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Saskatchewan and the Carbon Tax

The Yorkton Chamber of Commerce welcomed Honourable Scott Moe, Minister of Environment to Yorkton Aug 22. Honourable Greg Ottenbreit, Minister Responsible for Rural & Remote Health was also in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss with the Chamber the federal tax on carbon and its impact on industry and business in the province. The Chamber reiterated that **it is opposed to the carbon tax** - as are the other Chambers of Commerce in Saskatchewan.

The Government of Saskatchewan (GOS) believes that in order to reduce green house gases (GHG) in the atmosphere, the conversation and focus needs to be centred around how to lower emissions as opposed to taxing what is emitted. Messers Moe and Ottenbreit indicated that taxation does not reduce emissions.

Mr. Moe then shared how the GOS has been meeting with those businesses, especially the trade-exposed, carbon-intensive industries such as the energy, mining and agriculture



President Brent Murdock, Vice President Mike Popowich and Policy Chair Mike Stackhouse met recently with the Honourable Scott Moe, Minister of Environment and Honourable Greg Ottenbreit, Minister of Rural & Remote Health to discuss the impact a carbon tax would have on industry and business in the province.

sectors to discuss with them the work each sector is doing to reduce its carbon emissions.

He encourages businesses to document, in relation to emissions, "what they have done, what they are currently doing and what they can do in the future" and to let the Ministry know this. Mr. Moe indicated that "Saskatchewan's suite of environmental regulations" under which industry is expected to operate in the province is "the best in the world". He added that Saskatchewan is currently one of the best places in the world

in which to do business and the GOS does not want to give that up.

Do you have thoughts or concerns about how the federal government's carbon tax will impact your business? Please send them to the Yorkton Chamber at jpolegi@yorktonchamber.com

And please feel free to forward to the Ministry of Environment what you have done, what you are doing and what you can do to reduce emissions at env.minister@gov.sk.ca

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- **Zapshalla Financial Services** on 30 years in business
- To **Agra Tactics Agronomy**, Yorkton on 10 years in business
- To **YPH Mechanical** on being selected as a

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Proposed Federal Tax Changes Likely to Affect Small Businesses

The Yorkton Chamber has sent email blasts to the membership Aug 8 and Aug 15 with articles discussing these proposed changes. In the Aug 15 email, the Chamber invited members to join with them in meeting Cathay Wagantall, MP to discuss how they will impact their respective businesses. Chambers across the country are meeting with their



MPs to share this important information. It's essential that any detrimental effects on business be relayed to the federal government before it implements these changes.

Questions or comments? Please don't hesitate to contact the Yorkton Chamber at 306-783-4368.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- September 14**
Chamber Business Lunch - Induction of Honourary Life Members
- September 27**
Chamber Business Dinner
- October 4**
Great Ideas Seminar, Painted Hand Casino (see Chamber's website for details).
 - Co-sponsored by The Rock, this seminar, facilitated by Glenn Suart will help new entrepreneurs develop 2 concrete steps toward turning their great ideas into businesses! Registration forms available at the Chamber office or on the Chamber website. Contact the Chamber office for more details.
- November 1 - 4**
Grain Millers Harvest Showdown
- November 15**
Parkland Pitch Party, St. Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre (see Chamber's website for details)
 - \$4500 in prize money sponsored by Community Futures Ventures for 6 entrepreneurs who will be selected to present their business ideas to a panel of judges. Application forms available at the Chamber office or on the Chamber's website. Open to the public. Tickets will be available soon.
- December 15**
Deadline for registering for **Chamber Trip to China April 2018**. Eleven days of sightseeing in 4 cities. Tour Guide who is fluent in English and your accommodation is in 4 & 5 Star hotels.. Contact the Chamber for details. Only \$2299 per person.

Thursday, September 7 Noon at the Painted Hand Casino



Sarah Tkachuk, CPA, CA, FEA, lead tax partner at KPMG LLP in Regina, will be providing an overview of the Federal tax changes announced July 18, 2017. These tax changes are pervasive and will impact virtually every private company in Canada. Sarah will provide first-hand perspectives on how the recent tax policy changes my impact you and your business.

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- That in 1947, in celebration of the marriage of Princess Elizabeth to Phillip Mountbatten, the City of Yorkton shipped a railcar of flour milled at the Mill to Great Britain to help alleviate post-war food shortages.
- On January 1, 1884, Yorkton received its current name (formerly York City) and the first post office was opened

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Michael Campbell

- business analyst and host of the radio show Money Talks



Michael Campbell (right) interviews a guest for his radio show Money Talks. Michael is best known as the host of Canada's top rated syndicated business radio show MoneyTalks, and Senior Business Analyst for BCTV News on Global.

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