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## New Directors Views on the Chamber and the City

When new Directors join the Chamber of Commerce, it's always interesting to hear their reasons for accepting the nomination for the Board and their perspective on the Chamber and the city. Each of the Directors indicated they have learned much in their short tenure and they all envision a bright future for the city.



*Brady Harland said he felt, that as a newcomer to Yorkton, a good way to learn more about the City would be to get involved in the Chamber.*

When she contemplates Yorkton in 5 years, the words that come to mind are diversity and growth! She notes there are many young people in the area with promising careers, which in turn "fuels our local economy". As a result, new businesses are opening not just in Yorkton but in the region as well.

Melissa has enjoyed her tenure to date, and anticipates a long association with the Chamber.



*Stephanie Buckle said she wanted to serve on the Chamber Board so that she could learn more about politics, network with other business people and be a part of the business community.*

to larger retail and service sectors. He wonders if Yorkton will have eliminated its potholes by then!

Brady hopes to have a long tenure with the Chamber Board as he believes that as he becomes more confident in his role as a Director, he will have more to offer.



*Since joining the Chamber, Krissy Morrison has learned much about the Chamber's role as the voice of business in Yorkton and how it interacts with City Hall.*

In the 7 months as a Chamber Director, **Stephanie Buckle** said she has learned a great deal about the Chamber and how to conduct a meeting properly. She feels she has brought to the Chamber the perspective of the young entrepreneur.

In 5 years, she believes the city will be bigger and better with businesses continuing to support the community and each other.

Serving as a Director has proven to be a positive experience for **Brady Harland** as it has taken him outside his comfort zone. He has also learned a great deal from the other Directors and committee members and appreciates their mentorship.

Since joining the Chamber, he has been able to offer some suggestions and assist with some of the Chamber's activities.

In 5 years, he expects the city will have grown. By then the Trades & Technology Centre will be operating which will translate into a demand for more housing which will in turn, lead



*Through business leaders, Melissa Honour has learned what "makes the city tick" and gained insight into the city's potential.*

**Krissy Morrison** felt that by becoming a Chamber Director, it would be a great way to learn more about how the city functions and how the Chamber operates. Meeting like-minded people interested in how the city does business was also one of her reasons for becoming a Director.

Impressed by the many areas in which the Chamber is involved, Krissy has focused on learning and understanding how the Chamber operates so that she can contribute with more comprehension in the future.

In five years, she expects the city to have more businesses and educational opportunities and, in 10 years, she expects the city will be more self-sufficient, allowing residents to satisfy the majority of their business and commercial needs without looking to Regina or Saskatoon.

Continuing as a Director into the foreseeable future is in Krissy's plans.

New to Yorkton, **Melissa Honour** thought the Chamber would be a great organization in which to meet business people who are passionate about making a difference in the community and in turn, understand and support key local initiatives.

With population growth stemming from the coming of the Trades & Technology Centre, she is ensuring market-specific demands are met and forecasts are planned with Yorkton's development in mind.

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**Gord Pritchard**, who recently resigned as a Director in order to pursue his career in Regina, offered this piece of advice: "I would encourage other young professionals to get involved in the Chamber and serve on its Board. You learn so much and meet so many people!"

Thank you to all the Chamber Directors, past and present, for their interest in the Chamber and the city.



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## Business Walk with the Mayor



The Yorkton Chamber of Commerce was pleased to initiate a Business Walk with Mayor Maloney each morning the week of July 21. On Day 1, Mayor Maloney (Far Right) was accompanied by YBID Chair Ken Kohler (Far Left); Chamber Vice President Joel Martinuk; and YBID Directors Andrew Rae and Corvyn

Neufeld. Their first stop on the Walk was Hometown Source for Sports where Shaun Parsons answered questions about doing business in Yorkton. In a future edition of the Courier, a compilation of the answers provided by all the businesses will be provided.

## ReStore Opens

Merv Catchuk (R) GM of the Habitat for Humanity ReStore assists a customer in measuring a window. The ReStore recently opened in Yorkton and is one of 87 in Canada. But this ReStore is very unique in that it involves several partners, most of which are also Chamber members - City of Yorkton, Sunrise Health Region, and Sask Abilities Council. The ReStore and Habitat for Humanity are also Chamber members. To learn more about Yorkton's ReStore, visit [www.habitat.yorkton.ca/yorkton-restore](http://www.habitat.yorkton.ca/yorkton-restore) or check their facebook page Yorkton Habitat for Humanity - ReStore



## Upcoming Dates to Remember

**September 4**  
Life Member Induction

**September 9**  
P3 Summit, Regina - sponsored by  
Sask Chamber of Conference.

**September 18**  
Chamber Business Lunch at the  
Legion. Guest Speaker is CO Brenda  
Butterworth Carr,  
RCMP F Division.

**September 23 & 24**  
Saskatchewan Trade & Export  
Partnership (STEP) Trade Conference  
2014, Saskatoon. For more  
information about the 2014 STEP  
Trade Conference, contact  
[www.sasktrade.com](http://www.sasktrade.com)

**October 1**  
Yorkton Chamber Business Dinner  
with Guest Speaker Ashley David  
Chapman, VP Chapman's Ice Cream.

**November 1**  
Nominations due for both 2014 and  
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**November 5 - 8**  
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After checking with two Accountants about what had to be saved for the nice people in Ottawa, Sherry and Juanita blew the dust off 8 boxes of records and went to work. They searched for the Audited Financial Statements and Minutes from past years. When the dust had settled and the contents organized, they discovered the following Minutes

are missing:

- All Minutes from 2000
- November & December Minutes 2002
- December Minutes 2003
- February Minutes 2004

We are asking the former Directors from those years to check to see if perhaps they still have Board Minutes taking up space in the back of a filing cabinet or holding up the rear leg of an old desk. If you find what we're looking for, please call the office 306-783-4368.



Former Chamber Directors are asked to check old files for some Chamber Minutes from past years.

## Deadline for MMRP for Small Businesses Extended

The deadline for signing up for the Multi-Material Recycling Program for Small Business has been extended but no definitive date has yet been announced.

The program is intended for small businesses (those generating less than \$750,000 revenue per year and operating as a single point of retail sale).

For more information about the details and on the MMRP and its benefits to business, visit [www.saskatchewan.ca/recycling](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/recycling) or [www.mmsk.ca](http://www.mmsk.ca)



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