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## Chamber Visits Kahkewistahaw First Nation



Chief Evan Taypotat lead representatives of the Chamber on a tour of his First Nation.

At the invitation of Chief Evan Taypotat, representatives of the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce visited Kahkewistahaw First Nation. We received a warm welcome from everyone we met.

Chief Taypotat took time from his busy schedule to take us on a tour of the First Nation, including the state-of-art water treatment plant; education centre; ball diamonds; splash park; cenotaph; and the most beautiful view of the Qu'Appelle valley. Chief Taypotat spoke about the plans he and his Council have in place to ensure continued improvement and prosperity for the Nation.

Following the tour, the Chamber was honoured to participate in the Grand Entry on the third day of the Nation's annual PowWow. It was at this time we were introduced to AFN Chief Perry Bellegarde.

For many of us, this was the first time we have visited a First Nation. Thank you to Kahkewistahaw First Nation for hosting us and for your patronage of the Yorkton business community.



Meeting AFN Chief Perry Bellegarde at Kahkewistahaw First Nation's PowWow were from Left to Right Director Kimberly Hamilton; Director Marty Sveinbjornson; Executive Director Juanita Polegi; Director Sarah Kowalchuk; Committee Member Shelly Dobrowolski; and Director Ajay Tadi.

## Paid Interpersonal Violence Leave - Employers Need to Know

On May 13, 2019 paid job leave for survivors of interpersonal and sexual violence was introduced and passed in the Saskatchewan Legislature.

Employees will be able to take five paid days and five unpaid days under Bill No. 172, The Saskatchewan Employment (Paid Interpersonal Violence and Sexual Violence Leave) Amendment Act, 2019. Previously, employees could take a 10-day, unpaid leave.

To be eligible, an employee, employee's child or a person for

whom an employee is a caregiver must be the victim of interpersonal or sexual violence and the employee requires time off work to:

- Seek medical attention;
- Obtain services from a victims' services organization;
- Obtain psychological or other professional services;
- Relocate, either temporarily or permanently; or
- Seek legal or law enforcement assistance and attend court appearances.

Employees must have worked for an employer for a minimum of 13 weeks and may be required to provide evidence of the services being received if asked to qualify for the leave.

Employers are required to keep personal information confidential.

The Saskatchewan Employment (Paid Interpersonal Violence and Sexual Violence Leave) Amendment Act, 2019 came into effect May 15.

For more information, contact the Ministry of Labour Relations & Workplace Safety 306-787-5353.

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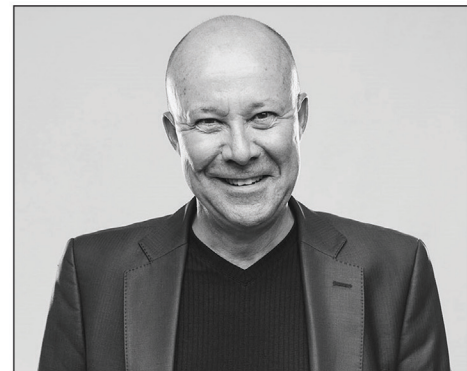
## John Gormley to Speak at Dinner

John Gormley, Saskatchewan's own broadcaster, lawyer and author, will be the Guest Speaker at the Chamber's 21st Annual Business Dinner.

Thank you to **RBC Royal Bank** for its Platinum sponsorship of the Dinner; and to Gold sponsors **Canadian Western Bank**; **SIGA/**

**Painted Hand Casino**; and **Yorkton This Week**. Tickets for the Dinner are now on sale.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information, contact the Chamber office 306-783-4368 or [info@yorktonchamber.com](mailto:info@yorktonchamber.com)



The Yorkton Chamber of Commerce is pleased that the Guest Speaker at its 21st Annual Business Dinner will be John Gormley.



## Welcome New Members to the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce

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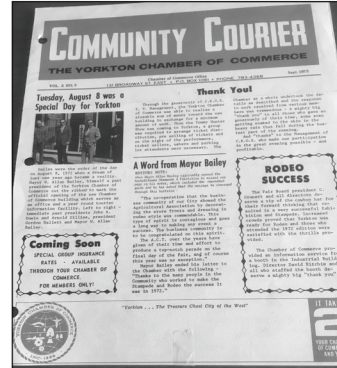
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## Courier online

Did you misplace a previous edition of the Chamber newsletter - the Courier? Or would you like to see what the Chamber was doing 5 years ago? 10? Even 15 years ago? Visit the Chamber website [www.yorktonchamber.com](http://www.yorktonchamber.com) and look under Publications. You can find issues dating from February 2003 to this issue.

The Chamber also has on file paper copies of the Courier with the oldest edition dating back to September 1972. In that issue, the highlight was the opening of the new Chamber building which was located at 131 Broadway Street East. (The building in which the Chamber and Tourism Yorkton are now located was officially opened in October 1996).

In 1972, the President of the Chamber was Gordon A. Hallett and the Mayor was Allan Bailey. In that issue, it was announced that KW Mens' Wear and the Western Development Museum joined the Chamber - and 47 years later, they continue their Chamber membership!



Past editions (from 2003 to the present) of the Courier, the Chamber's newsletter, can be found on the Chamber's web site at [www.yorkton.chamber.com](http://www.yorkton.chamber.com) under Publications. The Chamber office has paper copies of the Courier including this issue dated September 1972.

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## Upcoming Dates to Remember

**September 12**  
Honourary Life Member Lunch at Saint Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre

**September 19**  
4:30 PM Chamber 101 at Back 40 Brewery

**September 19**  
5:30 PM - Chamber on Tap at Back 40 Brewery

**October 2**  
21st Annual Chamber Business Dinner with John Gormley as Guest Speaker

**October 9**  
Federal All Candidates' Forum at Gallagher Centre

## Crops of the Parkland an Interesting Attraction

"What's that crop with yellow flowers?" "What does flax look like?" These are questions we hear tourists asking the staff at the Visitor Information Centre every summer.

For several years, the staff have been able to direct the tourists to the *Crops of the Parkland* plots to the north of the Centre. A variety of annual crops grown in the Parkland are on display with an explanation about each.

Thank you to **Thom Weir, Jim Gorman, Vic Surjick and staff from Ducks Unlimited Canada** for seeding and maintaining the plot this year. It's truly a unique and interesting attraction for Yorkton.



Volunteer Jim Gorman erects signs for the Crops of the Parkland plot.



When you have crops, you're going to have weeds so one afternoon Sherry from the Chamber and Laurel from Tourism Yorkton spent a couple of hours "beautifying" the plots - translation: weeding between the corn plants.

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# Additional Benefits to Chambers Group Insurance Plan

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- 1) Business Assistance Service is offered at no additional charge and includes
  - Up to 9 hours with a legal, accounting, or human resource expert;
  - Confidential telephone coaching; and
  - Employee counselling
- **NEW** is the Healthy Business Bookmark which is an online library of resources dedicated to helping business owners increase their knowledge and find answers to common Human Resource questions. It can be accessed at [www.my-benefits.ca](http://www.my-benefits.ca)
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For information about the Chambers Group Insurance Plan, contact **Zapshalla Financial Services 306-786-6262**.

## Full Sign Board - Thanks to Bill

Have you noticed the full sign board south of the Chamber Office/Visitor Information Centre? **The Chamber extends a huge thank you to Bill Fofonoff** (standing beside the bottom left corner of the Sign Board) who took a few weeks this spring to approach businesses asking them to rent sign space on the Board. By mid of May, the spaces were sold out!

Chamber member, **The Bucket Truck**, spent a day in early June installing the new signs which were made by

members: **D's Signs** and **Source Embroidery**.

With over 10,000 visitors stopping each year at the Visitor Information Centre, many of them will take note of the businesses on the Sign Board and visit them.

Thank you to all the businesses who have rented space on the Board. Your support is greatly appreciated by the Chamber.



## Your \$\$ Have Power!

Your discretionary spending has great power! When you purchase your goods and services locally, you're helping to keep your community strong and vibrant. So please Shop Local.

At the Chamber Business Summit in March, Brent Schenher from **Modern Mattress and Bed & Bath Boutique** shared a story about a town in South Dakota.

Its high school business class challenged the citizens to spend just 10% more of their discretionary funds in the

community - rather than taking that amount to the nearby "big city". This use of discretionary funds had a huge positive impact on the town's economy!

If each of us follows the example set by the citizens of Howard, we, too, can positively impact Yorkton's business community.

Maybe think about that before you spend your \$\$ on line or travel to "the city" for that item you might just be able to purchase here at home. You have the power!

