

Mayor Kienle Represents Yorkton at UN Forum



Mayor Aaron Kienle recently spoke at the United Nations in New York. As a result of Yorkton's involvement with the University of Waterloo and its work in better understanding sustainable development goals in communities, Mayor Kienle was nominated and then invited to be part of the Canadian delegation and to participate in a panel on sustainable development. The panel "Cities that Work for People: Connecting Social Policy and Infrastructure for Resilient Communities" was hosted by The Honourable Gregor Robertson, Canadian Minister of Housing and Infrastructure. Of the 17 sustainable development goals adopted by the UN, this year's forum focused on Clean Water & Sanitation; Affordable Clean Energy; Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure; Sustainable Cities and Communities; and Partnerships for the Goals. As these goals directly relate to Yorkton's need for a new wastewater treatment plant, Mayor Kienle was well positioned to speak about how Yorkton is working towards them.

While Mayor Kienle brought Yorkton to the international stage, his time at the UN also benefitted the city in that he had the opportunity to meet with the Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Housing; the Minister's Chief of Staff; and finally, Minister Robertson.

These connections are vital for Yorkton to make the case for the much needed infusion of both federal and provincial dollars for the new wastewater treatment plant.

The Chamber applauds Mayor Kienle and City Council for recognizing the value the opportunity to speak at the UN brings to the City of Yorkton. Doing so helped to lay the groundwork for future investment in the city.

Everyone Loves a Parade!



The Chamber was part of the annual **Summer Fair Parade** as **President Doug Forster** rode in a convertible driven by **Tracy Jones**. Many, many businesses and organizations which are members of the Chamber also participated in the Parade and were pleased to see the parade route packed with spectators! Doug also participated in the **Fair's Opening Ceremonies** bringing greetings from the Chamber.

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- **Haas Nissan** on 50 years in business
- **Miccar Aerial** on 30 years in business
- **The Bentley** on 25 years in business in Yorkton
- **Good Spirit Air Service** on 20 years in business
- **Grain Millers Canada** on 25 years in business in Yorkton
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City Continues to Invest in Infrastructure

It's summertime! And that means the city is busy upgrading the infrastructure.

- Asphalt paving - ~19% more than last year meaning 16 street segments or 24,270m²
- Concrete replacement – Lots!
- Park Street Reservoir and Pumping Station – rehabilitation and commissioning are

returning the reservoir to service after being out of operation for more than a decade. This will add 4.5 million litres of potable water storage

- Watermain extensions – 780 m added along Sully Avenue and another 960 m added along Highway 9. These extensions



will support development near Highway 9 and Grain Millers Drive. A future phase will connect the extensions into a full loop

Upcoming Dates



- *Honourary Life Member Luncheon – Sept 9 - Watch for details*
- *Grand Opening Brick Flour Mill – Sept 30*
- *27th Annual Chamber Business Dinner – Oct 7 St. Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre*
- *Chamber Business Luncheon – Oct 28 – Watch for details*
- *Nominations open for Chamber Board of Directors – Oct 15*
- *Nominations close NOON - Oct 31*

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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Chamber Visiting Members

Sherry MacDonald Director of Marketing & Administration has been enjoying visiting Chamber members such as Jigar Paterl owner of Red Swan Pizza, and posting those visits on the Chamber's social media platforms. While visiting, she has a brief survey she is asking the members to complete. If you are interested in having Sherry visit your business, then give her a call at 306-783-4368 or send an email info@yorktonchamber.com



Did You Know?

- **Grain Millers Canada** buys nearly 24 million bushels of oats annually and mainly within a 160 – 200 km radius of Yorkton.
- **Yorkton** is home to the largest industrial complex owned by Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC) in all of North America.
- **LDC's new pea protein isolate plant** will process up to 75,000 tonnes of peas annually to produce protein powder, fibre and starch.
- The City of Yorkton has a number of Incentive Programs to encourage construction in the city. These are Façade and Site Improvement; Residential

Construction Incentive; New Commercial Building Tax Abatement; and Vacant Commercial Building Tax Abatement Programs. For more information check the website <https://shapeyourcity.yorkton.ca/>

- **BDC** has prepared 2 articles that are of interest to business owners. The first discusses the ways to **improve efficiency in the age of AI**. The article describes 5 major pathways that entrepreneurs are taking to increase their digital maturity. The right choice depends on where you are starting from – and where you want to go.

The second article discusses succession planning and why making **the right choice in choosing a successor matters more than fairness**. Devesh Dwivedi, Lead Advisor with BDC Advisory says, "Fairness is one thing. But if you try to be fair in the wrong way, you may end up jeopardizing the business you spent years building." To read both articles in their entirety, visit bdc.ca click on Advisory Services then Reference and enter the title.

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