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

### Research Shows Benefits of Creating Family-Friendly Workplaces

*This is another in a series of articles submitted by the Family Life Work Balance Committee*

**Employee benefits include:**

- An increased ability to respond to family emergencies
- Gaining a sense of control over their lives
- An increased ability to care for children and elderly parents
- More time for friends, hobbies and community
- A healthier lifestyle in terms of less stress, improved nutrition and exercise

**Employer benefits include:**

- Better recruiting
- Reduced turnover and costs associated with training new workers
- An increase in employee loyalty and morale
- Reduced absenteeism and stress

**Community benefits include:**

- Employees are more available to participate in community activities
- Less health care costs
- Healthier and happier community citizens

*Source: Work and Family Unit, Saskatchewan Labour, 2005 Component of The Family-Friendly Workplace Portfolio*



*While both employees and employers benefit from a family-friendly workplace environment, the community also benefits as employees have more time to volunteer.*

*Photo courtesy Habitat for Humanity - Yorkton*

### Director of the Year



Tom Seeley was named Yorkton Chamber's 2010 Director of the Year. Tom joined the Chamber Board in 2010, serving on the Public Policy and Governance committees. His attendance at Board and committee meetings, City Council meetings and other Chamber events and activities were noted by his fellow Directors. The Director of the Year Award is presented to the Director who receives the most votes from fellow Directors. Congratulations, Tom!

### The Mayor Shares his Vision



Following the Chamber's AGM April 29, Mayor James Wilson was the Guest Speaker. Mayor Wilson shared his vision for the City in the upcoming months.

*Photo courtesy Calvin Daniels*



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## 2011 Employee Recognition Event



Some of the 25 nominees for the Employee of the Year Award



Entertainer Char Slager kept the crowd laughing with her stories about the importance of focusing on the positive in whatever situation you find yourself



The Events committee attracts all ages! Danyca enjoyed helping mom, Amie with the balloons.

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## Upcoming Dates to Remember

### June 2

Chamber Business Lunch  
- Les Anderson, Purchasing Manager  
Mosaic Projects Topic:  
How to Become a Preferred Supplier for the  
Mining Industry (Procurement Opportunities)  
- St. Gerard's Hall.  
Contact the Chamber office to pre-register.

### June 4 & 5

Painted Hand Casino Pow Wow  
- Gallagher Centre

### June 7

SEER AGM at Painted Hand Casino  
- Guest Speaker Dr. Lynda Haverstock

### June 10-12

Yorkton Dodge Chuckwagon Classic  
- Yorkton Exhibition Grounds

### June 21

National Aboriginal Day,  
- Yorkton Tribal Council grounds

### July 1

Canada Day Activities,  
- Western Development Museum grounds  
noon to 4:00 pm

### July 6 - 9

Yorkton Exhibition Summer Fair

### Sept 21

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

### Sept 29

Business After Hours



*President Dolores Harris  
presents Elaine Brown  
with the 2011 Employee  
of the Year Award*



*The Events Committee enjoyed themselves  
organizing and decorating for the Awards.*

*L to R: Juanita Polegl, Dolores Harris, Amie Zamonsky, Sherry MacDonald,  
Cassidy Westberg, Annette German and Karen Hansen. Missing: Evan Ortynsky*



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### YOUR MEMBER FIRST REFERRAL May - 2011

Morris Industries • Boston Pizza • Yorkton This Week • All About Flowers • Tim Horton  
Howard Johnson • All Season Sales & Rentals • Let's Make Wine • Potzus Construction  
KM Auto Repair • Yorkton New Holland • Maple Farm Equipment • Yorkton Co-op Farm Supply  
Shirley's Dance Wear • Flaman Sales • KFC • Haas Nissan • Dance Innovations  
York Sask Drycleaners • Imagination Plus Dance & Costume • North American Basement Systems  
Wander's Sweet Discoveries • Yorkton Geothermal • King's Sport Leisure & Marine  
Performance Promotions • Logan Stevens • LNX Hosting • Fedorowich Construction  
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Assiniboine Watershed Authority • Canadian Tire • The Plum Tree  
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Tourism Yorkton • Tonkin Millwork • BG Denture Clinic  
Northern Motors • Yorkton Distributors



Just to mention a few...

## Committee Members Wanted for Environmental Committee

Concerned about the stewardship of the city's water? Interested in seeing a reduction in the amount of solid waste going to the city's landfill? Then you may be interested in serving on the City's Environmental Committee.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise and assist the Council with respect to all matters pertaining to water treatment, waste-water treatment and solid waste management within the City of Yorkton.

The objective is to be environmentally responsible and provide sustainable stewardship of our water, waste-water and solid waste in order to protect the environment. This includes, but is not limited to, reviewing solid waste management practices within the City of Yorkton and making recommendations to Council that will enable the City of Yorkton to achieve a Zero solid waste discharge to the landfill by 2026.

For more information, contact Michael Buchholzer, director of Environmental Services (828-2470).

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To Elaine Brown of Stamatinos Leland Campbell LLP on receiving the 2011 Employee of the Year Award. Elaine has been with the law firm for 21 years. Elaine is described as being a dedicated employee and an excellent teacher. She is credited with bringing the law office into the computer age and has undertaken the task of ensuring the office is always using the best software. Elaine also possesses expertise in real estate and trains other staff in this area.