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The VOICE of Business

Celebrate is Here! Nominate Today!

Yorkton's business community is strong and vibrant. The Chamber celebrates the success of its many businesses by hosting the **13th Celebrate Success Business Awards** October 3 at St. Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre!

The Chamber encourages the public to nominate their favourite businesses AND it encourages business owners or managers to **nominate their own business**. After all, who knows a business better than the person who owns or manages it? Demonstrate the pride you have in your business by nominating it in one or more of the **eleven award categories**. This is not the time to be humble.

It's SO EASY. Here's how:

Step 1: Get nominated. A customer, client, friend or your mother can nominate you. OR, and the Chamber encourages this, nominate YOURSELF! The nomination form is available on the Chamber's website www.yorktonchamber.com OR from the Chamber office

Step 2: Once nominated, the Chamber will contact the nominee and ask if the business will accept the nomination. If yes, a Nominee Package will be sent. The questions are simple and straight forward. No questions about finances are asked. Most businesses should be able to complete the Package in **less than an hour**.

Step 3: Once the Nominee Package is **completed and submitted by NOON Sept 7**, the next step is to reserve your ticket for the Finalists' Lunch September 20 at the Ramada (not compulsory to attend but it's exciting to hear your name announced!). An independent Judging Panel will have reviewed all the nominations and selected the Finalists and Award Recipients (although the Recipients aren't announced until October 3).

- As a finalist, a video of your business will be produced and shown during the Awards ceremony October 3. AND your business name will be listed in the event program.

Take advantage of the opportunity to have your business recognized. The free publicity won't hurt any business. Consider the few minutes it takes to complete the Nominee Package as **an investment in your business!**

You work long hours to make your business the success it is. Don't be shy about sharing those successes. Accept the nomination or nominate yourself, complete the nomination package and **let the Chamber and your peers share in the celebration your business success.**



Donna Brothwell, Chair of Events; Rick Kozachenko, a partner with Collins Barrow; and President Mike Popowich announce the 13th Celebrate Success Business Awards to be held Oct 3 and that Collins Barrow is the Patron Sponsor. Nomination forms are now available on the Chamber's website www.yorktonchamber.com together with a Description and Sponsor of each of the 11 Award Categories. Collins Barrow, as Patron Sponsor, will present the Small and Large Business of the Year Awards.

I Heart the Chamber...

It's summer time! Sherry and Juanita want out of the office!

They plan to drop in on members to have a quick visit and ask why you ♥ the Chamber.

They won't be able to visit all the members but

they'll visit as many as they can throughout the lazy, hazy days of summer.

So think about it - what are your challenges and opportunities; and why do you ♥ the Chamber?

Congratulations!

- To the **Yorkton Exhibition Association** on "Bringing Together Friends & Neighbours" for 135 years
- To **Alexander's Mens Wear** on 35 years in business
- To **NAPA** on 20 years in business in Yorkton
- To **SARCAN** on being selected as the Best Depot in the XL category. Depots are judged on cleanliness, customer service and accuracy

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Just to mention a few . . .

Premier Visits Yorkton



Premier Scott Moe was the Guest Speaker at a recent Business Lunch. He shared his government's views on the federal government's carbon tax; trade; pipelines; and industry competitiveness. He highlighted what he referred to as "prairie resilience" - the innovations that have occurred in SK to make the energy, agriculture and mining sectors competitive and still lower their greenhouse gas emissions.

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Announcing the Celebrate Awards

The following is the list of Award categories for which your business or charitable organization may be eligible. For a complete description of the awards, visit www.yorktonchamber.com or contact the Chamber office.

Award of Excellence (3 recipients) sponsored by **Canadian Western Bank**

Business Growth & Expansion sponsored by **BMO Bank of Montreal**

Community Involvement sponsored by **Cornerstone Credit Union**

Community Merit (open only to organizations & events - (3 recipients) sponsored by **SaskTel**

Education & Training

sponsored by **Parkland College**

NEW! Marketing sponsored by **CIBC**

New Business Venture sponsored by **Key Auto Group**

Property Restoration sponsored by **City of Yorkton**

Safety sponsored by **Mission Zero / Work Safe**

Young Entrepreneur sponsored by **TD**

Small and Large Businesses of the Year are sponsored by **Collins Barrow** - the Patron Sponsor (No nominations are accepted for these Awards as the Judging Panel selects the recipients from all the



completed Nominee Packages).

To nominate your business or your favourite business, visit www.yorktonchamber.com and submit your nomination by **NOON Aug 29. Completed Nominee Packages are due NOON Sept 7.**

Upcoming Dates to Remember

July 5 - 8
Yorkton Exhibition

August 27 NOON
Deadline for submitting Nomination Forms for Celebrate Success Business Awards

September 7 NOON
Deadline for submitting Nominee Packages

September 20
Celebrate Success Finalists' Lunch

October 3
Celebrate Success Business Awards at St. Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre

November 8
Honourary Life Member Lunch at St. Gerard's Parish Hall

Square One for Entrepreneurs

Square One's mission is to assist Saskatchewan entrepreneurs in preparing for the first steps of starting or growing a business. They can provide market research; business registration assistance; business guides and checklists; and document templates. Square One can also enable entrepreneurs to connect with industry professionals to confidentially discuss such topics as business plans, marketing, taxes, accounting and goal setting.



To find out more about Square One and the services it provides, call 1-888-576-4444 or info@squareonesask.ca or check them out on facebook or twitter.

"From the Roots Up" 2020



The YRHS is hosting the National Student Leadership Conference in 2020! YRHS Principal Mike Haczewicz & Vice Principal Johnna McBride shared with the members some of the plans for the upcoming conference. Businesses will be asked to help support this event which will attract 800 students from all across Canada to Yorkton. Can you imagine "Supper in the Field" for 800 teens???



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Nominate Your Business for Award

Are you proud of the success of your business? Has your business achieved its goals for supporting the community? Then nominate your business for one of the coveted Celebrate Success Business Awards! Business owners or senior managers are encouraged to nominate their own business. Who knows the business better than those who own or manage it?

The Nomination Forms are available on the Chamber's website and can be completed on-line. It's so easy!

The public is also encouraged to nominate their favourite businesses for an Award.

Saskatchewan is BEST for the World

Chris Dekker, CEO and President of Saskatchewan Trade & Export Partnership (STEP) spoke at a Chamber Business Lunch about Saskatchewan's export markets, the opportunities and challenges faced by exporters and the role played by STEP. Providing an overview of the CPTPP, CETA and of course, NAFTA, Mr. Dekker indicated trade agreements are good for Saskatchewan as they allow our products access to markets with zero tariffs.

Some interesting facts:

- The world needs the 3 F's - food, fertilizer and fuel - all of which Saskatchewan has an abundance
- Sask exports to over 150 countries
- The value of Sask exports in 2017 was \$29.92 Billion
- The top 8 Sask exports include oil, potash, canola seed, wheat, lentils, canola oil, peas and uranium
- Exports of value added food & retails have huge growth opportunity in the Yorkton area



Crops of the Parkland



The Crops of the Parkland plot has been seeded once again just north of the Visitor Information Centre/Chamber Building. The plot is a real attraction for tourists - especially when the canola and flax are in flower. Thanks to the seeding crew of Thom Weir, Jim Gorman, Ashtin Bourgonje and Bill Blik and special thanks to Chamber members Ducks Unlimited Canada for providing the drill and Logan Stevens Equipment for the Kubota tractor.

Link the Logo

In previous editions of the Courier, members have been encouraged to show they are proud Chamber members by displaying the Chamber's logo on their websites and marketing material.

Southern Document Solutions Inc has been displaying the Chamber's logo for years. Here's why:

"The Yorkton office doors to Southern Document Solutions Inc. (a 25 year old, rural Saskatchewan focused Xerox agency) opened in 2008 and we promptly joined the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber provides to our business a conduit and connection to the broader local and regional business community.



It helps us keep informed on opportunity, challenges, concerns and change that may either positively or negatively affect our business and the ones we support.

Over the years, the Yorkton Chamber has demonstrated to us effective advocacy as well as local business & community promotion. It serves as an effective unified business community voice.

Southern Document Solutions proudly displays the Chamber logo signalling to our customers and suppliers the Chamber is an invaluable partner -one that is committed to serving and representing the interests and needs of its members".