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# Chamber Business Dinner a Success!!

Lots of visiting, tasty food and an entertaining and interesting speaker all helped to make the 22nd Annual Chamber Business Dinner a success!

Guest speaker Kendal Netmaker received a "Standing O" following his presentation. Sharing his entrepreneurial story from the time he was a child growing up on Sweet Grass First Nation to present day, Kendal paid tribute to the many women in his life who helped him understand that when life presents you with a challenge or obstacle, "there's a teaching in it." He encouraged all those in attendance to change the way we think about each other. "Think of each other as business partners, neighbours and friends. We need that to move forward in this country - right here in the prairies."

He also encouraged those who are thinking about going into business to "jump in with both feet" and not to have a Plan B or the business will not grow. Kendal suggested that the best way to learn is to ask people to share their stories.

The next big Chamber event will be the Celebrate Success Business Awards in April. Watch for details.





- Kristen Zubko recipient of the Rising Star Recognition Award from Wealth Professional Magazine - a national finance magazine. The award comes as a result of her hard work and dedication to her clients
- Yorkton Brick Mill Historical Society on receiving the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan Heritage Award in 2 categories
- Darlene Stakiw who was recently awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers which recognizes exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians in a wide range of fields
- Geoff Propp of Harvest Meats on raising \$18,823 in pledges for The Health Foundation's Charity Road Race



# Yorkton Chamber Launches "Journey" Video

The Yorkton Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, is proud to release "Journey," a video featuring immigrant business owners from across Saskatchewan discussing their experiences adjusting to life and doing business in Saskatchewan.

This 15 minute video is intended to welcome newcomer entrepreneurs and immigrant business owners to Saskatchewan and encourage them to grow their business and stay in the province long-term. The video also allows for subtitles in a variety of languages including Tagalog, Mandarin, Urdu, Punjabi, Vietnamese, Spanish, Russian and Arabic.

View the "Journey" video on YouTube athttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZX5Z14w9qRI

or visit the Sask Chamber's webpage at https://saskchamber.com/programs/training/journey/.

The video was produced as part of the Training and Employment Network (TEN) program.



Upcoming Dates Nov. 3 to 6 - Yorkton Exhibition's Harvest Showdown

Nov. 10 - Yorkton Business Summit at the Gallagher Centre

Nov. 20 - Santa Claus Parade hosted by YBID

*Nov. 23 & 24* - Indigenous Awareness Training (Level 1: Myths & Misconceptions). This introductory session offered by the Sask Chamber covers the history of the First Nation & Métis peoples from pre-contact to today, including Treaties and the TRC Calls to Action. Register at saskchamber.com

### Welcome New Members!!!

A membership in the Chamber is an investment in your business. Welcome to these new Chamber members!!

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Hair Shop Kreations • Quad-D enterprises Ltd (City Limits Inn) • Supreme Beef Inc

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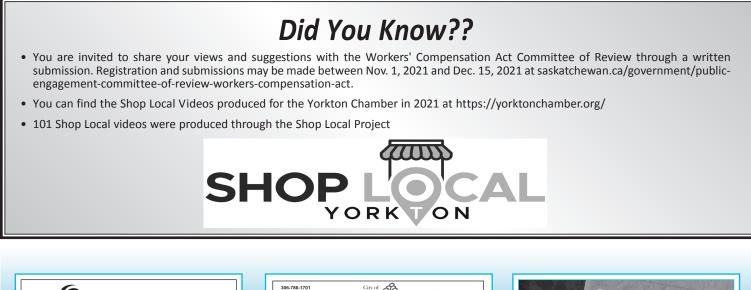
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And to our Wine, Student Beverage and Program Sponsors: CORE Real Estate; Credence Construction; Current Motion Media; Edward Jones - Kristen Zubko and Linda Ouart; Good Spirit Air/Miccar Aerial; Mr. Mike's Steakhouse Casual; PCL Construction; TD Bank Group; Bailey's Funeral Home & Cremation Care.

And to the many people who purchased individual tickets, thank you. We look forward to the 23rd Annual Business Dinner in the fall of 2022!





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# The Chamber Working for YOU

### • Cost of Vaccination Verification

In early October, the Chamber sent an email to our MLA asking if there would be any funding available to those businesses (currently restaurants and fitness centres) which are incurring costs to verify vaccination records.

These costs include paying someone to check the records; and the cost of watching potential patrons walk away because they prefer to keep their vaccination status confidential.

### The question was forwarded to the Business Response Team which replied with the following answer:

At this time, there are no additional financial programs being provided by the Government of Saskatchewan. Should any new programs be developed, they will be posted to the COVID-19 Information for Businesses and Workers website.

Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan has been updated to assist businesses to recover including the Highly Affected Sectors Credit Availability Program (HASCAP).

The Chamber sent a letter to the MLA indicating its disappointment in the response and re-iterated that the costs of vaccination verification is the sole burden of a select few businesses.

### • What is the Goal Post?

Earlier this summer, the citizens of Saskatchewan were told that if we reached the milestone of 70% of eligible citizens vaccinated, life would be more normal. July 11 was a day of celebration as the masks came off and the restrictions were lifted. Three months later, we're wearing masks again and some businesses and events are required to verify vaccination status in order to allow patrons and customers entry into buildings and venues. A letter has been sent to the Premier and a number of Ministers asking what is the new goal post? Is it a number? If so, what number? Is it time? If so, what timeline? What is required of the citizens of Saskatchewan in order to return to a no mask, no vaccination verification society? The Chamber will share the government's response with its members.

### • Reform of Property Tax Assessment

A coalition of Chambers, led by the Saskatoon Chamber, will be calling upon the Government of Saskatchewan to undertake a review of the current property tax system and address the weaknesses. More information to follow.



# Mark Your Calendars

It's time to once again celebrate success! The Yorkton Chamber's Celebrate Success Business Awards will be held Wednesday April 6, 2022. Award categories include Award of Excellence; Young Entrepreneur; Community Involvement; New Business Venture; Business Growth & Expansion; Customer Service; Property Restoration; Marketing; and Community Merit (organizations).

In which category will your business apply? Watch for details in email blasts and future Couriers.

