

Chamber Celebrates Mining Week

Saskatchewan Mining Week was held June 1 – 7 and in celebration, the Chamber was invited to host **Gordon Robinson, GM of Mosaic Esterhazy** at a Chamber on Tap. Interviewed by Director Mike Stackhouse, Gord relayed his experience in the mining industry and his arrival at Esterhazy. The 3 mines at Mosaic Esterhazy - K1,K2 and

K3 – collectively produce over 7.8 million tonnes of potash annually. There are 11 active potash mines in Saskatchewan. While we are best known for potash production, Saskatchewan also mines several other commodities such as gold, coal and several rare earth elements



Directors Tour Waste Water Plant



One fine sunny morning, Connor Hunt, Director of Environmental Services, City of Yorkton provided a tour of the city's waste water treatment plant to Directors Doug Forster, Paul Hoffman, Corey Werner and Juanita Polegi. The City has indicated it will replace portions of the current facility due to its age, the need to meet more stringent regulatory standards, preparing for climate resiliency and supporting water cycle sustainability. To learn more about the project, visit shapeyourcity.yorkton.ca

Congratulations

- **Key Auto Group** on 35 years in business
- **Sharpe's Automotive Service** on 25 years in business
- **Sask Abilities Yorkton.** Day Program and Drop-in Centre Participants were presented the Builder's Award 2025 for their outstanding dedication and contribution to the Yorkton Film Festival. This group regularly attends and thoroughly enjoys film screenings presented by the Festival throughout the year

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While you worked in your business, the Chamber worked for you...

The Mission of the Yorkton Chamber is "to ensure the local business environment is open to investment and to foster business growth".

Comprised of 16 elected Directors, representing a diversity of businesses and backgrounds, the Board of the Yorkton Chamber of represents the Yorkton and area business community. Hearing from our members about issues and opportunities also helps the Chamber **work for you, our members.**

Over the course of the first part of 2025, the Chamber has been **advocating for the business community** in several ways:

- Meeting with elected officials. The Chamber has met with City Council; local MLAS – David Chan, Sean Wilson, the Honourable Warren Kaeding and the NDP Shadow caucus; and Cathay Wagantall, MP. More meetings have been slated
- A letter was sent to Prime Minister Mark Carney requesting that he address the Canadian-Chinese tariffs as the tariffs imposed by the Chinese on Canadian pork and canola are hurting the producers and agri-businesses in this region
- A letter was sent to Honourable Lena Metlege Diab requesting one-time work ex-



tensions to temporary residents of the province so that employers can navigate the new hiring caps they now have to deal with; and that the Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) caps are proving punitive to the province as we have one of the lowest unemployment rates in Canada

- A letter to Mayor and Council urging the repeal of Emergency Response surcharges
- A letter to Mayor and Council regarding the impact of increased property taxes on businesses
- A letter to Honourable David Maritt, Minis-

ter of Highways requesting an expected timeline for the completion of the upgrades to Grain Millers Drive

The Yorkton Chamber is a member of both the Saskatchewan and Canadian Chambers so is kept abreast of the advocacy work they are also doing.

In addition to the Advocacy work of the Yorkton Chamber, the Board has offered a number of "linking" or "networking" and educational events to the community:

- Mayor Kienle's State of the City Address
- Meeting the CEO of Mosaic Estehazy
- Learning about the Regina Airport developments
- Learning about Cybersecurity
- Effectively using Social Media
- Town Hall on Property Assessment and Taxes
- Meet & Greet with Women Entrepreneurs Saskatchewan (WESK)

Members of the Yorkton Chamber voluntarily choose to belong to the Chamber thereby supporting the business community. The Board of the Chamber will continue to work on their behalf so the **members can work on their businesses.**

Enjoy the journey, not just the destination.

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Member Relations Rep



The Yorkton Chamber is pleased to welcome Caybreyn Haas as our Member Relations Rep for the summer. Caybreyn will meet with Chamber members to take photos to promote them on the Chamber's social media. Please welcome Caybreyn.

Thank you!

Thank you to the following businesses (as of Jun 16) for investing in their businesses by belonging to the Chamber. The Chamber works for you while you work in your business:

A-1 Furnace Cleaning; Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC); Cap-It; JFJ Fabricators; Kid's Zone; Mano's Restaurant & Lounge; and Smartdale Stok Farms.



Yorkton Chamber of Commerce

Welcomes New Members

The Chamber welcomes new members

BB.Q CHICKEN
RED SWAN PIZZA

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

- July 2 – 5 Yorkton Exhibition Summer Fair (Parade July 5. Theme is Proud to be Canadian)
- 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
- Nov 23 – Santa Parade

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The Regina Airport Authority hosted a Chamber Luncheon where **RAA President & CEO James Bogusz** was the Guest Speaker. James shared the many improvements that have been made to the Airport and plans for future changes. In 2024, Regina Airport was the 15th busiest airport in Canada. In 2025, the forecast is that 1.25M passengers will pass through its gates. New airline services are also in place for 2025.

For more information, visit the RAA's website yqr.ca



*Lisa Allin, **Outta Here Travel** had specific questions for James Bogusz following his presentation*

Cyber security – What You Need to Know



At a Chamber Luncheon hosted by Directwest/SaskTel, attendees learned some practical tips and strategies to safeguard their digital assets and ensure their businesses remain secure in an increasingly digital world. They also learned about the digital marketing services offered by Direct West to effectively promote their businesses. **Chad Wladbaum, Director of Sales & Marketing** urged every business to undertake “basic hygiene” to ensure their digital information is not easy to hack. Suncrest College, together with the Chamber, also offered a Virtual Lunch & Learn webinar about how to be “cyber smart”

