

The Voice of Business

Trades & Technology Centre to be Constructed

October 15 was an exciting day for the Parkland College, the city and east central Saskatchewan when Premier Brad Wall and the Hon. Rob Norris, Minister of Advanced Education announced that the province will contribute \$10 million to the construction of a Trades & Technology Centre in Yorkton.

The Centre will be more than 2500 square meters in size. It's anticipated that each year 360 students will graduate from the Centre and another 2000 will take upgrading.

The Yorkton Chamber has long been a supporter of the Parkland College's plans for such an expansion. The Chamber congratulates the College for its vision and determination to see this expansion become a reality. The Chamber is also grateful to the many businesses and individuals who contributed to the College's Capital Campaign which raised \$8.27 million and to the province for its contribution. The Chamber looks forward to the day the first shovel of soil is turned signalling the beginning of construction.



Greg Ottenbreit, MLA; Dr. Fay Myers, President Parkland College; Premier Brad Wall; and Hon. Rob Norris, Minister of Advanced Education hold Donor Bricks following the announcement that the province will contribute \$10 million to the construction of the Trades & Technology Centre

Chamber Celebrate Small Business Week

October 20 - 26 was proclaimed Small Business Week by the Government of Saskatchewan. Small businesses are those with fewer than 50 employees and account for one third of the province's GDP. The number of small businesses in the province grew by 6.8% from 2011 to 2012. (Source Sask Ministry of Economy).

In celebration of Small Business Week, the Chamber hosted 2 events. October 21, Brady Harland, owner, invited all Chamber members to **Joe Beeverz Bar & Grill** for a complimentary beverage and snacks and the opportunity to network. The evening was enjoyed by all who attended and thanks to Brady and his staff for their hospitality.

Twila Reddekopp, the Editor and Publisher of Sask Business Magazine was the Guest Speaker at the Chamber Business Lunch October 24. Twila described Saskatchewan's economy as no longer surviving but thriving! She said the province has three things going for it: its strength; its resiliency; and its prosperity. And Yorkton, she said, is a vibrant business center that is booming! She has noticed a significant change in the business community's sense of pride in what they have accomplished. President Amie Zamonsky concurred with Twila and encouraged small businesses to be proud of their stories.



Twila Reddekopp, Editor and Publisher of Sask Business Magazine chats with President Amie Zamonsky following her presentation at the Chamber Business Lunch held during Small Business Week, October 24.

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of businesses whose sales may not have allowed them to rank among the hundred largest in sales volume but follow close behind".

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And **YOU** become a member of an organization that works together towards a common vision for our community.

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Did You Know?

- Municipal governments collect only \$0.08 of every tax dollar collected in Canada, while being required to manage financially intensive responsibilities (operating and capital).
- The City of Yorkton has budgeted for the addition of one new member of the RCMP bringing the city's detachment to 28 members.
- Over the last 3 years, the city of Yorkton has added 6.4 km of new streets.
- An additional 22 acres of grass has also been added with the addition of the new parks.
- **The Canadian Chamber of Commerce has prepared a 3 page Analysis following the signing of the Canada - EU Trade Agreement (CETA). To view this analysis, go to http://www.chamber.ca/membership/131018-So-whats-in-the-Canada-EU-Trade-Agreement-CETA/131018_CETA_Analysis.pdf**

Celebrate Success Business Awards 2014

At the time of writing (Oct 22), there is only a skiff of snow on the lawns. That could change quickly so if you're contemplating nominating your business for the Property Restoration Award, you might want to take some photos of the exterior of your building before the snow banks get in the way. Other categories include Award of Excellence; Community Involvement; New Business

Venture; Young Entrepreneur; Customer Service; Business Expansion; Diversity Leadership; Work & Family Balance; and Community Merit. More information will be available about the 2014 Awards in the New Year but it's never too early to think about the categories in which your business could be nominated.



The Celebrate Success Business Awards will be presented April 2, 2014.

TransACTIONS Conference for Youth November 22 - "It's About Mo' Money!"

The Yorkton Tribal Council, DREAMbuilders and Yorkton Chamber of Commerce are the partners delivering a TransACTIONS conference for youth at the Gallagher Centre. Targeting high school students within a 100 km radius of Yorkton, who are interested in learning about owning a business and being entrepreneurs, the theme of the conference is "It's About Mo' Money!"

A variety of young entrepreneurs have been engaged to speak to the students about their experiences as entrepreneurs and owning businesses. A presentation on Social Media is also included.

As well, the students will have some fun as they observe a theatre piece that illustrates common perceptions about teenagers at job interviews and a hip hop artist will perform at noon.

At the conclusion of the program, the students will be invited to participate in a project that will encourage them to develop a business idea when they return home. Some of the best ideas will be showcased at a forum in March.

If you're interested in attending the Conference or wish to contribute as a sponsor, please contact the Chamber Office.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

November 10

Yorkton Terrier special ceremony honouring the Veterans. Game time is 6:00 pm.

November 11

Remembrance Day Service at the Gallagher Centre's Flexihall

November 19

Chamber Business Lunch at the Painted Hand Casino with Ilene Busch-Vishniac, President of the University of Saskatchewan as the Guest Speaker. Please pre-register.

November 22

TransACTIONS for Youth Conference at the Gallagher Centre.

November 30

Santa Claus Parade 5:00 pm. To register an entry in the Parade, contact the Yorkton Exhibition Association (306-783-4800).

Dec 3

Chamber Business Lunch at the Painted Hand Casino with Sask Power as the Guest Speaker. Please pre-register.

April 2

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Creators and owners of OMG! candy, Larry Finson (Back Row, Far Left) and Chris Emery (Back Row Far Right) were in Yorkton October 2. They visited a number of Yorkton Chamber member businesses, including Joe Beeverz where they had lunch with some Chamber Directors, staff and volunteers.



Chris and Larry also visited Chamber member businesses that distribute OMG! candy including Yorkton Co-op Palliser Way Gas Bar and had their photos taken with Manager Darcy Napady.

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After visiting with Larry Hilworth of Maple Farm Equipment, Chris and Larry were each taken on a tractor ride.



During the Chamber Business Dinner later that evening, Chris and Larry kept the near sellout crowd entertained with their stories of growing, expanding and marketing their business. As long time business partners, Chris said, "Collaboration can lead to great things!" Judging by the crowd's enjoyment of the candies, OMG! is a great thing!

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