giving back to the community and people that helped make it possible to be where I am today.

Thank you!

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