



# The VOICE of Business

## Chamber Honours Ray Malinowski with Life Membership



President Don Rae presented Ray Malinowski with a plaque at a recent Chamber Business Lunch when he was inducted as a Life Member in the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Malinowski was President of the Yorkton Chamber in 1987; was President of the Saskatchewan Chamber in 1982-83 and was on the Executive Committee of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. He has been both a member and Director of a number of industry associations and is currently a Director of the Agricultural Manufacturers of Canada. In 1984, Ray was recognized as a "Saskatchewan Achiever" in the area of business and he is a recipient of the Canada 125 Medal. Currently, Ray is the Chairman at Leon's Manufacturing Company Inc and Ram Industries Inc.



During Ray's gracious acceptance speech, he thanked the Chamber "for allowing and giving me the privilege to know you and to follow the ideals and the principles of your Chamber." Paying tribute to the work of the Chamber, he said, "Indeed, this organization is the true voice of business, and the voice of those who believe in our competitive system. These are the ideals I believe in and have practiced most of my life. These ideals, in my opinion, are the things that really keep our communities and country growing and prospering." Ray indicated that the Yorkton Chamber, on behalf of its members, works on a number of major challenges to competitiveness. He said, "We must continue these lobbying efforts to ensure that "common business sense" prevails in our community and society." He concluded by saying, "You never give up trying to make our community a better place - and for this, and for your life membership honor, I thank you."

## LDC Reaches Milestone



Yorkton's Louis Dreyfus Commodities recently celebrated a milestone in June - it shipped its 100th 100 car train of canola meal. Several people spoke at the event including Todd Trefren, Industrial Manager North American Grains & Oilseeds Processing. The American southwest is the destination of 75% of the canola meal crushed in Yorkton.

To make one hundred 100 car trains of canola meal (which equates to 1 million tonnes of meal), over 2.1 million acres is required to produce 1.75 million tonnes of canola seed transported by 43,750 super B trucks. Congratulations LDC!

## *Congratulations!*

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## Community ALS Ice Bucket Challenge



The Community ALS Ice Bucket Challenge staged by Yorkton's Canadian Tire and Joe Beeverz Bar & Grill was a fun event one early morning in late August. Several teams showed up for the Challenge.



Chamber Directors Melissa Honour (Canadian Tire) and Brady Harland (Joe Beeverz) were the Chief Organizers who also took the Challenge.

## Members Named as ABEX Finalists

The Yorkton Chamber of Commerce extends its congratulations to its 4 member businesses which have been named Finalists for the Sask Chamber's ABEX Awards. **RH Electric** is a Finalist in 2 categories - Community Involvement and Growth & Expansion. **NL Construction** is also a Finalist for the Growth & Expansion Award.

**RCM Safety Services** is a Finalist in the New Business Venture category. And in the Service category, **Yorkton Plumbing & Heating** is a Finalist for that Award.

These prestigious awards will be presented in Regina November 1.



A soaked Ron Boychuk (BMO) on left tells soaked Chamber Director Susan Stewardson (Scotiabank) that the water wasn't really that cold!

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- October 15**  
Nominations Open for 2015 Chamber Directors
- October 18**  
Nominations due for Sask Volunteer Medal
- October 30**  
Chamber Business Lunch at the Parkland Room, Painted Hand Casino - Guest Speaker: Mr. Cam Broten, Leader of the Opposition
- October 31**  
Deadline for submitting Nominations for Chamber Directors
- November 1**  
Nominations due for both 2014 and 2015 Sask Order of Merit.
- November 5 - 8**  
Harvest Showdown
- November 15**  
Deadline for voting for Chamber Directors
- November 29**  
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# Railway Crossings and Drop Down Arms

In the September edition of the *Courier*, members of the Yorkton Chamber were invited to send in their responses to 2 questions about railway crossings in the city:

- 1) Are drop down arms needed at the crossings?
- 2) At which two crossings are they most needed?

In response to question #1, 84% of the respondents indicated that drop down arms are required; 16% of the respondents indicated there is no need for drop down arms.

35% of the respondents suggested more than 2 crossings require drop down arms so their responses are not included in the tabulations for Question 2.

Of those responses with only one or two suggestions for Question 2, the results are:

Highway #9 South - 19%; Broadway & Laurier - 15%; Broadway & Betts - 15%; York Road - 12%; Gladstone & King - 12%; Independent & Laurier - 8%; Queen - 8%; Darlington - 8%; Myrtle - 4%

Most responses came with some comments:

- Most of those who indicated there should be drop down arms would like to see them at all locations in the city.

- Concern was expressed over the increased frequency of the trains, increased length and slow movement.
- Due to this, concern was expressed about emergency vehicles finding their way to opposite ends of the city. It was suggested the CN and CP communicate with emergency officials so that the city's emergency departments are aware of the ETA when some of these mega trains are going through the city and can be prepared if an emergency arises.
- Those who didn't think drop down arms were necessary felt the trains were moving slowly enough so as not to cause any accidents.
- Many expressed that the relocation of both tracks could solve a lot of problems.
- An overpass was also suggested.
- And the incessant horn blasting as a train makes its way through Yorkton is considered a real nuisance. Perhaps drop down arms would eliminate some of those blasts.

Thank you to all who took the time to complete this survey.

# Are You a Future Director?

Would you like to expand your business network? Are you interested in serving on a well-run Board of Directors? Would you like to contribute to your community by volunteering? If you answered yes to some of these questions, you may want to consider allowing your name to stand for a Director on the Board of the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce.

Nominations will open October 15. Nomination forms are available on the Chamber website [www.yorktonchamber.com](http://www.yorktonchamber.com) or may be obtained from the Chamber office. The deadline for submitting Nominations is noon October 31.

Eight two year terms are available. New Directors take their place at the Board Table at the January meeting, joining those Directors who will be in the second year of their terms. Directors set the policy



for this dynamic and positive business organization

To learn more about the role and responsibilities of a Chamber Director, contact one of the current Directors or call the Chamber office (306-783-4368).

# Pizza Farm

A number of Chamber member businesses supported and participated in the Ministry of Agriculture's initiative to establish a "Pizza Farm" near Yorkton. In the spring, a circular plot was created in a field and divided like pizza slices. Grade 3 students helped to seed the spices and many other ingredients that go into a pizza and a "slice" was seeded to wheat. In September, those same students came back to harvest the plot and have pizza for lunch. Also present at the Harvest Day was a combine, a dairy calf and a couple of little pigs. The pizza farm teaches the students about what Sask farmers and ranchers produce and is part of the "Ag More than Ever!" campaign.

