



The Voice of Business



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

You work hard in your business and for your business. You invest in your business by belonging to business organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce. As "the voice of business in Yorkton and district", the Chamber's purpose is to work for you on the opportunities and issues facing the entire business community. 420+ voices are louder than just one. Below is a summary of the 2024 highlights:

- 1) Advocacy: Informing the various orders of government of policies or legislation having an impact on the business community:
- Met with City Council
- Met with Greg Ottenbreit, MLA
- Met twice with Cathay

- Wagantall, MP
- Met with representatives from APAS
- Met with the STEP Board of Directors
- Held a meeting with Chamber members in June to discuss difficulties they have experienced with the city over their expansion plans. Resolutions were also discussed
- Surveyed members and then developed Talking Points documents for both the Provincial and Municipal elections outlining issues and opportunities relevant to the Yorkton business community
- Hosted All Candidates' Forums prior to both the Provincial and Municipal elections

- Prepared and published an article about the city of Yorkton and area in the spring edition of Global Ventures magazine
- Attended the Sask Chamber's Political Forum in April
- Co-sponsored 2 resolutions submitted by the Sask Chamber to the Canadian Chamber and both were adopted: Enhancing Rail Fluidity for Supply Chain Efficiency; and Fulfilling Canada's Commitment to Triple Nuclear Energy by 2050
- Member of the regional economic development committee - the Central Prairie Development Alliance
- Letters & Emails Sent to:
o Cathay Wagantall re: Bill C-58 Anti Replacement Workers Legislation

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Congratulations

- Mazergroup on 65 years in business
- Axiom Ag on 10 years in business
- JA Audio on 5 years in business
- Yorkton Victory Church on 15 years in service
- Yorkton Brick Mill Heritage Society Inc. on receiving The National Trust's 2024 Governors' Award
The National Trust for Canada is a leading national charity dedicated to the conservation of Canada's historic places

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- o MLAs Greg Ottenbreit, Warren Kaeding, Terry Dennis and Travis Keisig prior to the Budget about the importance of Grain Millers Drive to both Yorkton and the province
- o Letters to Federal Ministers re:
  - Federal employees back to offices in September
  - Reconsider proposal to increase capital gains inclusion rate
  - Co-signatory to letters from the Canadian Chamber to various ministers regarding potential labour disruptions on Class 1 Railways; averting labour disruptions on railways; averting labour disruptions at Metro Vancouver port terminals; averting labour disruptions at Port of Montreal
  - Letter to Minister of Highways offering assistance with moving forward on Grain Millers Drive
  - Letter to City administration re: Procurement practices for services

**2) Education & Linking:** Providing members with opportunities to grow their businesses through enhanced learning and linking with other businesses

- Chamber AGM & Member Appreciation with Geoff Propp, GM of Harvest Meats as Guest Speaker
- Coffee with the Chamber held twice. Topics included shoplifting; and public safety in Yorkton
- Celebrate Success Business Awards where business excellence was celebrated and awards were presented in 16 categories
- 25th Annual Chamber Business Dinner with Barb Stefanyshyn-Cote as the Guest Speaker

And the Chamber achieved re-Accreditation by the Chamber Accreditation Council of Canada for the period January 2024 – Dec 2026. The Yorkton Chamber is one of only 71 Chambers of Commerce across Canada to achieve Accreditation

As one wise person said, **"A Chamber of Commerce is a small hinge that swings really big doors"**. Belonging to a Chamber helps you to swing those big doors.

**Let the Chamber work for you in 2025.**

## Would you like to volunteer to serve the City?

The City of Yorkton has a variety of Committees, Boards and Commissions on which it invites its citizens to serve.

Find out more about these positions and apply online at [www.yorkton.ca/committees](http://www.yorkton.ca/committees).

The City values diversity and encourages applications from members of Indigenous peoples, visible minorities, women and people of all abilities.

The deadline to apply is **December 13, 2024**. Appointments will be announced in January, 2025.



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## Did You Know?

- Priya Timiri is the new GM of Community Futures Ventures. CF Ventures is a business and economic development organization, providing services in east central Saskatchewan since 1997. To find out more about CF Ventures, visit them at <https://cfsask.ca> or call 306-782-0255.
- In early 2025, CF Ventures will be relocating to 84 Broadway St East

## 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 achieve 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!

## Upcoming Dates

- Community Futures Ventures has a number of training programs/webinars coming up. To register for any of them, visit [cfsask.ca/training](https://cfsask.ca/training)

*Dec 5 - Time Management: Unlocking Success Through Elimination, Automation, & Delegation.*

*Jan 7 – Everything about Business Plans.*

*Jan 16 – Legal Responsibilities of Boards.*

*Jan 21 – Everything About – Small Business Cash Flow*

*Jan 28 – Stand Out & Sell: Products, Services and your Competitive Edge*



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Employee Benefits



## Welcomes New Members

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

- Complimentary HR Hub Access: Enjoy free access to an extensive library of over 1,000+ HR documents, policies and forms providing you with the resources needed to manage HR effectively

- Free Policy Manual Creation: Receive a complimentary, customized policy manual to help ensure your organization meets all HR compliance requirements
- Exclusive Member Discounts: Take advantage of special discounts on a wide range of professional HR services, tailored to fit your specific needs.
- Engaging Webinars: Stay up-to-date with the latest HR trends through our informative and engaging webinars. to engaging webinars on various

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This partnership offers our members the opportunity to access a range of tools and services to help their businesses/ organizations be compliant with human resource legislation and keep up with the latest in requirements and policies that might help their workplace.



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## Discover the WCB Employer Resource Centre – Your Go-To Support Hub



### City Names New Business Liaison

As the new Business Liaison with the City of Yorkton, Jennifer Brooker is looking forward to working with existing businesses to help achieve sustainability, while also cultivating new business opportunities that will add value to our city. Jennifer will utilize her friendly approach to foster relationships within the community and act as an Administrative Ambassador on behalf of the City of Yorkton. Jennifer can be reached at 306-786-1747 or jbrooker@yorkton.ca

Navigating the workers' compensation system can be complex, but the WCB Employer Resource Centre is here to make it easier for you. Designed with employers in mind, this dedicated resource is your first point of contact for all things related to workers' compensation.

Whether you're looking for guidance on applying for WCB coverage, understanding injury prevention materials, or knowing what to do when an injury occurs, the Employer Resource Centre has you covered. From answering your questions to connecting you with the right person at WCB, we're here to simplify the process.

#### How the Employer Resource Centre Supports You:

- Assistance with applying for WCB coverage.

- Access to injury prevention education and resources.
- Step-by-step guidance when an injury happens.
- Help understanding WCB requirements and filling out forms.
- Information on requesting a letter of good standing or paying employer premiums.
- Support with return-to-work processes.

Check out our FAQs to learn more about how WCB can help.

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