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TransACTIONS Conference 2013



Young Entrepreneurs Kendal Netmaker of Neechie Gear, Saskatoon; Devon Brooks of Blo Blow Dry Bar, Vancouver; and brothers Shawn and Lane Carrier of Monster Mowers, Ituna entertained and informed the crowd about their experiences as entrepreneurs.



Building on past successes, the Yorkton Tribal Council and Yorkton Chamber of Commerce formed a partnership that saw the return of the TransACTIONS Conference to Yorkton. The objective of the conference was to highlight the benefits and resulting positive relationships that develop when Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities work together in the areas of encouraging entrepreneurship and economic development. Tribal Chief Gilbert Panipekeesick welcomed everyone to the Conference, stressing the importance of listening to the ideas that would be forthcoming. Mayor Bob Maloney also brought greetings from the city. President Amie Zamonsky was the MC on Day 1.



Sask Chamber of Commerce CEO Steve McLellan shared his thoughts on Economic Growth in Saskatchewan. He has a 6 step plan for helping communities to grow. He also introduced the Sask Chamber's document "Let's Try that Twice" - a paper that provides common sense ideas for helping employers and First Nations employees understand each other and find solutions for successful employment.

Good News on Budget Day



Representatives from Parkland College and Yorkton attended the Budget Speech at the Legislature. They were happy about the provinces commitment to the Trades and Technology Centre.

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Did You Know?

- According to Mayor Bob Maloney at the recent TransACTIONS conference, there are 1190 businesses in Yorkton.
- Yorkton Tribal Council Labour Force Development has programs that may be offered to Status First Nation Individuals who are unemployed or underemployed, an opportunity to gain valuable work experience through partnerships with Employers. Employers can utilize the following Partnerships with YTC Labour Force Development:
 - o Work Experience Partnership - up to a maximum of 26 weeks in length
 - o Transition to Employment Partnership - up to a maximum of 16 weeks and client has secured employment upon completion
 - o Apprenticeship Partnerships - Client is indentured into a trade and works with Employer until Journeyman's status has been achieved.
- YTC Labour Force Development can provide financial resources. Different terms and conditions apply to each Partnership. Contact YTC Labour Force Development for further information at (306) 783-2225.
- Looking for something to do with those pennies in your cookie jar? Habitat for Humanity is collecting pennies for the next build in Yorkton. You can drop off your pennies at LR Future & Investments at 7 Broadway Street West.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- April 12**
Chamber Business Lunch at the Painted Hand Casino. Hon. Ken Krawetz, Minister of Finance will discuss the highlights of the new provincial budget.
- April 16**
Employee Recognition Event, St. Mary's Cultural Centre.
- April 25**
Chamber Business Lunch and AGM at the Painted Hand Casino. Following the brief AGM, Mayor Bob Maloney will share Council's plans for the City.
- April 22 - 27**
27 Football Week in Yorkton.
- May 23 - 26**
Yorkton Short Film Festival

"Let's Try that Twice"

There is a labour shortage in Saskatchewan at the same time as there are many underemployed or unemployed Aboriginal people. There are many great examples of businesses who have hired Aboriginal people, resulting in long term productive employees for the business and a positive career for the individuals. Unfortunately, there also many businesses and individuals whose work connection was not so positive.

When asked about hiring Aboriginal workers some of these business people now say, "We tried that once and it didn't work out". It's time all business and workers agree now is the time that we all try again. The Saskatchewan Chamber is encouraging businesses to "try that twice" - or more, if required.

Only through commercial effort by business and individuals will we see results.

The Saskatchewan Chamber has gathered input from Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people for this document, to provide information to help both employers and workers enhance their relationship. This list is not intended to be exhaustive, nor will it reflect the full experiences of the entire Saskatchewan business community - but it is a positive step forward.

To read the entire "Let's Try That Twice" document, visit the Sask Chamber's website www.saskchamber.com/files/File/actionMag/2013/February%2013%20ao.pdf

New Website

The website of Yorkton Chamber of Commerce has a fresh, new look!

Incorporating photos of Yorkton and area submitted by local photographers, bright colours and lots of white space, the new website is pleasant to view and easy to navigate for information about the Chamber and it's members.

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Chamber meets with Garry Breitkreuz

President Amie Zamonsky and several Chamber Directors met recently with Yorkton-Melville MP, Garry Breitkreuz. During the informal discussion, several topics were discussed including Canada's new Immigration Policy; the need for planning for future infrastructure requirements; the effect of government policies on business; and the need for pipelines to transport western oil.



Chamber meets with Yorkton Council

Mayor Bob Maloney and Councillors Arnelien, Fisher and Pearen met recently with several Chamber Directors. During the informal conversation, they discussed developing lots; promoting the city; and the importance of the city's recreation facilities to the business community.



Chamber meets with Cam Broten

Less than a week after being elected the Leader of the Opposition, Cam Broten was the Guest Speaker at a Chamber Business Lunch. He outlined the 3 areas of focus for his party: K to 12 Education; Long Term Care; and Accountability and Transparency. Yorkton is the first Chamber Mr. Broten visited following his election.