



COMMUNITY COURIER



Deputy Mayor Greg Litvanyi (L) presided over the Installation of the Directors prior to the January Board meeting

President's Message

It is with tremendous gratitude and pride that I accept the role of President of the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce. I am deeply honoured by the trust placed in me and sincerely thankful for the dedication of those who have served before me, whose leadership has helped build a strong and respected organization.

To my fellow Directors, thank you for the confidence you have shown in me and for the opportunity to help lead our Chamber into the future. Together, we will continue to advocate in the best interests of our members.

The Yorkton Chamber has long been a voice for local business, economic growth, and community collaboration. I am continuously inspired by the commitment of our members, board, and Chamber staff who work tirelessly

to support entrepreneurship and opportunity throughout our region.

As we look ahead, I believe the focus should continue to be on strengthening relationships, advocating for a vibrant and competitive business environment, and ensuring the Yorkton Chamber continues to deliver meaningful value to its members. By building on our momentum and embracing new opportunities, we can continue to work collaboratively to support a thriving local business community and a robust network of business partners.

As a resident of Yorkton for more than 30 years and a Chamber director for the past four years, I have witnessed firsthand the resilience, innovation, and community spirit

that makes this city a great place to live and do business. I am proud to serve in this role and look forward to working alongside our members, fellow directors and the Chamber staff to support continued growth and success for our city and surrounding communities.



Juanita Polegi presented the Chamber's gavel to Doug Forster

Congratulations

- **Potzus Construction** on 60 years in business
- **D's Signs & Designs** on 35 years in business
- **GX94** was named 2025 Radio Station of the Year-Secondary Market by the Saskatchewan Country Music Association

- At the 2025 Canadian Radio Awards, **Danny Ismond** was Runner Up Music Director of the Year-Small Market. A commercial created by **Scott Coulridge** and **Jordan Kurtz** was named Runner Up for Best Commercial-Small Market.

- Members of **Yorkton Fire Protective Services** on being recognized with the Premier's Commendation for their service during the 2025 wildfire season.

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Meeting with MP

Members of the Chamber's Policy Committee had the opportunity to meet recently with Cathay Wagantall, MP. Discussion centered around the need for a new Waste Water Treatment Plant in Yorkton and the need for northern ports in Hudson Bay.

Policy Committee Meets with Local MLAs

In early January, the Policy Committee met with David Chan, MLA Yorkton; and then a couple of days later, with Honourable Sean Wilson MLA Canora-Pelly; and Honourable Warren Kaeding, MLA Melville-Saltcoats. In both meetings, discussion turned to progress on the rebuild of Grain Millers Drive; a new health facility for Yorkton; the need for the province to become involved in studies relating to the development of northern ports; and the need for funding for the city's new Waste Water Treatment Plant.




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- April 29 Chamber AGM



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Your 2026 Board of Directors

As of January 1, there is one new face sitting at the Board Table. New to the Board and elected in November to serve a two year term is **Eugene Fedorowich** (EG Electronics). Also as a result of the election, returning to the Board for another 2 year term are **Ajay Tadi** (Yorkton Tribal Council); **Bob Knox** (Value Tire & Battery); **Mary Carvalho** (RBC); **Paul Hoffman** (Parkland Appraisals); **Mike Stackhouse** (Source Embroidery); and

Stephanie Buckle (All About Flowers). **Gurjit Dhaliwal** (Venki The Bentley) has been appointed to serve a one year term. These Directors join **Jennifer Armstrong** (Mark's); **Tony Dales** (Mazergroup); **Bob Paton** (Auto Electric Service); **Vishal Sukhadia** (McDonald's Restaurant); **Alicia Simoneau** (PAC); and **Sunil Shah**.

At the January Board meeting, each Director chose at least one Chamber committee on

which to serve. Following the Chamber's Planning Session, conducted by **Nicole Campbell** (Yorkton Concrete 2012 Ltd), the Chamber Directors have identified their priorities for the upcoming year with the Chamber's purpose "to ensure the local business environment is open to investment and fosters business growth", as their guiding principle.

Bits n Pieces

As of January 2024, Saskatchewan amended its Employment Act to require **that every workplace have a harassment policy and that every incident be investigated**. **Enough Already** seeks to prevent and address sexual harassment in the workplace. It offers support and education to individuals and organizations to address sexual harassment through custom training. To learn more, visit enoughalreadysk.ca or call 306-757-1941.

that can provide assistance to someone in need has been produced in the city. Not yet available digitally, if you would like a copy, contact **Cathy Yaworski, Barriers to Access Coordinator, Yorkton Fire Protective Services** 306-620-5875.

On February 11 7:00 PM at the Godfrey Dean Cultural Centre, people interested in seeing a **mural** on the west side of the new "station" **at the historic brick flour mill** are invited to share their ideas. For more information, contact Thom Weir 306-621-8703.

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