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2016 Municipal Election

The City of Yorkton's 2016 Municipal Election will be the one remembered for all the candidates! 24 people ran for the 6 councillor positions and there were 4 candidates for Mayor! With these large numbers, the Chamber changed its format for hosting the candidates in a public forum. October 12, the Candidates for Council Forum was held and the Candidates for Mayor Debate was held October 18. Both the Forum and Debate were broadcast live by 98.5 FM the Rock and taped by Access Communications.



Chamber Director Mike Stackhouse served as Moderator for the Candidates for Mayor Debate and enhanced the question period by asking the candidates some follow-up questions. Over 300 people were in attendance at the Debate.



Randy Atkinson served as Moderator for the Candidates for Council Forum. He did a great job of keeping the candidates on time during their introductions and explaining the process for the remainder of the evening! As always, Randy encouraged everyone to exercise their democratic right to vote.



Posing together prior to the Candidates for Mayor Debate were candidates Andrew Probe, Bob Maloney, Calvin Tokarchuk and Chris Wyatt.



Former Chamber President Don Rae, Past President Joel Martinuk and President Corey Werner posed a series of questions to each of the candidates for Mayor on a variety of subjects as they pertain to the business community. Questions were then taken from the public.

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- To **Yorkton Film Festival** on receiving the Saskatchewan Arts Board's Leadership - Organization Award



Cornerstone Credit Union Board & Staff accepted the Sask Chamber's ABEX Award for Community Involvement. Other Yorkton Chamber members who were finalists in a variety of categories include CORE Real Estate; NL Construction; RH Electric; and TA Foods.

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Chamber Business Dinner

Howard Green, bestselling author and founding anchor of BNN, was the Guest Speaker at the Chamber's Business Dinner October 5. In Howard's presentation entitled "Beware Predictions, but Respect Cycles", he discussed how the business landscape is littered with predictions. Many of them wrong. On the other hand, business cycles are undeniable. And they can go on for a very long time. Howard also talked about expectations and how important it is to invest for the future (RSPs). He also suggested we make time to

build our MSPs - our Memory Savings Plan - so that we have memories of good times as we grow older. Howard awarded copies of his book *Banking on America: How TD Rose to the Top and Took on the USA* to a couple of audience members. The next morning, Chamber Director Kelly Price and Executive Director Juanita Polegi took Howard on a tour of the city. Howard seemed keenly interested in all that the City of Yorkton has to offer.

Howard's new book, *Distilled: A Man of Family*,



Directors Gillian Potter and Mike Popowich served as the MCs for the Dinner.

Seagram, Baseball and Philanthropy which he co-authored with Charles Bronfman, was released October 25.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- November 1 Noon**
Deadline for submitting nominations for Chamber Directors
- November 1**
Deadline for submitting nominations for the Saskatchewan Order of Merit
- November 15**
"Succession Planning Workshop: The Positives of Passing It On" featuring Jolene Brown. This workshop is for every small family business - retail, farm/ranch. To register, contact the Ministry of Ag Regional Office at 306-786-1531
- November 17**
Chamber Business Lunch at the Gallagher Centre - a presentation from Moose Jaw Pride about including the LGBTQ+ community is Just Good Business
- November 26**
Santa Claus Parade
- November 29**
How to Run a Business Meeting.
Contact the Chamber office for details



Following his presentation at the Chamber Business Dinner, Guest Speaker Howard Green posed with some of the Chamber's Board and Staff. The next morning, Howard was taken on a tour of the city.



Sponsorship provided by CN enabled students from Sacred Heart High and the Yorkton Regional High School to attend the Dinner and meet with Howard.

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Did You Know?

- The Yorkton Chamber /Tourism Building was completed in October 1996 at which time the 2 organizations moved into the building.
- Saskatchewan exports goods to over 150 countries.
- Saskatchewan is the second largest exporter of oil in Canada.
- RCMP City Detachment's new Staff Sgt is Jeff Simpson.
- **Canada Small Business Financing Program** can help **small businesses** get loans from financial institutions by sharing the risk with lenders. For more information, contact your financial institution or contact 1-866-959-1699; OR ic.csbf-pfpec.ic@canada.ca; OR canada.ca/csbf

Chamber News:

- Membership continues upward! As of Oct 14, the Chamber has **477 members!**
- At the October 17 meeting of City Council, the Chamber learned that some of the areas in which the Chamber has suggested the City move forward on are beginning to see some action. The **Enterprise Zone Incentive Program (EZIP)** is being reviewed by the Ec Dev Commission which will bring recommendations to Council in early 2017. A draft **Airport Development Plan** has been prepared and is being discussed with the YAA and airport tenants. Consideration is being given to **changing the name** of York Colony and to modifying the subdivision.
- The Chamber has indicated its support for a **Private Members Bill C - 274**. The Bill will call upon the Federal Government to revise its taxation laws to make them more fair with regards to the sale of a small business, family farm or fishing operation to a family member.

How Does Membership in the Chamber Help My Business?

- As soon as you become a member, an email blast is sent to the membership welcoming your business as a member; and you receive a membership sticker.
- Your business is recognized as a new member at several Chamber events through the year; and it is listed in the *Courier*.
- Your business information is added to the Member Roster on the Chamber's website and a link can be posted to your website.
- Become a friend of the Chamber's on facebook, and the Chamber becomes a friend of your business.
- Celebrating a milestone or achievement? Your business will be recognized in the *Courier*.
- Doing something special for the community? Your event will be advertised through the Chamber's email blast.
- You can network with other businesses at Chamber events.



RCMP Visit

Staff Sgt Jeff Simpson (middle right) and Cpl Terry Hyggen (middle left) met with Chamber Directors Mike Popowich, Mike Stackhouse, Carol Yaholnitsky, President Corey Werner and Kelly Price (missing) to discuss policing initiatives in Yorkton. Staff Sgt Simpson indicated being new to the community, he is impressed by how well the city embraces the RCMP. The City detachment currently has 28 members and runs 24 hours.