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## Do We Need Less Red Tape?

In order to help the provincial government as it continues to streamline processes and lessen

regulatory burdens, the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce invites members to submit examples of potential inefficiencies to their new email address:

[lessredtape@saskchamber.com](mailto:lessredtape@saskchamber.com)

These suggestions will be reviewed, then passed along to the Red Tape Review panel members for

examination and appropriate action. The Saskatchewan Chamber strongly believes the continuation of the Red Tape Review process is an important element of the overall mandate of the Ministry of Economy, and that it has the potential to provide enhanced business productivity for Saskatchewan.

## Survey Says...

We would very much like to report to you what the results of the recent Chamber survey were but with only 3 respondents, that's not a fair sampling of the business community. Therefore, the survey will be sent again to the Chamber members the week of March 18. Guaranteed the survey will take less than 5 minutes of your time. Completing the survey is a quick and easy way to provide feedback to the Chamber Board. The Directors consider carefully your comments and suggestions. A synopsis of your responses will appear in the April edition of the Courier.

## Facebook

As a member of the Yorkton Chamber, have you made sure the Chamber "likes" you? In turn, do you "like the Chamber? At present, the Chamber has 485 people that "likes" it. The Chamber's facebook page is Yorkton Chamber.



*Executive Director Juanita Polegi with Ministry of Agriculture Deputy Minister Alanna Koch at the recent Agriculture Awareness Summit in Regina. Nearly 200 people attended the summit to discuss ways to advance the awareness and profile of Saskatchewan's/Canada's agri-food industry. The Yorkton Chamber was one of 3 Chambers at the Summit.*

## New Website Coming Soon

The Chamber's new website will be unveiled later this month! Described as "crisp", "fresh" and "interesting", the website has lots of eye appeal. Photos submitted by friends of the Chamber lend a local flavour to the website. Watch your email blasts from Sherry for the announcement when the new site goes live. We hope you like it!



## Congratulations!

- To **RAM Industries** on 40 years in business.
- To **Parkland College** on 40 years of serving the community.
- To **T & H Trucking** on 25 years of operation.
- To the **Yorkton Terriers** on placing first in the Sherwood Conference of the SJHL. Good luck in the playoffs!

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*Retail Tire & Automotive*



**Yorkton Brick Mill Heritage Society Inc.**  
Box 1062  
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*Non Profit Group of Volunteers*

**Interested in becoming a Chamber Member?** Sherry at the Chamber office at 783-4368

### YOUR MEMBER FIRST REFERRAL February 2013

Prairies North Magazine • Fine Lifestyles Magazine • Crossroad Solutions • GX / FOX FM • The Rock FM • Yorkton News Review  
Yorkton This Week • Truck Prox • Harvest Meats • Best Western • Ramada Hotel • Comfort Inn • Redwood Inn • York Inn  
Howard Johnson • Gallagher Centre • Painted Hand Casino • McDiarmid Lumber • Canadian Tire • Walmart • Parkland Mall • Pita Pit  
Tim Hortons • Mid Can Window • Prairie Paint Centre • The Plum Tree • Merv's Frame & Wheel • Yorkton Bowl Arena  
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## Did You Know?



*Gord Shaw, Director of Planning & Engineering, will present a paper about Yorkton at a prestigious conference in Portland Oregon.*

- Director of Planning & Engineering, Gord Shaw has been invited to present his paper *Broadway - King Street Recreation Corridor Case Study* at the 50th International Making Cities Livable Conference in Portland, Oregon in June. The presentation will highlight Yorkton at a prestigious international event.
- According to the Ministry of the Economy, in 2011, small businesses (those with 1 - 49 employees) accounted for 98.5% of all the businesses in Sask.
- Following the municipal election last fall, a couple of business owners indicated that while they own property and businesses in Yorkton, they live outside the city limits so were not eligible to vote in the city election. They wondered if this was a city bylaw or legislated by the province. Thanks to City Clerk, Bonnie Schenher, for the following answer: This is legislated by the province. If you own property in your personal name (not a company name) you could vote for Mayor and Council but not the school board. We do have people who meet these requirements and vote.

- Oil production in Saskatchewan hit a new record in 2012 according to statistics recently released by the Ministry of the Economy. Crude oil production in the province reached 172.9 million barrels in 2012, up more than 7.0 per cent from the previous record of 161.0 million barrels set in 2008.
- The oil and gas industry continues to be one of the largest contributors to the Saskatchewan economy, representing about 20.7 per cent of the province's GDP.
- Sunrise Health Region is the largest employer in the area, with nearly 2,900 employees
- Between April, 2012 and January, 2013, Sunrise Health Region added 10 new physicians to the region

## Yorkton Business



*On February 26, Yorkton MLA Greg Ottenbreit met with several Yorkton Chamber Directors to discuss provincial initiatives and policies that impact Yorkton businesses. Pictured with Greg (centre) are Dick DeRyk, Chair of the Public Policy committee and Amie Zamonsky, President.*

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- March 15**  
Chamber Business Lunch - Guest Speaker will be the new Leader of the Opposition
- March 18**  
Deadline for submitting Employee of the Year nominations
- March 31**  
Deadline for renewing City of Yorkton Business Licences
- April 12**  
Chamber Business Lunch - Guest Speaker Hon. Ken Krawetz to discuss the new Provincial Budget
- April 16**  
Employee Recognition Event, St. Mary's Cultural Centre
- April 25**  
Chamber Business Lunch and AGM
- May 23 - 26**  
Yorkton Short Film Festival



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# EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION EVENT

## A Night of Fun for Employers and their Employees

Tuesday April 16 - St. Mary's Cultural Centre

COCKTAILS 5:30 SUPPER 6:30  
ENTERTAINMENT 7:45

Entertainment and Presentation of the Front Line Employee of the Year Award and the Support Employee of the Year Award



Entertainment will be provided by Comedian Jody Peters - raised in Saskatchewan, Jody has appeared in comedy events such as the Just for Laughs Festival in Montreal!

Tickets are just \$50 (plus GST) per person or \$375 (plus GST) for a Corporate Table\* of 8!

(\*Early Bird Rate for a Corporate Table is \$350 plus GST if payment is received by April 1)

## Employee Recognition Event

Do you know an employee who provides exceptional service? Is there a behind-the-scenes employee in your business who has everything organized? If you answered yes to either question, you may want to nominate that person for an Award.

The Yorkton Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for two Employee of the Year Awards. Employers, fellow employees and members of the public are invited to nominate people for the Front Line Employee Award sponsored by Crusader Drilling. These are the people who work daily with the public and provide customer service. Employers only are invited to submit nominations for their

employees who don't normally provide service to the public. These are the employees who keep the business or company running smoothly but are more behind-the-scenes, hence the Support Employee of the Year Award sponsored by Parkland College.

All nominees for both awards must have been employed by the business for 2 full years. All employees are eligible for nomination, whether or not their place of employment is a Chamber member.

Nomination forms are available on the Chamber website ([www.yorktonchamber.com/events](http://www.yorktonchamber.com/events)) or from the Chamber office. Nominators

for both awards are expected to explain why the nominees deserve such recognition. Nominations close at 5:00 pm Monday March 18.

The Employee Awards will be presented at the 2013 Employee Recognition Event Tuesday April 16 at the St. Mary's Cultural Centre.

Photos and biographies of the nominees will be posted on the Chamber website for one week following the close of nominations. Each Chamber member will then have the opportunity to cast one vote for the nominee considered most deserving for each of the Awards.

## And the winner is...

For the past couple of years, the Chamber's Employee Recognition Event has not had a logo. The Events committee invited Chamber members to submit logo designs for the committee's consideration. A number of excellent submissions were received. The committee then chose a few of its favourite designs and asked the membership to vote for the one design they liked best of all. And the winner is.....HJ Linnen & Associates.

HJ Linnen will receive 2 complimentary tickets to the Employee Recognition Event and will be recognized in the program.

The Chamber extends its thanks to all the talented people who submitted a logo design. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

