



COMMUNITY COURIER

2026 AGM Highlights

The Chamber members and guests who attended the Chamber's AGM the evening of April 29 were treated to a fine meal at Grumpy's Grill followed by the brief AGM and a presentation by Mayor Kienle.

Nathan Bewcyk, BBA with Sensus Chartered Professional Accountants provided an overview of the Audit of the 2025 financials. He reported there was nothing to be concerned about.

Following the formal portion of the

meeting, President Doug Forster presented Sunil Shah, Past President with a plaque thanking Sunil for serving 2 years as President. Juanita Polegi, Executive Director then presented to Doug Forster the 2025 Director of the Year Award. Doug was selected by his fellow Directors for the Award based on his attendance at Chamber meetings, activities and events. Doug has been a Director since 2023 and is currently serving his first year of his

third term. Congratulations Doug!

Mayor Kienle then delivered his interesting and informative State of the City Address.

In addition to several city councillors, six MLAs were in attendance including David Chan; Hon. Sean Wilson, Kevin Weedmark, Daryl Harrison; Jared Clark and Erika Ritchie.

Thank you to McDonalds Yorkton for sponsoring the event.



Mayor Aaron Kienle delivered his State of the City Address following the Chamber's AGM.

Among the highlights were:

- Over half the taxes (\$1.182M) collected in 2026 will be dedicated to the city's streets, roads and sidewalks
- Over the past 12 months, 122 new businesses applied for business licences bringing the total city business licences as of March to just over one thousand. 29 commercial building permits were also issued over the past year.
- Since 2021, 31 businesses have accessed the façade improvement incentive
- The city continues to offer a variety of incentive and tax abatement programs
- The city is concerned about the Waste Water Treatment Plant – it is at capacity. A new Plant will be "shovel ready" by 2027 – we just need funding from other orders of government to help build it



At the Chamber's recent AGM, President Doug Forster presented a plaque to Past President Sunil Shah which expresses the Chamber's thanks to Sunil for serving a 2 year term as President.

At the Chamber's recent AGM, Executive Director Juanita Polegi presented the 2025 Director of the Year Award to Doug Forster. The 2025 Directors voted for the Director they each thought was deserving of the Award which "acknowledges dedication, enthusiasm and a positive attitude to the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce." The Award was first presented in 1997 in honour of Ruth Shaw, a former Manager of the Chamber.



Congratulations

- **Countryside Motors** on 50 years in business
- **Yorkton Dodge** on 20 years
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Advocacy Day at the Legislature



In late April, representatives of the Yorkton Chamber attended the Provincial Advocacy Day organized by the Sask Chamber. Yorkton specifically addressed the concern about tire inner tubes being dumped in landfills and asked if the Government of Saskatchewan has any plans to introduce a recycling or collection program for these discarded inner tubes and how industry could support that work. Yorkton also asked for a status update on the deployment of the Marshal Service. Questions relevant to Yorkton and posed by

other Chambers were about SINP; graduate retention; PST reductions or targeted incentives; labour mobility; investments in LNG; attracting and retaining healthcare professionals. Attending the Advocacy Day is yet another way to keep Yorkton in sight of the Government so as not be overlooked for another city. The message from Yorkton Chamber: **This is a dynamic business community in a city with great potential.**

Upcoming Dates

- October 7 – 27th Annual Chamber Business Dinner.

Watch for details!

Enjoy the journey, not just the destination.

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Thank you to **Sherring Gold** for contributing to the costs of the trophies for the recent **Celebrate Success Business Awards**.

Sask Chamber Political Forum

The Sask Chamber of Commerce recently hosted its annual Political Forum open only to its members. Representing the Yorkton Chamber at this event were President Doug Forster and Executive Director Juanita Polegi. The event began with an address from the Leader of the Opposition followed by a Q & A for her and her caucus.

The Premier then delivered his remarks followed by a Q & A at which the entire cabinet was present.

Yorkton was mentioned by both the Opposition and the Government.

Attending events such as this is an opportunity for the Yorkton Chamber to remind our elected officials about the important role Yorkton plays in the provincial economy and that it is "a place where good things happen".



President Doug Foster with Premier Scott Moe.



President Doug Forster with Hon. Jim Reiter, Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance.

A reception followed allowing attendees to visit with the Opposition MLAs, Cabinet Minister and other Chamber members.

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Chamber Directors & Council Meet



Yorkton Chamber Directors met recently with members of Council to discuss a variety of topics relevant to the business community including the city's need for a new Waste Water Treatment Plant; the status of Grain Millers Drive; and the Foreign Direct Investment Initiative. The Directors also answered questions from Council about its recent advocacy work and the promotion of Yorkton.

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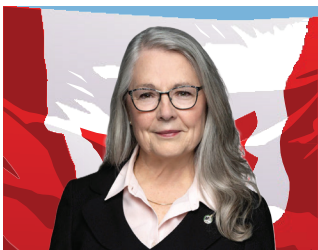


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Scholarship Presentation



At Suncrest College's recent Scholarship Awards event, Sherry MacDonald, Director of Marketing & Administration presented the Chamber's scholarship to **Carson Wardle**, a Business program student.

Effective Workplace Response to Intimate Partner Violence

Workplaces are often where early signs of violence are first noticed, and where thoughtful, informed responses can make a meaningful difference. Employees experiencing violence may face safety concerns, disruptions to work, and financial instability; while workplaces may see impacts on productivity, attendance, and overall wellbeing.

If you are interested in offering training to your staff, contact training@pathssk.org to learn more about the **free modules which are available**. Funding for this initiative is provided by the Government of Saskatchewan.

City Produces Resource Guide

The City of Yorkton has produced a **Help is Here Resource Guide**. It provides the locations of shelters, free meals, counselling and many other services. It also provides phone numbers for Emergency and Help Lines. If you're interested in this Resource Guide for yourself or someone you know, you can find it on the city's website <https://www.yorkton.ca/living-in-yorkton/emergency-services/emergency-preparedness/> or use the QR code.



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