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President's Message

Well another year has come and gone and with the Chamber, a new year brings a new president. I am very honored and excited to be elected as President of the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce for 2008-09. The board has extended the presidential term to two years on a trial basis as many past presidents have felt that one year passes so quickly and it limits the amount that can be accomplished in a term. Understanding the role of president requires a fairly significant time commitment, we don't want to discourage people from getting involved, so going forward; future presidents will have the option of the two year term.

Saskatchewan is an extremely busy province right now and Yorkton is no exception. I am excited about what is going on in our community and believe 2008 is going to be an exceptional year for our city. The economic outlook is extremely positive and even judging by conversations on coffee row, residents and businesses of the community are excited and anxiously awaiting a very positive business climate. As a chamber, it is our mission to encourage and promote business in our city and the following individuals on the board of directors are eager and willing to do it: Guy Gendreau, Rick Schrader, Sophia Hamm, Lawrence Wegner, Ron Evinou, James Wilson, Linda Quart, Phoebe Decelles, Dolores Harris, Brad Kulscar, Don Kunkel, Corey Werner, Doug Kitsch, Shannon Lizon, Cam Mehling and Dionne Sanders. We are here to be your voice of business in the community, so if at any time you have issues, comments, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact myself, any of the directors or the Chamber office. We look forward to hearing from you!

The Yorkton Chamber of Commerce is going to kick off 2008 with a celebration as we host our business awards and recognition night. Celebrate Success is held every second year and the name says it all, it is an event to recognize and celebrate the business success within our city. It is these businesses that will help build a more vibrant and dynamic city. I challenge each business to nominate another business for these awards. For more information about the award categories or to obtain a nomination form, visit www.chamber.yorkton.sk.ca. Don't wait too long as the deadline for nominations is January 31!

Saskatchewan Roughrider Matt Dominguez and former Toronto Maple Leaf Darryl Sittler were recently in town speaking at the SJHL All Star Banquet. The message they left was very simple, yet strong and I want to share it with you....each and every day we have a choice to make in terms of our attitude and the effect we want to have on others around us. Recognizing that both of these individuals are professional athletes and are role models to many, they have an impact on the lives of many people. This message also relates well to our community, as it is the attitude of the people from within that lay the foundation for our future. So together let's keep a positive attitude and work together to enjoy the successes that are bound to come our way!

I wish you all the best in 2008 and hope to see you at our upcoming Chamber luncheons and events!



Lori Walsh
President



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