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The VOICE of Business

Yorkton Junior Achievers Recognized

Students at Yorkton Regional High School have the opportunity to enroll in the Entrepreneurship 30 class guided by teacher by Mrs. Kristine Tether and the Junior Achievement program. In semester one of the 2018-19 school year, the students created two companies - each selling a different product. They had to create, market and sell their respective products with the goal of each shareholder earning \$100 or more.

At the conclusion of the semester, the companies were then entered into the provincial Junior Achievement competition. Receiving awards at the competition were:

Chelte Young received the Production Excellence award recipient for her company *Natural Essence*. Chelte took initiative and great pride in her work to create air fresheners diffused with essential oils.

Receiving the Marketing Excellence Award was Andy McLennan who was recognized for his outstanding efforts in the fields of promotion and marketing through his creative abilities in sales, promotion and marketing of Natural Essence.

Andy was also the recipient of the **Leadership Excellence Award** due to his outstanding leadership skills. With this award, he will represent Saskatchewan and Canada, travel to Calgary, all expenses paid, to the JA Youth Success Summit, an international conference attended by Achievers from around the world.

President of the Year Award was present to **Kaitlyn Ivanochko** for her company Re-Tail. She exhibited the qualities and abilities that make an exceptional leader.

As President of the company, she led with competence and confidence, provided mentorship to team members, and was an outstanding ambassador for the company. With this award, she also will represent Saskatchewan

and Canada at the JA Youth Success Summit.

Re-Tail was the recipient of the Product Design Award for its imaginative and creative use of low cost materials that were highly marketable products. The company created up-cycled dog toys and beds, and sold them throughout the Yorkton area.

Each student will also receive a scholarship for their efforts. The Yorkton Chamber of Commerce extends its congratulations to Chelte, Andy, and Kaitlyn and wishes them all the best in their future entrepreneurial endeavours. And the Chamber appreciates the efforts of Mrs. Tether and the YRHS for ensuring the students have this opportunity to have an entrepreneurial experience.



Yorkton Regional High School students and Provincial Junior Achievement Award recipients are L to R: Kaitlyn Ivanochko, Chelte Young, Mrs. Tether, and Andy McLellan. Congratulations!

College CEO Meets Chamber



Recently President Mike Stackhouse, Director Carol Yaholnitsky and Executive Director Juanita Polegi had the pleasure of meeting Mark Hoddenbagh - new President and CEO of Parkland College. The Chamber welcomes Mark to Yorkton and wishes him well in his new position.

Congratulations!

- To **Canora Service Station** on 45 years in business
- To **SveinCo Developments** on being named a **Finalist** for a Sask Chamber **ABEX Award**











Lights! Action! Camera!

If you've been following the Chamber's facebook page these past couple of months, you will have seen the many videos of Chamber members who have talked about why they are Chamber members or why they do business in Yorkton.

If you, too, would like to highlight your business in this way, please give the Chamber office a call and Sherry or Juanita will be happy to visit your business to shoot a video. "Lights! Action! Camera!" And your business receives 17 seconds of free publicity!



Businesses Encouraged to Apply For Energy Efficiency Rebate Program

Neither the Saskatchewan or Yorkton Chambers of Commerce support a carbon tax. Nor do they believe that it is the best way to reduce GHG emissions or to minimize Saskatchewan's carbon footprint. Both Chambers do, however, advocate for energy efficiency and encourage small businesses to take advantage of the **SME Project Stream rebate program**. More than \$21 million of funding is available in Saskatchewan but on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The funds for the SME Project Stream rebate program are generated from the federal carbon tax. They are available to assist small and medium sized businesses who purchase equipment and/or retrofit existing equipment in order

to reduce energy use and /or reduce GHG emissions. The program provides a rebate of up to 25% for projects between \$80,000 - \$1 million. The rebate program is **stackable** with the newly created Accelerated investment Incentive and other rebate programs from Sask Crown Corporations to a maximum of 100%.

More information and an online application are now available and can be found at canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/climate-change/carbon-pollution-pricing-proceeds-programming/climate-action-incentive-fund/small-medium-enterprises-project-stream/applicant-guide.html

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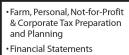
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Asian Delegates Visit TA Foods

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In July, over 60 delegates who attended the STEP 2019 Saskatchewan Asia Trade Conference in Regina visited Yorkton to tour TA Foods. Following the tour, they were treated to a lunch where some of the dishes featured flax as an ingredient. Thank you TA Foods for inviting these delegates to Yorkton to see our lovely city. (For recipes using flaxseed, visit saskflax.com)

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Sept 11 - RCMP Town Hall Meeting

Sept 12 - Honourary Life Member Lunch at St. Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre

Sept 19 - 4:30 PM Chamber 101 at Back 40 Brewery

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

Oct 2 - 21st Annual Chamber Business Dinner with John Gormley as Guest Speaker

Oct 9 - Federal All Candidates' Forum at Gallagher Centre

Oct 17 - Nominations for Chamber Board of Directors open

Chamber at Work For You

The Yorkton Chamber's primary role is as an advocate for business. Over the course of the past few months, the Chamber has engaged in several activities that are advocacy related:

- · Letters to the Government of Canada and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce urging action to resolve the situation affecting Canadian canola, beef and pork exports.
- Meeting with Chamber members which are exporters in order to respond to the request from the Hon. Jeremy Harrison, Minister of Trade & Export Development "seeking the Chamber's views on how Saskatchewan can continue to best position itself to compete internationally and what we can do to further expand and diversify exports."
- · Thanking the Hon. Lori Carr, Minister of Highways & Infrastructure for providing a matching grant of \$257+K to the Yorkton Regional Airport.

• Meeting with Hon. Greg Ottenbreit to discuss the Chamber's priorities for the community from a business perspective.

The Chamber's Vision is To be the voice of the Yorkton & District business community, making Yorkton & District the best place to live, work and invest.

Its Mission: As the "voice of business in Yorkton", the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce works to promote and advance the interests and growth of members and businesses in Yorkton and District. The Chamber strives to make Yorkton and District the best place to live, work and invest.

Membership in the Yorkton Chamber demonstrates to your customers and clients that you are committed to the community. More importantly, membership in the Chamber is an investment in your business through the benefits and opportunities it provides.



Construction Kudos



The resurfacing of Broadway began in early August and will be completed in 4 phases. Chamber member Dairy Queen was one of the businesses that experienced some interruptions while Phase 1 was being completed. However, Mark Butchko, Dairy Queen owner had this to say: "I'm very happy on how well everything went. There was proper communication, nice weather and the crews worked long days". Thank you everyone for your patience during this busy construction season.



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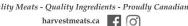
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In 2019 - Vote Prosperity

With the Federal Election just around the corner, we will soon be bombarded with ads and phone calls soliciting our vote. The Canadian Chamber has produced a document entitled Vote Prosperity: A Brighter Future for Canadians - which reflects the priorities and concerns of job creators (businesses) in all sectors of the economy and from every region of the country.

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 the following 7 priorities in their election platforms.

Together, a brighter, more innovative future can be built for Canadians:

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

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.



Indigenous Awareness Training Available To Business

Hosted by the Saskatchewan Chamber, Publisher and Editor of Eagle Feather News, John Lagimodiere, will facilitate a session entitled, "Indigenous Awareness Training - Myths & Misconceptions".

The one day session will focus on the history of Saskatchewan's Indigenous and Metis people from before the arrival of the Europeans to present day including Treaties and the Truth & Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action.

The training will occur **Tuesday**, **Sept. 10** in Regina 8:30 AM- 4:30 PM. This is a pre-requisite for the next level of training.

On October 8, a half day session will cover the second level of training "Implementing an Indigenous Strategy and Hiring and Retention for Business". You have the choice of sessions - morning or afternoon. This session will cover how to implement an Indigenous strategy as well as information on hiring and retaining Indigenous employees. Mr. Lagimodiere will also facilitate this session.

To register for these training sessions, visit the Sask Chamber's website at www.saskchamber.com/events

21st Annual Business Dinner October 2nd

Have you got your tickets to the 21st Annual Chamber Business Dinner? It's an evening of great food, meeting interesting people, and the opportunity to hear Guest Speaker John Gormley's perspective on the policies and politics affecting Saskatchewan and Canada.

Thank you to RBC Royal Bank for its Platinum Sponsorship; and to Canadian Western Bank, Harvest Meats, SIGA/Painted Hand Casino and Yorkton This Week for their Gold Sponsorship.

Other sponsorship opportunities and tickets are still available by contacting the Chamber office.



John Gormley will be the Guest Speaker at the upcoming Business Dinner











