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## Yorkton Chamber Attends Sask Chamber Events



*Juanita Polegi, Executive Director with Khuurm Anwan, new Chair of the Sask Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Carol Yaholnitsky, newly installed Director of the Sask Chamber. Carol, who was elected by the Sask Chamber membership, will serve a 3 year term. Congratulations Carol!*

Directors and staff travelled to Regina May 1 to attend a couple of events sponsored by the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce. Juanita Polegi, Executive Director attended the Sask Chamber's AGM and witnessed the installation of Carol Yaholnitsky of Miccar Aerial and Good Spirit Air Service as one of three new Directors to serve the Sask Chamber Board. Khurram Awan was sworn in as the new Board Chair.

Later that afternoon, Juanita was joined by Directors Stephanie Buckle and Doug Forster for the annual Political Forum. The Forum began with a moderated Question and Answer session with Opposition Leader, Carla Beck and several members of

her shadow caucus. Following supper, it was the Government's turn. Premier Scott Moe and most of his Cabinet were in attendance for the moderated Question and Answer session. Some government MLAs were also in attendance.

The representatives from

the Yorkton Chamber had the opportunity to connect with several politicians including Honourable Warren Kaeding, Honourable Daryl Harrison, Honourable Travis Keisig and Sean Wilson, MLA Canora - Pelly. Topics discussed included Grain Millers Drive, tariffs and a new health facility.



*Attending the Sask Chamber's Political Forum held May 1, were Yorkton Chamber of Commerce Directors Doug Forster and Stephanie Buckle. Joining them for Dinner were Honourable Warren Kaeding (far left) and Sean Wilson, MLA Canora - Pelly (far right).*

## Congratulations

- **Dairy Queen** on 70 years in business in Yorkton
- **Deneschuk Homes** on 45 years in business
- **Parkland Denture Clinic** on 30 years in business
- **JFJ Fabricators** on 5 years in business in Yorkton

- **Carol Yaholnitsky, Good Spirit Air and Miccar Aerial**, on being elected to the **Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors**
- **FFUN Motorsports Yorkton** on receiving from the Saskatchewan Snowmobilers Association the Outstanding Individual 2025 Award for "they are always willing to help and are extremely involved in the community and surrounding area"



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## Everyone Loves a Parade!



Floats are an inexpensive fun way to market your business. To enter your float in the Summer Fair's July 5 Parade, contact the Yorkton Exhibition Association 306-783-4800 or yorktonexhibition.com (Photo courtesy of Calvin Daniels, Yorkton This Week from 2024 Parade.).

Everybody loves the Summer Fair Parade! It's entertaining and colourful and it brings together the community. The more floats in a parade, the better the parade. Why should businesses consider entering a float in this parade? Because parades attract people to the city. And if they come for the parade and the fair, they will likely spend money in the business community. To enter your float in the parade, contact the Yorkton Exhibition Association (306-783-4800) or yorktonexhibition.com. The 2025 Summer Fair Parade will occur the morning of Saturday July 5! The theme of this year's parade is "Proud to be Canadian!"





## Welcomes New Members

The Chamber welcomes new members  
**DN PATEL - RE/MAX BLUE CHIP REALTY**  
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A membership in the Chamber is an investment in your business. These businesses joins over 420 businesses which belong to the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce.

## Upcoming Dates


- June 3 – Members only Luncheon at Painted Hand Casino courtesy Regina Airport Authority
- June 10 – Members only Luncheon at Grumpy's Grill courtesy Direct West
- July 2 – 5 Yorkton Exhibition Summer Fair (Parade July 5)
- Sept 19 – Event for Welcome Week (watch for details)
- Sept – Member Appreciation Event and Honourary Life Member Induction (watch for details)
- Oct 8 – Chamber Business Dinner



Enjoy the journey, not just the destination.



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## ***SAMA Survey Important for Commercial Real Estate Rental Market***

**Your property data helps create the assessment model for the next revaluation in 2029.** Commercial property owners should have received a questionnaire from the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) related to your 2025 real estate Lease Income. The information collected relates to the REAL ESTATE and NOT THE BUSINESS income and expenses.

SAMA requests the same information fee appraisers use in their commercial appraisals. At this time, only property owners with leasable space are surveyed. Properties that are 100% owner occupied will not receive a questionnaire.

The Chamber **stresses the importance of completing this questionnaire as the data collected will be used to create your**

**assessment in 2029.** Complying with SAMA's request will ensure that the assessments can be reflective of the data you provide and reflective of the market conditions for properties in the local market.

For more information, contact SAMA at 306-786-1370 or 1-800-498-0576.

### ***Did You Know?***

- The **City of Yorkton** has a Business Directory on its website – yorkton.ca. If you want your business included or you need to update the information, contact [buildingservices@yorkton.ca](mailto:buildingservices@yorkton.ca) and provide them with the information
- Members of the Chamber are included in the **Membership Directory** on the Chamber's website [yorktonchamber.com](http://yorktonchamber.com). If your business information needs updating, contact the Chamber office [info@yorktonchamber.com](mailto:info@yorktonchamber.com) or 306-783-4368
- **Yorkton Fire Protective Services** conducts building inspections and develops pre-incident plans. If your business hasn't been inspected or there have been changes to the building, call the Fire Hall (306-786-1795) and they will make arrangements with you for a visit
- In addition to fighting fires and attending to accidents, Yorkton's fire fighters have several other duties including School liaison; regular fire drills with elementary schools and seniors' residences; safety presentations; bike safety rodeos; business inspections and pre-incident plans; and if the EMTs aren't available, responding to overdoses, delivering babies, cardiac arrests, and strokes
- When you see 2 fire trucks out and about, one of them is full of water, the other is full of all their rescue gear so that if an emergency call comes in, they aren't wasting time going back to the Fire Hall



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- Elavon is also offering Dynamic Currency Conversion feature, which provides an option for international customers to see prices in their home country's currency during transactions. This transparency can enhance their shopping experience and potentially increase your sales.

### Why This Matters

-These programs are designed to reduce your costs, improve customer satisfaction, and support your bottom line.

And while we're spotlighting these two programs now, **you can take advantage of them anytime** – there's no deadline to enroll for these programs.

### How Members Can Participate:

1. Submit a web inquiry through the Elavon Chamber landing page (<https://join.paymentstart.com/cachamber>).
2. Elavon's dedicated sales representatives will promptly reach out for a consultation within 24- 48 hours

- *Information on Credit Card Surcharge from Government of Canada*

<https://www.canada.ca/en/financial-consumer-agency/services/merchants/credit-fees-merchant.html>



## Thank You!

Thank you to the following businesses (as of May 15) for investing in their businesses by belonging to the Chamber. The Chamber works for you while you work in your business.

BK Spine Center; Chartered Prof. in Human Resources Sask; Countryside Motors; Deneschuk Homes; Growth Media Strategy; Hearn's Westview Pharmacy; On the Land-Jack Dawes; Painted Hand Community Development Corp; Parkland Search & Rescue; Quad-D Enterprises - City Limits; Shelwin House; TD Bank Group; Yorkton & District Community Foundation; and Yorkton Dodge.

## Directors Attend Social



At an event hosted by City Council, Chamber Directors and Staff had the opportunity to meet with representatives from Yorkton Tribal Council, Suncrest College, Yorkton Exhibition Association and YBID. The purpose of the event was to discuss what each organization does and how we can collaborate to bring more events to the city. The Chamber salutes Council for taking a pro-active approach to finding ways to attract people to the city. President Sunil Shah (back to camera) had a chat with Tribal Chief Isabel O'Soup; while YBID and YEA discussed upcoming events. (Photo courtesy Jessica Matsalla, City of Yorkton)

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