



# Z

# **President's Message**

# Happy New Year!

I'm pleased and honoured to serve as President of the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce for a second year.

I've been on the Board since 2016, so this is the first

year of my third two-year term. What I've learned over my time so far is that we have some excellent dedicated business leaders in our city who are willing to work hard to make this the best business environment possible.

We will always be faced with challenges, including an unnecessary carbon tax which really stifles our economy. However, we will continue to advocate on behalf of the business community and ensure Yorkton is 'open for business' because the healthier the city can be on the commercial level, the less of an impact these punishing levies will have on us.



as President following re-election by his fellow directors

2020 will be busy for the Chamber with two elections on the horizon (provincial and municipal). Be looking for our Talking Points document later this year as it's something that helped drum up incredible interest from candidates and voters during the last City of Yorkton election.

We have a very strong group of Directors and I'm excited to work with each of them and we, as a collective group, look forward to interacting with our members in 2020.

possible. Our relationship with the City continues to strengthen and that gives us a lot of credibility when we need to advocate on behalf of our members.

We will continue to build on our relationship with City Council - holding them accountable and working to

better understand one another as we work towards

common goals of making our city as attractive as

If you have any concerns, remember the Yorkton Chamber Directors are here for you. You have invested in your business by becoming a member of the Yorkton Chamber.

Your membership dues allow for you to have an added voice. It's our duty to help represent you and if you aren't sure if the Chamber can help, you should still ask.

Increasing awareness about the role of the Chamber for our members continues to be a priority. Please feel free to reach out to any of us.

Junction of Highways #9 & #16 Box 1051, Yorkton, SK S3N 2X3

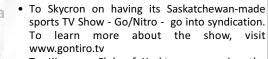
Ph: (306) 783-4368 Fax: (306) 786-6978

Email: info@yorktonchamber.com



Website: www.yorktonchamber.com

# Congratulations!



- To Kinsmen Club of Yorkton on serving the community for 75 years!
- To the 2 companies created by YRHS students enrolled in the Entrepreneurship 30 class and Junior Achievement - "Re-create" and "Sprouts! in a Jar" - for not only making a profit but for donating 10% of their profits to charity!



# Thank you to the following **Chamber Member renewals for 2020!**

Cheron Minke Farms • Willowbrook Community Centre • Ramsay Health Fitness • Kenneth Merkle • Magic Mirrors G & G Ostafie Farms • Warren Kaeding MLA • RCW Consulting • Northern Motors • Percy H. Davis • Neill's Jewellery Dance Innovations • Theodore ABC Daycare • Performance Promotions • Baillie Boys Towing • T & H Trucking Photography by Mitch • KM Auto Care • SIGN • Liebrecht Farms • Sherring Optical • A & W Restaurants Business Development Bank • Canadian Tire • Fuzztone Music • Christ the Teacher School Division • Yorkton Hyundai Lakeside Millwright • Bob Effa • D's Signs & Designs • Prairie Harvest Life Centre • Yorkton Regional High School Refresh Massage Studio • Maple Side Sales • SecurTek • Hearn's Pharmacy • Custom Microsystems • Brendonn Holdings Credence Construction • Farrell Agencies • Paws & Claws • Agratactics Agronomy • Larry Hilworth • The Soup Haven Lasch Holdings • Eastside Cattle Corp. • Custom Printers • Dr. Sheasby, Dr. Popick, Dr. Caines • Grain Millers • Vision Sense Eye Western Development Museum • Sensus Partnership • Royal Ford • Painted Hand Development Corp. • R. Millers Plumbing & Heating Parkland Carpet Upholstery • Chicken Cow Hearing Centre • Boys & Girls Club • Lane Realty • Parkland Denture Clinic Cornerstone Credit Union • York Lake Regional Park • SveinCo Developments • Key Chev • Yorkton Short Film Festival Key Yorkton Kia • Schrader's • Gardon Securities • CIBC, Kryworuchka Farms • G. Ungar Construction • DR Auto Extras Good Earths Shop • Cargill • Rathgeber Farms • Leland Campbell • Triple A Directional Drilling • Dr. Brass Daycare • Dairy Queen Trischuk Dental • The Medicine Shoppe • CAA Saskatchewan • EG Electronics • Jody Lang • CTV Yorkton • NAPA Parkland Printers • Brock Zapshalla Consulting • Bev Bielinski • Ruff's Furniture • The Rock 98.5 FM • Painted Hand Casino SHSR Holdings • SAMA • KPMG Regina • Chartered Professional of HR of Saskatchewan • Ventures Community Futures • DirectWest Good Spirit Air Services • Canora Service Station • Broadway Professional Building • Zapshalla Financial • J & J Foods • LDM Aspen Bluffs Villa • LDM • Haas Nissan • Home Inn & Suites RBKR Law • The Coffee Bean • The Scrub Hub Prairie View Physiotherapy Inner Cycle Spin Studio • CK Electric • Saddles & Steel • Source Embroidery • Bartel & Simms • 101283186 SK Ltd.• Truck Pro Louck's Pharmacy • Auto Electric Service • Habitat for Humanity • Companion Animal Hospital • Current Motion Media AJ Upholstery • Parkland College • Pumphouse Athletic Club • Pet Valu • Parrish & Heimbecker • Synergy AG • Remax Realty Lakeview Land & Cattle Co. • Yorkton Transitional Homes for Youth • Kristen Zubko Edward Jones • Yellowhead Sales & Leasing

# **Business Licence Fees Due**

Just a reminder to our member businesses that the City of Yorkton 2020 Business Licence fees must be paid by March 31, 2020. To make it even easier, the City has developed a new form that can be filled in on-line.

In an effort to better understand the local economy, the form asks one question about the number of employees your business has. This information is used for statistical purposes ONLY.

Please answer the question as it assists the Economic Development committee in planning its strategy.

# Edward Jones MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING



385 Broadway St. E. Unit #8 Linden Square Mall Yorkton, SK S3N 3Z3 Bus: 306-786-2111 Fax: 877-335-0683

Linda E Quart Financial Advisor linda.ouart@edwardjones.com

# Corporate Training

In the classroom, Online, On site, We can even develop a program for you. Safety, Computers, Professional Development, and more.



Call us today 306.786.2760 parklandcollege.sk.ca







**Exciting Changes to Celebrate Awards** 

Businesses in Yorkton are resilient and creative. They deserve to be celebrated!

The 2020 Celebrate Success Business Awards will be held March 25 at St. Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre.

A number of changes have taken place that will help to make these Awards bigger and better than ever before:

- You know your business. So the Chamber has moved from a nomination process to an application process. Businesses apply for the awards they feel best suits their business situation
- Fillable Application Forms are available online on the Chamber's website www.yorktonchamber.com OR they can be downloaded, completed and emailed to info@yorktonchamber.com
- Point form information. No more writing essays! As they used to say in the old detective movies, "Just the facts, please ma'am!"

## New Awards

- Business Leader of the Year no application for this. The recipient will be selected by the Judging Panel
- People's Choice Award no application for this. Once the Finalists for all the Awards have been announced, Chamber members ONLY will be

invited to vote for the business they believe most deserves an Award. Voting will conclude 5:00 PM March 20

### Other Awards include:

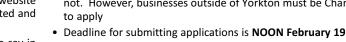
Award of Excellence (3 recipients); Community Involvement; Safety; Property Restoration; Business Growth & Expansion; Young Entrepreneur; New Business Venture; Marketing; and Customer Service. Also for groups and organizations, the Community Merit Award (3 recipients).

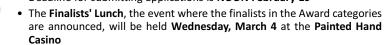
- A business which received a particular Award in 2016 or anytime before 2016, is eligible to apply for that Award again in 2020 - except the Award of Excellence.
- As always, businesses are encouraged to apply for more than one Award
- As always, the Awards are open to all businesses Chamber members or not. However, businesses outside of Yorkton must be Chamber members to apply
- are announced, will be held Wednesday, March 4 at the Painted Hand Casino

2020 is the start of a new decade. Wouldn't it be great if your business began the new decade as an Award recipient? The only way for that to happen is for you to apply for an Award!



Thank you to the following sponsors . . .







Facebook SveinCo.com

# Welcome and Farewell

With the start of the new year, so, too does the Chamber begin a new year with a couple of new faces on the Board of Directors.

Following the November election, returning to the Board are Ajay Tady, Bob Knox, Carol Yaholnitsky, Joseph Ortynsky, Mike Stackhouse and Sarah Kowalchuk.

New to the Board are **Jessica Richards** and **Mark Hoddenbagh**. The new and returning Directors began their 2 year term effective January 1. The Chamber looks forward to their input, insights and ideas.

The terms of two Directors ended December 31. Leaving the Board are **Dustin Brears** and **Sunil Shah**. **Dustin** joined the Board in 2016 and served on a variety of committees. **Sunil** became a Director in 2018 and served as the Chair of the Policy committee in 2019.

The Chamber extends its thanks to **Sunil** and **Dustin** for their interest and time serving on the Board. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

**Upcoming Dates** 

Feb 6 - 5:30 PM Chamber on Tap at Back 40 Brewery. A time to relax and socialize and listen to Nicole Campbell and Guy Gendreau discuss how their business transitioned from one generation to the next

Feb 13 - Chamber Business Lunch at the Painted

Hand Casino. Guest Speaker is former Regina Mayor Pat Fiacco who will talk about developing a brand and pride in your city

**Feb 19** - Deadline for submitting applications for the Celebrate Success Business Awards

**Mar 4** - Celebrate Success Finalists' Lunch at the Painted Hand Casino. Learn the finalists for the Celebrate Success Business Awards

Mar 25 - Celebrate Success Business Awards!



SIGHAZARD -

Representatives of the Sask Health Authority, City of Yorkton, Yorkton Fire Protective Services, the Chamber and the Hon. Warren Kaeding, Minister of Rural & Remote Health were present to witness the unveiling of a new Needle Drop Bin in front of the Fire Station.

