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## 21st Annual Business Dinner A Success



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*Guest Speaker John Gormley entertained and informed the near capacity crowd with his presentation entitled "The Changing Face of the New Saskatchewan". The gist of his message was that the province's ability to adapt has been, and will continue to be, the key to its future success.*

Thank you to all who attended or who assisted in the organization and planning.

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## Remembrance Day November 11

There are many ways in which Yorkton citizens can become involved in Remembrance Day activities sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion Alexander Ross Branch #77:

- **November 10th** •  
6:00 PM at the  
Cenotaph on Darlington  
Candlelight Tribute Ceremony
- **November 11th** •  
(please be seated by 10:45 AM)  
Remembrance Day Service  
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# Yorkton & District Community Foundation



The Yorkton & District Community Foundation announced its launch at the Chamber's Business Dinner.

The Foundation works with charities in our communities to identify local needs and to advocate for social change.

They work with donors who wish to make meaningful and lasting contributions to the well-being of their community.

They support charitable organizations that provide programs and services to our communities.

For more information about the Foundation, visit the website [yorktondistrictcommunityfoundation.ca](http://yorktondistrictcommunityfoundation.ca) or email [info@ydcf.ca](mailto:info@ydcf.ca)

*President Mike Stackhouse presents Sharon Tropin, President of the Yorkton & District Community Foundation, with a donation from the Chamber following Sharon's announcement of the Foundation's launch at the recent Chamber Business Dinner*

## Upcoming Dates To Remember

**November 7th - 9th**  
Harvest Showdown

**November 8th**  
Deadline for completing a survey for the Mission Zero 2020 Awards  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020MZA>

**November 11th**  
Remembrance Day

**November 14th**  
Chamber on Tap at Back 40 Brewery with Guest Dave Nussbaumer

**November 21st**  
Chamber Business Lunch

**November 23rd**  
Santa Claus Parade

**December 4th**  
CP Holiday Train visits Yorkton

## Interested In Serving the City?

The City of Yorkton has a variety of Committees, Boards and Commissions on which it invites its citizens to serve.

If you are interested in any of these, you can complete an application form available from City Hall or on the city's website [www.yorkton.ca](http://www.yorkton.ca)

The Mayor will announce the appointments to these committees, boards and commissions at the first meeting of Council in January.

In mid-November, the City will put out the call for applications.

## Did You Know?

- Sponsorship opportunities are still available for the Canadian Student Leadership Conference to be held in Yorkton - September 2020. To learn more about the various types and levels of sponsorship, contact [michael.chapman@gssd.ca](mailto:michael.chapman@gssd.ca)
- According to the Railway Association of Canada, the average number of cars per train is 120.
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## Yorkton Tribal Council Official Grand Opening



President Mike Stackhouse was one of the dignitaries invited to bring greetings to Yorkton Tribal Council at the Grand Opening of YTC's new office building on King Street. He suggested that employers who are looking for employees should contact YTC about some of their employment programs. Tribal Chief Isabel O'Soup received help from many people as she cut the ribbon to officially open the new YTC office building. Following the opening ceremonies, the public were invited to tour the building and to stay for lunch and visiting.

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# All Candidates' Forum



*Thanks to the Gallagher Centre for providing the venue for the All Candidates' Forum hosted by the Yorkton Chamber, October 9th. From Left: Randy Atkinson, Moderator; Stacey Wiebe - Green Party; Ryan Schultz - Peoples' Party; Cathay Wagantall - Conservative; Carter Antoine - NDP; and Sunil Shah - Chair of the Chamber's Policy committee.*

On October 9, the Chamber held an All Candidates' Forum for the candidates contesting the Yorkton - Melville riding in the upcoming Federal election. Over one hundred people attended the event to meet 4 of the 5 candidates present. Prior to the Forum, the Chamber sent 5 questions to all the candidates. During the Forum, each candidate was invited to answer each of the questions. The floor was then turned over to the public who submitted

written questions addressed to all the candidates. Moderator Randy Atkinson randomly selected the questions and each candidate answered them. The evening concluded with each candidate delivering Closing Remarks.

The Chamber thanks all the candidates for allowing their names to stand and for attending the Forum. And special thanks to the Gallagher Centre for providing the venue.

## Business Management Essentials

Employee recruitment and retention remains, as always, a top priority for small businesses in Saskatchewan. Keeping good people is key to growing a successful business and we have heard this message loud and clear from businesses across the province.

To meet this need, the Saskatchewan Chamber has created a training initiative that addresses a number of topics from customer service to conflict resolution. Saskatchewan Chamber has partnered with the Saskatchewan Colleges to deliver the Business Management Essentials (BME) Program. These are ideal for aspiring, new and current supervisors and business professionals. These programs will help learners improve their management and leadership acumen through practical, skill-oriented business courses. This training is provided through interactive workshop-style classes facilitated by leading edge instructors.

The BME program is designed with two levels of achievement. Once four workshops have been successfully completed, a Level 1 Certificate will be awarded. When eight workshops have been completed, the Level 2 Certificate will be awarded. There will be more than eight workshops from which to choose from.

In order for a business to be considered for **Canada - Saskatchewan Job Grant (CSJG)** funding [www.saskatchewan.ca/job-grant](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/job-grant), they must register for either Level 1 training consisting of four (4)

workshops; or Level 2 training consisting of a subsequent four (4) workshops.

The Yorkton Chamber will work with Parkland College to bring this course to Yorkton. Watch for details.



## Make It Our Business Workshops

With the passing of recent provincial legislation, Saskatchewan now offers paid leave to victims of domestic and sexual violence who require time off from work.

What does that mean to employers and HR professionals? To learn more, the Sask Chamber is offering a number of workshops to explore that topic.

**To register, visit [saskchamber.com](http://saskchamber.com)**

Dates for the workshops include **November 26 in Regina; and November 27 in Saskatoon.**