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Representing the Interests of Business for the Growth and Prosperity of Our Members and Communities

President's Message

"Say hello to summer," it has finally arrived. Lots of things have been on the go these past few months. Our direction in having the respective Chair persons giving a note in the Courier has been overall well accepted. Different views, other than my own, always add better perspective. Just to touch on a few issues we have and are dealing with.

1. We approached City Council with the request to keep taxes to 5% rather than 7%. With the hard work of David Putz and his management team, the city has achieved this goal. Congratulations and thank you.
2. We had an informative meeting with the RCMP regarding Yorkton's part in paying for a Federal InFo system used by the Force. Guy Gendreau and his team sent a letter of objection to the province and we will try to get more information as to the outcome. If changed by a very small amount in respect to population count, this could allow us up to nine or more RCMP Members to patrol our city.
3. Last months luncheon covered the gang issue in the City and Province. It was very startling to realize Yorkton is on the map and home to approximately 15 members. This was the only time I have seen no one leave the room until Mr. Cote's presentation concluded. There will be more on this to come, I am sure.
4. Our Poll sent out regarding the contentious Smoking Bylaw is finally in. We will spend some time reviewing the results. More to come on this after we do our entire home work.
5. Finally - Yorkton businesses are on a great course, we have an explosion of home buyers keeping the Realtors busy. Retail land properties are being sold and there is the JRI and Louis Dreyfus plants in the making.

Rest assured that your Chamber is doing it's very best to represent the interests of you, the Members. We have the strongest total membership ever and a great bunch of staff and volunteers to get the job done.

Sincerely,

Rick Schrader, President



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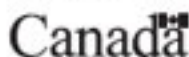


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