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What Does the Chamber Think?

Honourable Greg Ottenbreit, MLA Yorkton and Minister of Rural & Remote Health requested a meeting with the Chamber in June to discuss the top priorities for the Chamber and the community now to 2030; and looking forward to 2030, what needs to happen for the community to grow stronger? The Directors present had a number of suggestions for Mr. Ottenbreit to take back to caucus including a new Regional Health Centre; providing funding for York Road - long before 2030; and



encouraging the federal government to contribute its share to infrastructure upgrades to the water and sewer lines along Broadway.

Meeting with Zagimē First Nations



In early June, Zagimē Anishinabēk First Nations stopped for a visit with the Chamber. They shared information about a number of business ventures in which the First Nations is involved. Meeting that day were Fahim Haque, Executive Director, Zagimē First Nations; Ken Acoose, Governance Manager; Director Geoff Propp; Director Marty Sveinbjornson; Director Kristen Arnold; Councillor Paula Acoose; Councillor Amber Sangwais; Juanita Polegi, Executive Director; and President Mike Stackhouse (missing from photo).

RAA Engages with South Saskatchewan

The Yorkton Chamber was pleased to host James Bogusz, President & CEO of the Regina Airport Authority at a recent Business Lunch. James has been visiting communities in southern Saskatchewan to discuss the plans for the continued growth and expansion of the Regina Airport. It's the 15th busiest airport in Canada handling 1.23 million

passengers annually. The Authority has instituted a number of initiatives to attract residents from southern Sask to fly via Regina. Plans include providing a more comfortable wait for passengers who have cleared security; and to soon have direct flights to Minneapolis and to Denver. Watch for details!



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Richard's Auto Detail.

Just to mention a few . . .

Long Term Members



At a recent Chamber Luncheon, 5 businesses were recognized for their long term membership in the Yorkton Chamber. All of these members have been with the Chamber for 20 - 25 years. President Mike Stackhouse and Executive Director Juanita Polegi presented the Certificates of Recognition to (L to R): Charles Ryder, GM Painted Hand Casino; Kerry Geddes, Welcome Home Floral & Gifts; Larry Harris from Penguin Refrigeration; Lawrence Wegner from D's Signs; and Robert Ashcroft from Custom MicroSystems. These businesses recognize their membership in the Chamber is an investment in both their businesses and the community. Thank you.

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John Gormley to Speak at Dinner

At a recent media conference, the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce announced that the Guest Speaker at its 21st Annual Business Dinner will be John Gormley.

Carol Yaholnitsky, Chair of the Events committee said that John is an excellent choice for his knowledge about Saskatchewan. "John is a keen observer of the policies and politics within and affecting the province" she said. "And he's an interesting and entertaining speaker."

Donna Brothwell, a Director and member of the Events committee

added that John is a renowned broadcaster, lawyer and author. "People are also familiar with the weekly columns he writes for the Regina Leader Post and the Saskatoon Star Phoenix," she said. "He is also the author of 2 books and is a sessional lecturer in the College of Law, University of Saskatchewan".

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



Upcoming Dates to Remember

June 28

Deadline for submitting applications for Sask Chamber ABEX Awards

July 3 - 6

Yorkton Exhibition's Summer Fair

September 12

Honourary Life Member Lunch

October 2

Chamber Business Dinner with John Gormley as Guest Speaker

October 9

Federal All Candidates' Forum

Construction on Broadway

In late July, the city will begin construction on Broadway Street. The work will be completed in sections, beginning with the junction of Myrtle Avenue and Broadway and progress eastward. The City is committed to placing highly visible detour signs along well marked routes. **The Chamber urges residents and visitors alike to continue supporting those businesses along Broadway, ensuring there is minimal disruption to their business.** Many of these small enterprises depend upon your patronage to prosper. And a prosperous business community creates a strong and vibrant community. For information about construction within the city or to



learn more about detours, contact Roy Lanaway 306-828-2424; visit the city's website www.yorkton.ca; check the city's facebook page; or consult Yorkton This Week.

Yorkton Cardinals Visit



Prior to their home opener, Yorkton Cardinals Coach Robbie Dombrowski and players Payton Harris and Zach Taylor stopped by the Chamber office to present a jersey to the Chamber staff. The Cardinals belong to the Western Major Baseball League, contributing thousands of dollars to the local economy. Their schedule can be found at www.yorktoncardinalsbaseball.com



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Vote Prosperity

While business is doing its part to make Canada more prosperous for more people, the federal government has a critical role to play. That is why the commitments each of the federal parties make during this fall's federal election campaign will be critical.

No organization understands this reality better than the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. It's the voice of more than 450 chambers of commerce and boards of trade, representing more than 200,000 businesses of all sizes, in all sectors of the economy and from every region of the country. **Vote Prosperity** reflects the priorities and concerns of job creators in communities across Canada. Developed in partnership with Canada's provincial and territorial chambers of commerce, **Vote Prosperity** lays out seven priorities, along with a series of specific measures, to attract investment to Canada and help businesses create jobs, grow and strengthen our communities.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce is calling on all the federal parties to support Canada's job creators by including these priorities in their election platforms. Together, a brighter, more innovative future can be built for Canadians.

The 7 priorities include:

1. A Regulatory System that Works for Everyone, including Business
2. A Tax System that is Fair, Efficient and Modern

Indigenous Awareness Training July 10

Indigenous Awareness Training provides an overview of the history and culture of Indigenous Peoples of Saskatchewan to allow for an inclusive and prosperous business community in Saskatchewan.

The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce is committed to the Calls to Action from the TRC Report, particularly those related to business. As stated in Call to Action 92, we encourage the business community to "provide education for management and staff on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal-Crown relations."



3. Access to New Markets Around the World and the Elimination of Trade Barriers at Home
4. Resources to Help Small and Medium Canadian Companies Grow and Succeed at Home and Abroad
5. Innovation and Infrastructure to Make Canada the Most Connected Country in the World
6. A Workforce with the Skills, Education and Training to Prosper
7. A Healthier Pharmacare System for Healthier Canadians

To learn more about **Vote Prosperity**, visit VoteProsperityCA.ca

The All Candidates' Forum for the Yorkton - Melville constituency, hosted by the Yorkton Chamber, will be held at the Gallagher Centre October 9.

The Sask Chamber will offer a one day Indigenous Awareness Training program with Lyle Daniels, Inclusion Manager for the Build Together Initiative for Saskatchewan businesses.

Date: July 10, 2019

Time: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Venue: SCC Boardroom at 200-2221 Cornwall Street, Regina

Cost: \$125 plus GST for SCC Member Registrants; \$175 plus GST for SCC Future Member Registrants

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Mission: Zero

At the May Board meeting, the Directors passed a motion for the Yorkton Chamber to become a signatory to the Sask Health & Safety Leadership Charter - an initiative of Safe Saskatchewan. Executive Director Juanita Polegi attended the Charter signing event in Saskatoon to sign on behalf of the Chamber. The Chamber is now one of over 700 signatories to the Charter. The signatories have a single shared belief: that **the only acceptable number of injuries in Saskatchewan is ZERO**. Mission Zero: Zero Injuries; Zero Fatalities; Zero Suffering. To learn more about the Charter and the Principles the signatories agree to abide by, visit <https://safesask.com>

