



# The VOICE of Business

## Chamber Scholarships Presented

The Parkland College held a Scholarship Presentation Ceremony March 17. Director Chris Kosteroski presented 2 of the Chamber's scholarships at the ceremony, each valued at \$1000.

Recipients are Jeane Salonga of Yorkton and Jennifer Pearce, also of Yorkton. Jeane is enrolled in the Human Resources Management Post-Graduate Certificate program. Jennifer is enrolled in the Business Certificate program

Diana Oleynik of Yorkton was the recipient of a third scholarship from the Chamber, also valued at \$1000. Diana is

enrolled in the Office Administration Certificate program.

Congratulations to Jeane, Jennifer and Diana!



*Jeane Salonga is enrolled in the Human Resources Management Post-Graduate Certificate program.*



*Jennifer Pearce is enrolled in the Business Certificate program.*

The funds raised for the scholarships at the Chamber Business Diner are matched by the Government of Saskatchewan.

## Farewell/Welcome to Directors

Due to time commitments with her young family and expanding business, Stephanie Buckle has submitted her resignation from the Board. Stephanie was in the second year of her second two year term. While on the Board, Stephanie served on the Events committee and was Co-Chair of the committee in 2015. While no longer on the Board, Stephanie will continue to assist the Events committee.

As there were 2 vacancies on the Board, the Directors

appointed Todd Kulcsar and Jason Popowich to the Board. Todd is the General Manager of Yorkton Plumbing & Heating and Jason is the General Manager of Logan Stevens Equipment. Todd and Jason are well known in the community and are looking forward to serving the Chamber as Directors.

For a complete list of the Directors and to view their profiles, visit the Chamber's website [www.yorktonchamber.com](http://www.yorktonchamber.com)



*Stephanie Buckle*

## Congratulations!

- To the **Yorkton Film Festival** on being selected as a Finalist in the Marquee Event of the Year category for the Sask Tourism Awards of Excellence
- To the **Yorkton Terriers** on making it to the SJHL play-offs!
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## Chamber Supporting Family Business

Bill C-274 was a Private Member's Bill introduced by MP Guy Caron into the House of Commons in late 2016. Bill C - 274 sought to facilitate the transfer of small businesses, family farms and fishing operations between members of the same family. Specifically, it would give owners and buyers of the same family the same rights and privileges extended to non-related persons involved in a transaction.

In Canada, when an individual sells a business to a family member, the difference between the sale price and the price originally paid is considered a dividend. If the individual sells the business to an unrelated person, it is considered a capital gain. That makes it highly disadvantageous to transfer a business to a family member

because the transaction does not include the right to a lifetime exemption and is more heavily taxed. This unfair situation penalizes our small businesses, family farms and fishing operations.

The Yorkton Chamber of Commerce was one of 28 Chambers across Canada that sent a letter of support for this Bill. Unfortunately, the Bill was defeated in February 2017 by a vote of 157 against to 145 in favour.

Mr. Caron indicated in his letter informing the Chamber of the fate of the Bill, that "the fight is not over."

The Yorkton Chamber will be interested in learning about the next steps to be taken to ensure there is a level playing field which will ensure the survival of family businesses.



## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- April 3**  
Deadline for submitting Nominations for the ERE
- April 7**  
Chamber Business Lunch with Guest Speaker Hon. Kevin Doherty, Minister of Finance at St. Gerard's Parish Hall.
- April 26**  
Employee Recognition Event and AGM
- May 25 - 28**  
Yorkton Short Film Festival

**2017 EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION EVENT**  
**Wednesday, April 26, 2017**

**St. Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre**

5:30 P.M. - Cocktails  
6:30 - Supper  
7:30 - Chamber AGM  
8:00 - Martin Janovsky, Entertainer  
9:00 - Presentation of Awards

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities available  
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## Lunch Speakers



At a recent Chamber Business Lunch, Laura Budd, Education Coordinator with Moose Jaw Pride discussed the need for businesses to understand appropriate behaviour when serving customers and clients who are vulnerable members of society - including those from the LGBTQ+ community. She shared the many ways in which Moose Jaw Pride is available to assist the community at large learn how to understand the behaviours that are both appropriate and inappropriate. She cited the example of the

difficulties a hockey team encountered and how Moose Jaw Pride was able to assist all parties in coming to a better understanding of the needs of all involved. Workshops are available to businesses who wish to engage their employees in learning about and understanding diversity. The bottom line is to be respectful of all people regardless of their skin colour, religious beliefs or sexual or gender identity.



Wilfred Whitehawk, Jr a Career Counsellor with Yorkton Tribal Council's Labour Force Development spoke about the Adult Training and Employment program it offers. Open to all adults, both First Nations and non-First Nations, the program assists adults seeking to improve their employment situation. Students learn how to prepare résumés and cover letters. Businesses interested in providing training for these adult students can enter into some employment partnerships which in turn could provide some direct wage subsidies.

- The Work Experience Partnership program can provide training for a maximum of 26 weeks. Employers are eligible to receive up to 80% of the direct wage cost for the trainee.

- The Transition to Employment Partnership program is available for 16 weeks and there must be a guarantee of employment at the end of that time frame. Employers are eligible to receive up to 50% of the direct wage costs during that period.
- An employer who accepts a student in the Apprenticeship Partnership program gains an employee who is indentured to the employer until Journeyman status has been achieved. Wage subsidies are negotiated between the partnership parties during the apprenticeship period.

For more information on how to become involved in any of these programs, contact Wilfred at 306-782-3863 or [wwhitehawk@treaty4ed.com](mailto:wwhitehawk@treaty4ed.com)

## Financial Literacy

The Saskatchewan Financial Literacy Network will host the Saskatchewan Financial Literacy Network Forum May 3rd at the Sheraton Cavalier, Saskatoon.

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