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Yorkton Municipal Airport - Connecting to the World

"Build a mile of highway and you connect to another mile of highway. Build a mile of runway and you connect to the World!" - Anon

The members of the Yorkton Airport Authority (YAA) share the vision of a bustling Yorkton Municipal Airport that connects Yorkton to the world. Over the past 3 years, the YAA has raised over \$1.4 million which has enabled it to replace the lighting along one runway with more easily replaceable units; and re-surfaced runways and aprons around the terminal. The City supported a three way application for \$3.2 million from the Building Canada fund that would have completely re-surfaced the main runway. Unfortunately, federal funding was not received.

In December of 2010, the final copy of the Airport's Development Plan was received by the City of Yorkton. This Plan will serve as the YAA's working document as it undertakes the revitalization of the airport. Highlights of the Plan include the following improvements:

Short term goals:

- Rehabilitation of the paved runway and the two taxiways.
- Reconstruction and lighting of the gravel runway.
- Construction of a new terminal apron.

Medium term goals:

- Construction of a new airport terminal building.
- Construction of an airport maintenance facility.
- Expansion of existing infrastructure to accommodate commercial development.



Photo courtesy of Good Spirit Air Service

Long term goals:

- Expansion and paving of both runways and the terminal apron.
- Further expansion of infrastructure to accommodate commercial development.

The 10 year Capital Cost estimate for the short and medium term goals is just under \$18 million. The YAA will be seeking federal, provincial and municipal matching grants to pay for these improvements.

Currently, there are 6 tenants at the Airport employing up to 50 people at the height of the summer season.

The Yorkton Chamber of Commerce applauds the efforts of the YAA to ensure that accessibility to the business community of Yorkton and area is achieved through an increasingly enhanced airport.

Congratulations

- To Yorkton Sewing Centre on 40 years in business!
- To the Rock 100.5 FM on receiving approval from the CRTC for their expansion plans!



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SBLA Loans - A viable option

One of the most unique retail establishments in Yorkton and area is Under the Covers, located on Betts Avenue in downtown Yorkton. Phoebe Decelles, owner of the store said the Small Business Loan she received from the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce SBLA played a vital role in the store's opening. "The Small Business Loan was a viable option for me and proved to be the only loan I needed to become established," she said. Under the Covers opened in September 2004 and made its final payment on the loan in June 2011. Would she recommend the loan to other small businesses? "Definitely!" she replied. "And if I were looking to expand in the future, I would consider another Small Business Loan through the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce."



The Yorkton Chamber congratulates Under the Covers on retiring its loan and wishes it continued success.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

July 30 & 31

50th Threshermens' Show,
Western Development Museum

August 23

Portraits of Honour National Tour hosted by the
Kinsmen & Kinettes. For more information visit
www.yorktonkinsmen.com

September 21

Chamber Business Dinner with
Premier Brad Wall - St. Mary's Cultural Centre

September 22

Chamber Business Lunch with representatives
from BHP Billiton as the Guest Speakers - St.
Mary's Cultural Centre

September 29

Business After Hours - Painted Hand Casino

October 19

Provincial All Candidates' Forum
Gallagher Centre

Impact Analysis of Potash on Economic Development

The Potash Sub-Committee of the Saskatchewan East Enterprise Region (SEER) discussed the need for an Impact Study to assess the impact of Potash Mining Expansion on the region's communities. The SEER Board has hired a consultant to undertake this study.

Once the study is complete in the Fall of 2011, it will be used to help with Investment/Attraction strategies in the upcoming years as well as with assisting regional housing/infrastructure development. SEER will host a series of Community Meetings

to discuss the results of the Impact Analysis and to coordinate the development of strategies. This information will also be provided to local developers and municipalities and to Enterprise Saskatchewan (ES) who will utilize it in establishing economic strategies.

For further information please contact Michelle at the SEER office today at 306.728.2740.



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Did You Know?

- Tyler Kaban, a Master of Science student from Yorkton, has been working under the supervision of Bob Bors, associate professor for the Department of Plant Science at the University of Saskatchewan, on a grape breeding project. Tyler started out making controlled crosses of grapes in his Yorkton backyard prior to beginning his undergraduate degree and has continued with his research.
- Chamber members are eligible for the Esso Business Card Program and will receive a **3.5¢ per litre fuel discount!** Chamber members can apply for an **Esso Business Card** on line at www.essofleetoffers.com/CHAMBER
- The Yorkton Chamber has available **Start Your Own Business in Yorkton packages**. The packages contain letters of welcome from the sponsors and a CD with useful information to help you start your business. Contact numbers, guides to developing a business plan and planning a Grand Opening are just some of the topics covered in the package. Just stop by the Chamber office to obtain your complimentary copy.
- Yorkton Chamber is now on facebook and Twitter! Follow us on twitter at <http://twitter.com/#!/YktnChmbr> and stay up to date on Chamber Events/happenings throughout Yorkton!
- **Harvest Meats** in Yorkton makes the **Official Hot Dog of the Saskatchewan Roughriders!**



Tyler Kaban's grape breeding research began in his Yorkton backyard prior to taking his undergraduate degree at the U of S.



Directors Brent Murdock & Tom Seeley and President Dolores Harris displayed their creative genius while decorating the Chamber's float for the Yorkton Exhibition's Fair parade. They were assisted by Blair Harris and Allan Polegi.

Dolores, Tom, Brent and Juanita Polegi enjoyed being part of the parade - the peonies handed out near the end of the parade route were a big hit with the crowd!

