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Crusader Drilling Set to Unveil Rig 2

The last few days of September will be exciting ones for Crusader Drilling, as that is when its second drilling rig will be commissioned. The rig, which has been contracted to Petro Bakken in southern Alberta, cost over \$8 million to build and is able to drill to about 4000 metres either horizontally or vertically. Crusader Drilling's first rig was commissioned in July 2009 near Wynyard where it was drilling test holes for potash. From there, the rig was moved on 17 trucks to the Bakken Play in the Estevan/Weyburn area.

Since 2008, Crusader Drilling's Head Office has been located in Yorkton. Until recently, Yorkton was not considered to be the "heart" of oil or potash country so why base a Head Office here? Don Rae, President of the company indicated that the location of the Head Office has not been a problem. "With the computers and communication technology we now have available, Head Offices can be located anywhere," he said. Don also really likes the community. "With all the recreational opportunities available in and around Yorkton, it's a great place to live. And it's an easy way to attract employees by emphasizing the quality of life they can expect by living in the area", he said.

At present, Crusader Drilling has four full time employees at the Head Office. As for the rigs, each rig operating in Saskatchewan has 21 people on its crew. The crews are made up of people from Yorkton, Preeceville, Wynyard, Foam Lake and Southeast Saskatchewan.

Crusader Drilling supports a variety of causes and fundraising events in the Yorkton area. Don indicated he likes to give back to the community. He also feels it's important for the City of Yorkton and the Chamber to promote the city and what it has to offer. And with a little creativity, he is confident the city can attract much needed health professionals.

Don has been in the oil business since he was 16. Growing up near Carievale, SK he got his first



Crusader Drilling's first rig has a crew of 21 people. Rig 2 will be commissioned later this month.

summer job working on an oil rig. From there he worked his way up the rigs until he began his own consulting business. He's owned a number of successful businesses since then.

Don finds the trilateral agreement signed by Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia quite appealing for the ease in regulations it will create. "One of the biggest problems with moving equipment and business between provinces has been the different regulations each has enacted," he explained. "We're hopeful that with this agreement, the regulation nightmare will end!"

The projected commissioning date for Crusader Drilling's Rig 3 is for late December 2010 early spring 2011. It, too, will be working in Saskatchewan. According to the company's original business plan, a total of 7 rigs will be built to operate in the southern prairies and northern states. And Head Office will remain in Yorkton.

Yorkton Economic Development Committee

The Yorkton Economic Development Committee set three economic priorities for the next three years to pave the way for new investment and economic prosperity in the City. The theme of this strategic direction or priorities is to fix and organize the current resources of Yorkton first and then go after aggressive economic development which could be sustainable in the long run. These priorities are: a) Building capacity within the community to accommodate current economic growth and get ready for future investment; b) Foster the process of business retention and expansion, so that the city will have greater success in attracting new businesses, if existing businesses are content with local economic conditions and community support; c) Develop strategic partnerships within and outside the community to foster the process of sustainable economic development. This will allow the City to mobilize available resources to work cooperatively and proactively for the economic prosperity of Yorkton and area. We believe that these three economic priorities will enable us to promote Yorkton as one of the best business-friendly and investment-open cities in Canada.



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Chamber Happenings

- The **Marketing & Communications Committee** is busy year-round with planning events and networking opportunities for the members. As soon as the successful **Employee Recognition Event** was over in May, the committee began planning the **Chamber Business Dinner**.
- Successful **5:05 Clubs** were held in June and August.
- A **Finance Committee** has been struck to assist with budgeting and investing for the Chamber's future needs.
- Several Directors participated in the **Pow Wow** held in June.
- The **Business Development Committee** has invited both the Alberta Venture magazine and the Manitoba Business magazine to visit Yorkton. The Manitoba Business magazine is planning a visit in September to coincide with the Chamber Business Dinner.
- The **Business Development Committee** met recently with reps from the City's new Economic Development Committee to discuss common opportunities and concerns.
- At the recommendation of the **Public Policy Committee**, the Chamber sent a letter to the Premier supporting the Regina Chamber's *Big Idea*. The Regina Chamber has recommended to the government that it reduce the provincial education property tax levy by an amount that is equal to the reduction to the debt servicing cost as the government reduces its debt.
- The **Public Policy Committee** will be inviting various employees of City Hall to meet with it in the fall to discuss processes related to development of bylaws and tax assessment policy.

Did You Know?

The Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan hold a number of training sessions throughout the year. With a minimum of 8 prepaid participants, the sessions can be held in rural communities. Some of the sessions offered include: Business Planning; Developing a Marketing Plan; Understanding Financial Statements; and Employee Recruitment. For more information, contact WES at 1-800-879-6331.

Business loans are available through the Yorkton Chamber's Small Business Loans Association. To be

eligible, a business must apply and be approved for the loan. For more information, contact the Chamber office.

Membership in the Chamber qualifies businesses for such programs as the Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan (for small businesses); TD Merchant Services Payment Plan; Fuel savings at Esso stations; and many other programs. Contact the Chamber office to learn more.

The Chamber raised \$50 for the Flood Relief Fund from its green jello sales at *Riderville in the Park* August 4.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

September 2

Chamber Business Breakfast
7:30 am at Ramada Hotel \$15/person
Guest Speaker Lyle Walsh, President Yorkton Terriers - *The Terriers' Contribution to the Community*

September 18

Yorkton Terriers Regular Season Home Opener

September 21

Chamber Business Dinner
5:30 Cocktails
Guest Speaker Premier Brad Wall

October 6

Closing the Deal Seminar Practical Lessons on Sales & Marketing for Manufacturers & Businesses sponsored by Sask East Enterprise Region (SEER)

October 14

Farm Credit Canada's Tractor Tour for Drive Away Hunger

October 18 - 24

Small Business Week

November 3 - 6

22nd Annual Grain Millers Harvest Showdown

November 16 & 17

Career Explorations 2010: An Education & Career Fair, Gallagher Centre

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**#16 Highway
Under Construction**

Anyone who has recently taken a drive on Highway 16 past the canola crushing plants has noticed a great deal of road construction. New arteries have appeared along both sides of the highway. The Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure was asked to explain what is happening out there:



Work continues on the truck route along Highway 16

Construction continues this summer on the Yorkton truck route project, a provincial infrastructure investment to support new canola crushing plants that are bringing more jobs and economic development to the area.

Road construction is being done in two phases.

Phase 1 involves moving a portion of the existing Highway 16 south of its current alignment to provide adequate separation between the highway and railway at the crossing on Grain Miller Road, along with re-aligning the access to Grain Miller Road so it crosses Highway 16 at right angles. This work began during the 2009 construction season and resumed this year.

Although excessive moisture this year has impacted progress on this project, it's expected paving on this portion of the project to start in late August, weather permitting. Motorists should also expect short delays in September, depending on project progress, when construction occurs to connect new and existing roadways to Highway 16. Phase 1 is expected to be completed by mid September.

Phase 2 involves building a new highway from Highway 16 at the Grain Miller Road access to Highway 52. Construction is expected to begin in August. Phase 2 is expected to be completed by late fall.

**President Wegner
"Crowned" at 5:05 Club**

Ever wonder what it might be like to wear a watermelon helmet? President Lawrence Wegner agreed to try it out at the recent 5:05 Club. The helmet, carved and decorated by Summer Assistant Amanda Lere, was designed to ensure that President Wegner could both see and hear once "crowned". Blair Maki of Flashpoint Media held the ticket that gave him the right to "crown" the President. Lawrence wore the helmet while watching the game between the Riders and BC Lions on the big screen at the Painted Hand Casino. Proceeds from the raffle netted \$100 for Yorkton Minor Football. Thanks to Canadian Tire and Mark's Work Wearhouse for providing the consolation prizes.



Amanda Lere, Summer Assistant, is not afraid to get her hands dirty while carving the infamous watermelon helmet.



Blair Maki "crowned" President Lawrence Wegner.



President Wegner wore his "Rider Pride" on his head throughout the Riders and BC Lions game.