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Your Chamber at Work

On September 3, the Chamber sent to Premier Moe a letter thanking him for not overreacting to the surge in confirmed COVID cases by locking down or restricting businesses.

The Chamber indicated that it was hopeful the government would not place strident restrictions on the business community as these would place an undue burden on the business community and jeopardize our fragile economy.

The letter did not speak for or against masks; nor did it address vaccinations in any way.

All Candidates Forum - Sept. 16th



The Chamber held an All Candidates' Forum prior to the Sept 20 Federal Election. While all 6 candidates for the Yorkton - Melville riding were invited only 4 were able to attend. Following the Opening Remarks of each of the candidates, the candidates each answered the 5 questions the Chamber had sent to them prior to the event. The audience was then invited to ask questions of the candidates to which they each responded. At the conclusion of the Forum, the candidates posed for a photo with the Chamber Directors present.

Pictured Above from L to R: Bob Knox; Marty Sveinbjornson - President; Alicia Simoneau; Braden Robertson - Peoples' Party of Canada; Sunil Shah - Chair Policy Committee; Valerie Brooks - Green; Cathay Wagantall - Conservative; Denise Loucks - Maverick; Mike Stackhouse - Past President and Forum Moderator; and Mark Hoddenbagh.

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- Godfrey Dean Cultural Centre on 40 years since its opening. The Centre is home to the Godfrey Dean Art Gallery, Yorkton Film Festival and Yorkton Arts Council.
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Serve Your Chamber

It's that time of year to once again consider letting your name stand to serve on the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Eight positions are open. To learn more about the role, duties and responsibilities of a Chamber Director, contact one of the current Directors or call the Chamber office.

Nomination forms are available at www.yorktonchamber.com or call the office and one can be sent to you. Nominations close NOON October 29.

Can You Name the Presidents?

Can you match the Chamber Presidents to the years they served between 2006 & 2020?
(Hint: A couple of them served 2 year terms)

Amie Evans; Dolores Harris; Ron Irvine;
 Joel Marteniuk; Brent Murdock;
 Mike Popowich; Don Rae; Rick Schrader;
 Mike Stackhouse; Lori Walsh;
 Lawrence Wegner; Corey Werner;
 James Wilson


Upcoming Dates

October 15
 Nominations open for 8 Chamber Director positions

October 22
 Sask Chamber ABEX Awards
 - watch on Facebook Live or YouTube

October 29
 NOON - Chamber Nominations close

November 10
 Yorkton Business Summit



Did You Know?

- According to research produced by Praxis Consulting for the Yorkton Chamber, every \$100 spent locally generates an additional \$38 in local economic activity
- An increase of 400 jobs in Yorkton (if everyone moved just 10% of their on-line purchases to local businesses) will increase total labour income by \$18 million

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Grand Openings Celebrations Charity BBQ's

If your business is a member of the Yorkton Chamber and needs information on how to hold a Grand Opening or a Celebration, the Chamber can supply you with information on how to organize such an event and we can help you advertise it.

If your business is a member of the Yorkton Chamber and it's hosting an event (such as a BBQ) to help raise funds for a charitable organization, we can help you advertise it.

Send your information to us info@yorktonchamber.com and we'll send it out in an email blast and make every effort to post it on the Chamber's facebook page.

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Sherry MacDonald

Staff Recognized

At the recent AGM of the Chambers of Commerce Executives of Canada (CCEC), Yorkton Chamber staff were recognized. Sherry MacDonald, Director of Marketing & Administration, was recognized for 20 years with the Chamber network.

She began her Chamber career with the Saskatoon & District Chamber and has since been employed by the Yorkton Chamber for the past 16 years.

Executive Director, Juanita Polegi was one of the first people to receive the new Accredited Chamber Executive (ACE) designation from the CCEC in 2018 for 3 years.

She, too, was recognized at the CCEC AGM for once again achieving her ACE Level 2 designation 2021 - 2024.



Juanita Polegi



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Milestones & Celebrations

When your business celebrates a Milestone, the Chamber wants to pass along the good news to the business community. And if you have a celebration planned to acknowledge that milestone, we'll pass that along, too.

Chamber to Host Business Summit November 10

Why?

- Provide information to the business community
- Create a positive impression about doing business in Yorkton

Who?

- The speakers include:
 - o **Paul Martin** - As Saskatchewan's top analyst on the provincial economy, Paul will discuss Yorkton's contribution to the provincial economy and its potential
 - o **Barb Stefanyshyn Cote** - As a co-founder and co-owner of Black Fox Distillery, Barb will share her entrepreneurial journey (She is also a YRHS grad)
 - o **Local Business People** experienced in running a business in Yorkton
- For all business people - from those beginning their entrepreneurial journeys to seasoned entrepreneurs including their senior Leadership Team

Where & When?

- Wednesday November 10 Gallagher Centre
 - o 9:30 AM Registration & Coffee until 2:30 PM (includes Lunch)

How much?

- \$60 for Chamber members
- \$100 for non-members
- Register by contacting the Chamber office 306-783-4368

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2007 - Rick Schrader

2008 & 9 - Lori Walsh

2010 - Lawrence Wegner

2011 - Dolores Harris

2012 - Ron Irvine

2013 - Amie Evans

2014 - Don Rae

2015 - Joel Martenuik

2016 - Corey Werner

2017 - Brent Murdock

2018 - Mike Popowich

2019 & 20 - Mike Stackhouse