

The VOICE of Business

While You Worked in Your Business, the Chamber Worked for You!!

A membership in the Chamber of Commerce is an investment in your business. While you're busy working to grow and expand your business, the Chamber is at work to make sure the business climate is the best it can be.

As the "voice of business in Yorkton", the Chamber has undertaken a number of advocacy efforts on behalf of the local business community and offered a number of educational and networking events.

Below is a summary of 2019's highlights:

Advocacy - Informing the various orders of government when policies or legislation are having an impact on the business community:

- Three meetings with City Council
- Met with Cathay Wagantall, MP
- Met with Hon. Greg Ottenbreit twice
- Letter to MP and Senate re: the need for the construction of the oil pipeline
- Letter to MP and Canadian Chamber of Commerce re: the need to resolve the trade disruption between Canada and China which is negatively impacting sales of canola and other agricultural products important to eastern Saskatchewan producers
- Letter to MP and Federal Government and Senate re: carbon tax on energy to dry grain
- Letter to Mayor & Council re: supporting the need for a roundabout at Darlington and Mayhew
- Letter to Hon. Lori Carr re: funding to the Yorkton Regional Airport through the Community Airport Program

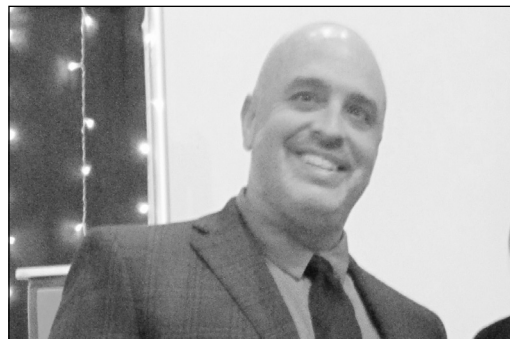
- Attended each City Council meeting to keep informed about the City
- Advocated for local businesses on a variety of issues

Education & Networking Events for Members

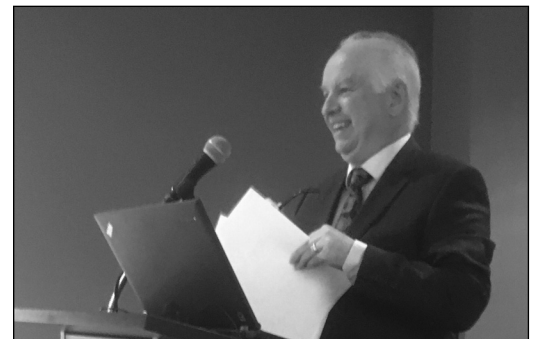
A number of events were held to enable businesses to network and to learn:

- Highly successful first ever Business Summit was held
- 21st Annual Chamber Business Dinner with John Gormley also a big success
- Two **Chamber on Tap** events with guest speakers Wayne Rusnak and Dave Nussbaumer
- **All Candidates' Forum** held for the Federal Election
- Profiled the young entrepreneurs from the YRHS enrolled in Junior Achievement
- Guest Speaker Roy Prevost shared ideas on creating customer service super stars
- The RCMP and Fire Protective Services talked about their initiatives in the City
- Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister of Finance talked about the Provincial Budget
- The Mayor delivered his State of the City Address at the Chamber's AGM
- Guest speakers Ryan Meili, Leader of the Opposition and Trent Wotherspoon shared their visions for the province
- Guest speakers from the Global Transportation Hub; Regina Airport Authority; Sask Health Authority; and SAMA

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Mike Stackhouse was elected as the Chamber's 121st President in 2019



Mayor Bob Malony delivered his State of the City address at one of the Chamber's many Business Lunches



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President Mike Stackhouse, YEA President Penny Sandercock and Mayor Bob Maloney assisted Ed Malinowski "brand" the Board to mark the kick-off for Harvest Showdown Week in Yorkton Nov 4 - 10

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XEROX • Skinner Garden Classic • Shawn Patenaude Law
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Yorkton Hyundai • Marlin Travel • CAA SK • Yorkton Crossing
Aspen Bluffs Villa • Gladstone Seniors Residence • Yorkton Brick Mill



President Mike Stackhouse interviewed Dave Nussbaumer at a recent Chamber on Tap event held at the Back 40 Brewery. Dave was entertaining and informative as he shared stories about his business journey. Thank you to Black Fox Distillery for the door prize. The next Chamber on Tap will be held in January. Watch for details!



Sheldon Stechyshyn of SAMA shared information on the 2021 Reval & Income Approach.

January 1, 2019 will be the base date for the 2021-24 assessment period.

He encouraged property owners to review their current assessment by checking www.samaview.ca. Updates to that website will occur in December.



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From 2019 Continued . . .

- Presentation of 4 Honourary Life Memberships
- Videos of members on YouTube and Facebook
- Recognition of 20 - 25 year Chamber members
- Met with Zagime First Nation
- Visited Kahkewistahaw First Nation
- Met with new Parkland College CEO Mark Hoddenbagh
- Presented a Scholarship to a student enrolled in Business Admin at the College
- Began the Chamber Book Club
- Signed the Sask Health & Safety Leadership Charter

Let the Chamber work for your business in 2020!!



2020 Celebrate Success



It's the event that celebrates business excellence and achievement! Held every 2 years, the 2020 edition of the Celebrate Success Business Awards will be held Wednesday March 25!

Early in the New Year, application forms for the various awards will be available. And there will be a couple of new Awards! Watch for details and be thinking about the applications you will prepare for the various awards.

The Chamber thanks BakerTilly for its commitment to the Awards as Patron Sponsor.


Also to SIGA/Painted Hand Casino for becoming the Production Sponsor.

So mark March 25 in your calendars and be ready for those application forms.

Yorkton has many fine businesses. Let's celebrate those businesses in 2020!




Lunch & Learn



Deanna Bartok with the Sask Health Authority in Yorkton shared information about the Harm Reduction program at SIGN on Broadway. The program neither condones or condemns choices, but seeks to minimize the negative consequences and risk behaviours associated with substance use. Every \$1 spent on the program saves \$4 in the health care system. It does not enable drug use; it doesn't entrench addictive behaviour; and it does not increase disorder or threaten public safety & health. Deanna indicated that SK has the highest rate of HIV and Hepatitis C infection in the country.



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Congratulations!

- To Legacy Co-op on being named by Saskatchewan Business Magazine to the list of Top 100 Businesses in Saskatchewan!
- To Parkland Search & Rescue for participating in a multi-jurisdictional search exercise near Prince Albert in late October that honed their skills, tested their patience and resolve, and built teamwork. The exercise was undertaken in a real-world environment under real-world circumstances.

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The Board and Staff of the Chamber of Commerce,
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