



# COMMUNITY COURIER



The Yorkton Chamber recently held a Media Conference where Juanita Polegi, Executive Director announced that Baker Tilly SK LLP is the Patron Sponsor of the 2026 Celebrate Success Business Awards Dinner. Ryan Kitchen, Partner in Baker Tilly SK LLP indicated Baker Tilly SK LLP is proud to be a sponsor of the Dinner. He also announced that application forms are now available for the various award categories.

## Tell Your Story and Let's Celebrate!

### How?

- Obtain an application form from the Chamber office or [www.yorktonchamber.com](http://www.yorktonchamber.com)
- Apply for one or more of the 10 awards available to businesses
- Submit the application(s) by March 17

### Why?

- Applying for an award is an inexpensive, effective way to market your business
- You know your business better than anyone so TELL YOUR STORY
- The only cost is your time to complete the Application Form(s)

### What?

- There are 10 Award categories for which businesses can apply: Ag Production; Award of Excellence; Health and Wellness; Personal and Aesthetics; Property Restoration; RED

## Congratulations

- **Ruff's Furniture** on 80 years in business
- **Potzus Paving & Road Maintenance** on 60 years in business
- **JA Audio** on 35 years in business
- **The Rock 985** on 20 years in business
- **Home Town Source for Sports** on 5 years in business

(Relax, Eat, Drink); Retail/Consumer; Trades and Skilled Labour; Woman Entrepreneur; and Young Entrepreneur

- Organizations and Events can apply for the Community Merit Award

### Who is involved?

- Finalists and recipients of these awards will be selected by an independent judging panel.
- The panel will select from all the applications the Large Business of the Year and Small Business of the Year.
- The panel will also select the Distinguished Entrepreneur recipient.
- The Peoples' Choice Award will be selected by the people at the Awards Dinner.

### When?

- Application Deadline is **March 17**

• **2026 Celebrate Success Business Awards Dinner is April 15** at St. Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre

### Next Steps?

- Complete the Application Form for the award category
- Submit it
- Order Advance Tickets for the Dinner by calling the Chamber office (306-783-4368) or [info@yorktonchamber.com](mailto:info@yorktonchamber.com)

### Thank you

Thank you to **Baker Tilly SK LLP** for its Patron Sponsorship of the Dinner. **Cornerstone Credit Union** is the Diamond Sponsor; and **CIBC** is Production Sponsor. Several other

businesses have stepped forward as sponsors of individual award categories. Thank you all for your support.



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## Thank You!

Thank you to the following businesses which have invested in their businesses by renewing their memberships in the Chamber (as of February 17. More to be recognized in the April edition).

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## Small and Medium Enterprises Tax Credit

In March of 2025, the government of Saskatchewan introduced legislation that will see the creation of a new Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Tax Credit.

The program is a three-year pilot which targets enterprises in the food and beverage manufacturing, and the machinery and transportation equipment sectors. The program will include a 45% non-refundable tax credit for individuals or corporations who invest in the equity of an eligible Saskatchewan SME. It will have an annual cap of \$7 million on the total non-refundable tax credits awarded, processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. An eligible SME is defined as a Saskatchewan-based business with between 5 and 49 employees with a

minimum of 50% of those employees residing in Saskatchewan.

Approved investors can earn up to \$225,000 in tax credits per year, while eligible businesses can raise up to \$4 million under the program.

Applications are open until June 2028. To learn more visit [sasaktchewan.ca](http://sasaktchewan.ca)



## Upcoming Dates

- **March 17** – Deadline for submitting Celebrate Success Award applications
- **April 15** – Celebrate Success Business Awards Dinner, St. Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre. Advance tickets only. To order, [info@yorktonchamber.com](mailto:info@yorktonchamber.com) or 306-783-4368
- **April 29** – Chamber AGM. Watch your email for details



Enjoy the journey, not just the destination.

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## Yorkton Chamber Meets with Sask Chamber CEO

*Juanita Polegi, Bob Knox and Mike Stackhouse recently travelled to Regina to meet with Prabha Ramaswamy, CEO of the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce. The discussion centered around the opportunities for business growth in Yorkton and area. In particular, the need for a new Waste Water Treatment Plant in Yorkton and the opportunities the NeesStaNan Utility Corridor could provide to both Yorkton and the province.*

## Chamber Meets with City Council

*At a recent meeting between the Chamber's Policy committee and City Council, a number of Talking Points were discussed including city investments, strategic plans, Roundhouse Commercial development and the upcoming music festival in August.*



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- Better understand their rights and tax obligations;
- Receive timely and accurate information;
- Receive in-person support and guidance; and
- Avoid common errors that could cost time and money

The Liaison Officer offers seminars and/or webinars to groups but will also meet individuals in-person.

Their seminars are led by CRA professionals and will help you learn about:

- Business tax deductions
- Common tax errors
- Helpful tools and services offered by the CRA
- General bookkeeping concepts and best practices

For more information or to book an in-person meeting with a liaison officer, go to [canada.ca/cra-liaison-officer](http://canada.ca/cra-liaison-officer)



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The Yorkton Chamber of Commerce offers exclusive opportunities to its members through the following partnerships:

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### HR Covered

Could you use some human resource expertise for your business?

Having partnered with HR Covered, our newest affinity program, Yorkton Chamber now offers these exclusive benefits to its members:

- Complimentary HR Hub

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