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Chamber and the Fair



President Sunil Shah was invited to bring greetings from the Chamber at the Opening Ceremonies of the Yorkton Exhibition's Annual Summer Fair. Then he decorated a car with the Chamber colours and waved to the crowds as he participated in the Parade. Many Chamber members also entered floats and machinery to make for an interesting and fun parade! YEA appreciates the efforts of every business and organization for contributing to the parade.



Preparing Your Exit Plan

Succession challenges will affect many Canadian businesses in the upcoming years due to aging demographics.

This free guide from BDC will guide you through the transition process and give you tips on how to pass the torch.

To access the guide, visit [bdc.ca](https://www.bdc.ca/en/articles-tools/entrepreneur-toolkit/guides/preparing-exit-plan) and search for "Preparing Your Exit Plan". Its link is <https://www.bdc.ca/en/articles-tools/entrepreneur-toolkit/guides/preparing-exit-plan>

Congratulations

- **Harvard Media** (Yorkton Market) on receiving the Western Association of Broadcasters Gold Medal Award for Community Support (market 150,000 or less) in recognition for the involvement of GX94 & Cruz FM in the February 2024 Save the Terriers Campaign helping the Yorkton Terriers to sell in one month, just under 1000 season tickets!
- To the committee who successfully submitted the bid for Yorkton to host the Provincial High School Curling Championships in 2027. The committee is anticipating great support from the community.
- **Legacy Co-op** on 80 years in business
- **Royal Ford** on 40 years in business
- **Soup & Such** on 40 years in business
- **RANT Plumbing & Heating** on 15 years in business
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Did You Know?

- Looking for **inexpensive advertising**? Chamber members have 2 options: 1) The Members Directory on the **Chamber's website**. Let the Chamber office know if you need to update your information and to add links to your website. 2) For all businesses in Yorkton – the Business Directory on the city's website www.yorkton.ca. You can add your information by registering and logging in
 - Shapeyourcity.yorkton.ca** is the City of Yorkton's online engagement site where you can share your ideas and feedback on City Matters. The City wants to empower you, its residents, to be more active in shaping your community and future. The City will listen to what you say, take your opinions into account, and report back to you on how community input contributes to City projects and programs
 - Community Futures Ventures** has a number of **FREE virtual training events** coming up beginning in September. To learn more and to register, visit cfsask.ca/ventures
 - The mining sector in Saskatchewan employs over 25,000 people both directly and indirectly
 - 13.5% of the province's GDP is represented by the mining sector
 - In 2024, the value of mineral sales from mining operations in Saskatchewan were over \$10.9 Billion
 - In 2024, Saks mining operations invested over \$40 million in social and community initiatives
- Source: Saskatchewan Mining Association

Member Focus - Yorkton This Week



As indicated in the July edition of the *Courier*, the Chamber is visiting its members and taking photos to post on its social media platforms as a way to show appreciation to the members and to give them each more profile. But due to the ban on Canadian news sources by some SM, the photo of Yorkton This Week was blocked. So YTW, we're profiling you here. *News, events and classified ads are key components of Yorkton This Week - Yorkton's weekly newspaper.* Articles are also submitted daily to **sasktoday.ca**. Yorkton This Week has been a member of the Yorkton Chamber for decades and does a great job of covering Chamber events.

Let's Celebrate Your Business

If 2025 marks a milestone for your business, then please let the Chamber staff know so that we can note it in the Congratulations section of the *Courier*. We like to share the number of years our members have been serving the community. It's a reason to celebrate! We also like to announce when our members receive an award or special recognition from their respective industries or achieves a certain level

of accreditation. And let us know if an employee has received a special award. Just getting your business started? We'll announce your Grand Opening – and provide information to help you plan it, as well. The bottom line is, if it's something you're celebrating, let the Chamber know so we can pass along your good news.



Enjoy the journey, not just the destination.



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Meeting with MLA



David Chan, Yorkton MLA met earlier this summer with the Chamber's Policy committee. Discussion focused on interprovincial trade barriers, health care professionals and the Sask Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP). Meetings with our elected officials are forums for the Directors to share with them opportunities and issues for the business community.

Yorkton Chamber of Commerce
Welcomes New Members

The Chamber welcomes new members
**PARKLAND VICTIM SERVICES; KIM LACARTE, HR PROFESSIONAL;
YORKTON AND AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD WELCOME PROGRAM;
BLUE ROCK CATTLE COMPANY; SEND IT CONSULTING;
AND RICHARD BUCKLE FARMING**

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.

Thank you!

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Status Stickers

Several Chamber members very proudly display their membership stickers in prominent locations such as windows and entrance doors. The stickers demonstrate to customers, patrons and clients that the business is committed to supporting the business community. Not yet received your "status sticker"? Give the Chamber a call and we will drop one off for you.

Food for All

Recently, the **Yorkton Food Security Committee** was formed as a collaborative initiative dedicated to improving food security and reducing food waste in Yorkton.

Its mission is to enhance food security through coordinated efforts, advocacy, education, and resource-sharing. In the coming months, it will be engaging with the community to educate, listen, learn, and work together on initiatives that make a lasting impact.

Businesses and residents alike are invited to support this initiative. An email blast was distributed to all Chamber members July 10, 2025 with the list of partner agencies, a calendar of existing resources and how these can be accessed.

For more information, contact Cathay Yaworski, Barriers to Access Coordinator, Yorkton Fire Protective Services (306) 620-5875.

Meeting with MP



Members of the Policy Committee met recently with Cathay Wagantall, MP. Some of the topics discussed included Bill C-5; interprovincial barriers to trade; Ports of Churchill and Nelson; the Federal government's creation of "ecological corridors" and the impact these will have on Canadian industry; and the need for a federal budget. **Cathay urged the Chamber to urge its members to press the Government of Canada for a budget.**

Upcoming Dates

- Sept 17 – Member Appreciation Event and Honourary Life Member Induction (watch for details)
- Sept 19 – Event for Welcome Week (watch for details)
- Oct 8 – 26th Annual Chamber Business Dinner
- Nov 23 – Santa Parade

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