



# The VOICE of Business

## CEO of World's 10th Largest Brewery Speaks in Yorkton

Manjit Minhas, Co-Founder & CEO of Minhas Brewery was the Guest Speaker at the Chamber Business Dinner, Sept 30. Speaking to a sell-out crowd, Ms Minhas delivered an entertaining and informative presentation about the birth and growth of Minhas Brewery. She offered 6 suggestions to entrepreneurs: Find a mentor; have the courage to succeed; recognize that life is not fair; spend

what you earn and no more; be passionate - "you have to believe it in order for someone else to believe it"; and the cornerstone to business is "to trust and be trusted". Following her presentation, Ms Minhas fielded a number of questions; the answers to which were also very interesting. She indicated their company slogan, "Damn good beer!" came from a customer.



*Students from Sacred Heart High and the Yorkton Regional were invited to attend the Dinner as Guests of CN. Accompanying the students were Mrs. MacAulay (SHHS) and Mrs. Gendreau (YRHS). The students very much enjoyed Manjit's presentation and were thrilled when she posed for photos with each student.*



*On a tour of Yorkton conducted by Past President Don Rae and Executive Director Juanita Polegi, Manjit and her father, Moni Minhas were impressed by the amenities Yorkton has to offer. Along the way, they stopped at Crusader Drilling to say hi to Don's staff and see some photos of Crusader's drilling rigs.*

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## Congratulations!

- To Dean Fyck on 10 years in business! Formerly known as Truck Proz, the business is now Traction (selling heavy duty parts) and TruckPro (the service side). A Grand Opening at the new location was held recently.
- To Yorkton's 2015 ABEX Award recipient - see Page 2

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*Just to mention a few . . .*

**2015 ABEX Award Recipients**



*At the recent ABEX Awards Event sponsored by the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, Chamber members NL Construction and TA Foods were recognized as Finalists in a total of 4 Award categories. It's a great achievement to be recognized as a Finalist for an ABEX Award. TA Foods was selected as the ABEX Award recipient in the Growth & Expansion category! Accepting the Award are from Left, Lana and Mike Popowich and Terry and Anne Popowich.*

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## Hercules Frequent Visitor to YQV



The Yorkton Regional Airport (YQV) can handle some pretty big aircraft thanks to the numerous upgrades to the Airport over the past few years. This CC-130J Hercules Turboprop is a frequent visitor. Thanks to Haley-Dawn Fernuik, Dispatcher/Receptionist at Good Spirit Air for providing the following information: The CC-130J Hercules is a four-engine, fixed-wing

turboprop aircraft that can carry up to 92 combat troops or 128 non-combat passengers. It is used for a wide range of missions, including troop transport, tactical airlift (both palletized and vehicular cargo) and aircrew training. Flying from Winnipeg to the Yorkton area for Military search and rescue, it has at least 2 pilots and 2 paratroopers.

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- November 4 - 7**  
27th Annual Grain Millers Harvest Showdown
- November 10**  
Special Candle Lighting Ceremony at the Cenotaph (2nd Avenue & Darlington) 6:30 PM
- November 11**  
Remembrance Day Service, Flexi Hall, Gallagher Centre. Please be seated by 10:30 AM
- November 28**  
Yorkton's Santa Claus Parade
- December 2**  
Saskatchewan USA Trade Summit, Dec 2 - sponsored by STEP & the Sask Chamber
- December 31**  
Chamber New Year's Eve Party at the Painted Hand Casino. Dress Up Event



## New Year's Eve Party

**DECEMBER 31, 2015**  
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## Celebrating 10 Years with the Chamber

At the Chamber Business Dinner, the Chamber took the opportunity to present to Sherry MacDonald, Director of Marketing & Administration, a gift in recognition of her 10 years of service and contributions to the Yorkton Chamber.



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## Did You Know?

- The City of Yorkton has more than 30 employees with 20 years or more of service to the city.
- According to Work Safe Saskatchewan, over the past year, 87% of the province's companies had 0 injuries and 93% has zero time loss due to injuries.
- The WCB is proposing another drop in the average premium rate. This will make it the lowest rate since 1986.
- In 2014, RecyclAbility Enterprises, operated by the Saskatchewan Abilities Council, diverted 1000MT of residential recyclables from the landfill through the City's Residential Recycling Program and another 1200MT of commercial recyclables from the landfill.

## All Candidates Forum

One of the many roles the Chamber plays, is to host the All Candidates' Forum whenever an election has been called for either of the 3 orders of government.

The 4 candidates in the Yorkton-Melville constituency participated in the Forum at the Gallagher Centre October 8. In addition to delivering their opening and closing remarks, each candidate responded to 4 questions posed by the Chamber and 8 questions from the floor. The Forum was the ideal opportunity for the constituents to personally meet each of the candidates.



Joel Martinuk, President (Far Left) poses with the 4 candidates - Elaine Hughes, Green Party; Doug Ottenbreit, NDP; Brooke Malinosky, Liberal; and Cathay Wagantall, Conservative; and Randy Atkinson (Far Right) who did an excellent job as Moderator of the Forum.

## Buyers Beware

On occasion, the Chamber receives calls or emails complaining about contractors. Many times, these complaints are about contractors who do not live in the area. When a complaint is received, it most often is accompanied by a suggestion that contractors should be licensed. This is what the Chamber was able to learn when it comes to licensing:

- All businesses, including contractors, are required to purchase a business license when conducting business or doing work in Yorkton. The City Business License does not provide any assurance that the business or contractor does "quality work".
- The exception is the plumbing trade. A plumber, when purchasing a City Business License, must provide the appropriate paperwork indicating he/she is a bona fide plumber. This is a requirement of the Government of Saskatchewan.
- The City of Yorkton has lobbied the Government of Saskatchewan to establish standards for the various contractors so that everyone who deals with someone who says he/she is a "contractor" can be assured the contractor is indeed qualified in that area. To date, such standards have not been put into effect.

So, the bottom line and the best advice is, as always, know your contractor and be sure to get in writing what he/she will be doing for you. Ask for references. Most contractors, whether they live in the community or come from afar, are legitimate, capable tradespeople. Buyers must always beware of those who are not. At this point, if you need a contractor, the Chamber advises you to make sure you know who you are hiring and what they are capable of doing for you.

## Pizza Farm Presentation



Rachel Krainick (L) and Naomi Paley (R) Regional Staff with the Ministry of Agriculture presented Executive Director Juanita Polegi with a Poster Board expressing the Ministry's appreciation for the Chamber's support of the Pizza Farm project. Since its inception, the Pizza Farm near Yorkton has been an active learning tool for hundreds of Grades 3 & 4 students in understanding where their food comes from.