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Is Your Business Prepared for Disaster?

(Thank you to the Calgary Chamber of Commerce for sharing this article)

North American studies estimate that 43% of businesses impacted by a natural disaster do not reopen.

In 2013, Southern Alberta experienced extreme flooding, including in downtown Calgary. As a Chamber, we knew that our business community was at severe risk of significant negative impact if they were not up and running again as soon as possible.

In partnership with the Calgary Emergency Management Agency, we worked to power our business community through an efficient and effective recovery by creating a network of support. The result was that more than 99% of Calgary's businesses impacted by the floods reopened successfully.

Learning from our experiences from the 2013 Southern Alberta floods, the Calgary Chamber has worked with the Insurance Bureau of Canada to build a free diagnostic survey tool that will educate businesses across the country on disaster preparedness and insurance literacy.

Any business across Canada can visit IBC.DiagnosticRocket.com and utilize the free diagnostic. By taking this survey, businesses will

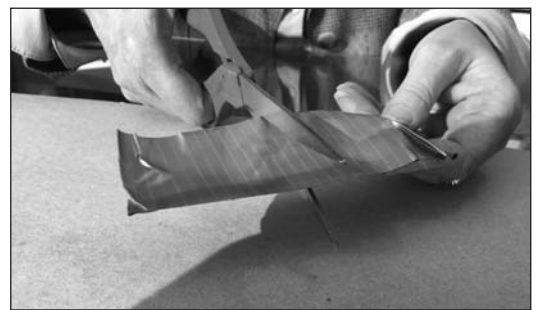


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receive personalized recommendations they can implement to help become more prepared for a disaster.

Cut the Red Tape

In January, the Ministry of Trade and Export Development launched a new page aimed at cutting red tape across provincial ministries, agencies and Crown Corporations. The page, entitled **Help Cut the Red Tape**, is a site dedicated to gathering feedback from businesses and citizens regarding red tape issues they have encountered. Businesses and citizens are encouraged to submit their experiences through the on-line platform and their submissions will be referred to the appropriate ministry, agency or Crown Corporation. For more information, visit www.saskatchewan.ca/help-cut-red-tape



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- To **Marlin Travel** on 20 years in business
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- To **Yorkton Aircraft Services** on 30 years in business - not 15 as was reported in the March Courier

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*Welcome New Members to the
Yorkton Chamber of Commerce*

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A BIG Thank You for some of the Renewals of the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce Members

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Chamber Presents Scholarship



*At the recent Parkland College Scholarship presentations, Sherry MacDonald, Yorkton Chamber's Director of Marketing & Administration, presented the Chamber's Scholarship to **Manpreet Kaur** who is enrolled in the Business course at the College. The Chamber's donation to the Scholarship fund were matched by the Saskatchewan Opportunity Scholarship.*

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Chamber meets with MP



Members of the Policy committee met recently with Cathay Wagantall, MP Yorkton - Melville to discuss a variety of issues including taxes on small businesses, the Carbon Tax, Bill C -69, the Federal Budget and the upcoming Federal election. Meeting with Ms Wagantall were Mike Stackhouse, President; Directors Geoff Propp and Marty Sveinbjornson; and Executive Director Juanita Polegi.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

April 3

Business Lunch at St. Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre. Guest Speakers Ryan Meili, Leader of the Opposition and Trent Witherspoon, Finance Critic

April 24

Chamber Business Lunch - AGMat the Gallagher Centre with Guest Speaker Mayor Bob Maloney with his "State of the City" address

May 1

Employee Recognition Event Lunch at St. Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre

May 8 & 9

Sask Chamber Annual Conference and AGM, Regina

October 2

Chamber Business Dinner

Minister Visits Yorkton



Two days after delivering her 2019-20 budget, the Hon. Donna Harpauer presented the highlights of the budget at a Chamber Lunch. She mentioned some of the provincial funding that will be directed specifically to Yorkton. Asked when the PST might be dropped back to 5%, she indicated it's an annual decision and in this year, the projected surplus is rather thin. She also mentioned that SK's PST is the lowest among all the provinces that have PST and it covers much the same goods and services as in other provinces.

Treaty Commissioner for Sask Visits Yorkton



Treaty Commissioner Mary Culbertson recently visited Yorkton, delivering a presentation to Yorkton Tribal Council staff. Executive Director Juanita Polegi was in attendance and learned more about the history of Treaties in Canada and their impact on both First Nations and non-First Nations people.



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2019 Employee Recognition Awards

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- **Front Line Employee of the Year** sponsored by CORE Real Estate (recognizes employees who contribute to their places of employment and community. Public may submit nominations)
- **Support Employee of the Year** sponsored by McMunn & Yates Building Supplies (an opportunity for employers to recognize those employees who contribute to their places of employment and to the community)
- **Manager of the Year** sponsored by Yorkton Tribal Council (an opportunity for employers to recognize their Managers for their leadership skills)
- **Spirit Award** sponsored by LR Futures Insurance & Investments (an opportunity for employers to recognize those employees who are positive, enthusiastic and supportive of their co-workers)

Nomination forms available at Chamber office or www.yorktonchamber.com

Employee Recognition Event #Employees2019

Noon – 1:00 PM Wednesday May 1st at St. Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre

Tickets - \$35 plus GST

Contact the Chamber office for Tickets (306-783-4368)



A business which has an employee also receives recognition



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For more information, visit
<https://industry.tourismsaskatchewan.com/education.and.training/stec-course-and-workshops>



A commitment to providing excellent customer service was the reason The Plum Tree received the Customer Service Award at the Chamber's 2018 Celebrate Success Business Awards. STEC offers a number of courses to assist with improving customer service.