

Sask Chamber Visits Yorkton

Sask Chamber CEO, Prabha Ramaswamy, spends some time each summer visiting local Chambers across the province. The Yorkton Chamber was pleased to host Prabha and Tenielle Bogdan, Director of Programs & Partnerships the morning of June 18. During that time, visits were made to Yorkton Chamber members **N.L. Construction Inc.** (Dustin Nehring);

Harvest Meats (Geoff Propp); and **Good Spirit Air Service** and **Miccar Aerial** (Michael & Carol Yaholnitsky). Prabha and Tenielle enjoyed hearing the stories of these successful businesses. They were also impressed by the obvious economic activity in the city, the new City Operations Centre and YQV Regional Airport Popowich Terminal Building.



Congratulations

- **KM Auto** on 35 years in business
- **CORE Real Estate** on 15 years in business
- **Edward Jones – Kristen Zubko** on 10 years in business
- **Crop Pro Consulting** on 5 years in business in Yorkton
- **LDC** on 175 years in business
- **Yorkton This Week** received a number of awards at the recent SWNA Better Newspapers

Competition including Best Overall Newspaper (circ. 800 – 1199)

- **York Lake Golf & Country Club** was first formed in 1921 and has been hosting golfers at its current location since May 1926!
- **Parkland Outdoor Show**, since its inception in 2011 has donated \$223 K! Most have gone to the National Archery in the Schools Program for schools in the Parkland Area; some have gone to individual archers to attend archery

competitions; and some have provided support for organizations that promote outdoor activities for youth.

- **Olivia Shearer**, the Evening and Weekend Host at **GX 94** recently received the **Western Association of Broadcasters Emerging Leader Award**. This award recognizes up-and-coming professionals under 30 who are helping shape the future of broadcasting through innovation and leadership.



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Junior Achievement Companies Successful

Each student in the YRHS Entrepreneurship 30 class pitched a business idea to their fellow classmates - "Dragon's Den" style. The class narrowed down the ideas to two products and from March 27 - June 17th, the class created and operated two Junior Achievement companies. Each student had a designated role in whichever company they worked. They each invested \$20 of their own money, and then were responsible for producing, marketing, and selling the product. Each company created a formal business plan and presented its final report in a formal meeting.

The first company, **Little Teacup Co.**, upcycled teacups into handmade natural beeswax candles. The group thrifted and sought

donations of the teacups. The beeswax was donated and then purchased at Howland's Honey. 10% of their proceeds were donated to Shelwin House - \$124.63. Their final share value was \$140.20.

The second company, **Bad to the Bone Seasonings**, took from one of its members the family recipe for chicken and rib rubs and brought these to consumers looking to elevate their grilling game. The students packaged the recipe into shaker bottles and food-safe pouches. The company donated 10% of their proceeds to Paws & Claws Animal Rescue Inc. - \$65.45. Their final share value was \$98.18.

The Yorkton Chamber extends its congratulations to these young entrepreneurs

on their success and the lessons they have learned.



Upcoming Dates



- Oct 7 - 27th Annual Chamber Business Dinner - watch for details

Want to learn more about what's happening in Yorkton? Check out Tourism Yorkton's facebook page [tourismyorkton](https://www.facebook.com/tourismyorkton) or its website www.tourismyorkton.com

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Central Prairie Development Alliance: Stronger Together

Suncrest College's Sharon Rurak, P/A Applied Research (L) and Gwen Machnee, Ph.D. Chair of Applied Research (R) have provided the leadership to establish and maintain the Central Prairie Development Alliance. The members of the CPDA, including the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce, appreciate the vision, leadership and support provided by Gwen and Sharon as we endeavour to build this regional economic initiative.



"We are turning shared challenges into shared opportunities – shaping the future of our region, together." Sharon Rurak, Suncrest College

The CPDA is a regional initiative bringing together communities across East Central Saskatchewan. Together we're creating a future where growth is sustainable and communities thrive.

CPDA's 1,344 businesses thrive across agriculture (8.1%); manufacturing (6.8%) and retail trade. This diverse industrial base creates resilience and cross-sector opportunities - making our region a powerful platform for growth.

The Region's population is expected to rise 4.9% to 36,020 by 2034. The over 28,000 strong workforce will enable business to tap into expanding opportunities across the prairies.

Businesses and municipalities – both rural and urban – are encouraged to join this exciting initiative. To learn more, visit the website www.cpdask.ca

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Know a Young Entrepreneur?

Now Accepting Applications for the Young Entrepreneur Bursary Program

Applications are now being accepted for the second cohort of the Young Entrepreneur Bursary Program. The program is designed to reach entrepreneurs between the ages of 18 and 35 across every corner of Saskatchewan, and the Sask Chamber could use your help to make that happen.

The program provides \$5,000 grants to young Saskatchewan business owners, along with

mentorship and connections to business networks.

57 bursaries are available, with the goal of selecting one recipient from each Chamber region. Chamber membership is not required to apply.

If you know a young entrepreneur who is building something in this province, the Sask Chamber asks you to share this with them or nominate them. If

that entrepreneur is you, you are encouraged to apply! The application is straightforward, the funding is meaningful.

Visit www.saskchamber.com for details and the application. Applications open until July 17.

This program is offered with funding from the Government of Saskatchewan's Ministry of Trade and Export Development.

Did You Know?

• If you're considering a successor to your business, you may want to check out an article prepared by BDC:

<https://www.bdc.ca/en/articles-tools/change-ownership/plan-succession/choosing-successor-why-making-the-right-choice-matters-more-than-fairness>

• To learn more about transferring your business, download BDC's free guide, [Preparing your Exit Plan](#).

• In addition, [BDC Advisory Services](#) can help you develop a succession plan that protects both the future of the business and family harmony.

• BDC recently launched LIFT to help SMEs adopt AI

and productivity-boosting technologies. **LIFT (Lead with Innovation and Focus on Technology)** is a new, **\$500 million program** designed to help **more than 1,000 Canadian SMEs** adopt artificial intelligence and other productivity-enhancing technologies. Eligible businesses can access loans ranging from **\$25,000 to \$5 million**, with **flexible terms** including preferential rates.

• The **Parkland Outdoor Show's Access to the Outdoors** program is funded by the Parkland Outdoor Show & Expo in partnership with hunting and fishing outfitters and the generous support from community sponsors. This

program annually provides selected youth with disabilities to experience either a hunting or fishing trip – and create memories that last a life time.

• Summer means barbecues and campfires and of course, **Harvest Meats** wieners! Did you know that **one year's production** of Harvest Wieners would stretch over 18,000 kilometres, which is enough to wrap around the Earth about **0.45 times** (or almost halfway around). Laid end-to-end, this is also enough to cross Canada nearly 4 times!

• Check out shapeyourcity.yorkton.ca to review and respond to the **Draft of the Downtown Plan**