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It's Time to Celebrate!



The Celebrate Success Business Awards are an opportunity to celebrate business excellence and success in the Yorkton business community.

Foundation awards such as the Young Entrepreneur, Award of

Merit and Property Restoration have been offered since the first Award ceremony in 1998. Community Merit, an Award that recognizes the contributions of our many organizations has also been presented since that time.

In 2024, some new Awards have been introduced. Woman Entrepreneur and Distinguished Business Leader recognize business leadership and success. And there are awards for the various sectors such as Health & Wellness; Personal & Aesthetics; Ag Production; Retail & Consumer; Trades & Skilled Labour; and for the hospitality industry,

the Relax, Eat, Drink Award.

Celebrate your business by applying for an Award today. Applications are available on the Chamber's website www.yorktonchamber.com or from the Chamber office. Deadline for submission is March 6.



Meeting with MP



Cathay Wagantall, MP took time from her busy schedule to meet with the Chamber's Policy committee. A variety of topics that impact business were discussed including the carbon tax, the federal debt, interest rates and housing concerns.

Congratulations

- Rogoza Optometry on 50 years in business
Yorkton Aircraft Services on 20 years in business
LH Accounting on 20 years in business
Iron Town Mfg on 10 years in business
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Thank you to the following businesses which have invested in themselves by renewing their memberships in the Cahmber (as of Feb 22nd. Many more to be recognized in April edition)

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## Dynamic and Progressive

Those are 2 words that describe the Board of Directors of the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce.



The Board, comprised of up to 16 Directors elected by the membership, is the governing body of the Chamber. The diverse backgrounds and experience of these business owners and senior managers enables the Board to carry out its mission "to be the voice of the Yorkton and district business community".

Once elected, each Director chooses at least one of the 4 Standing committees on which to serve. These include Business Development, Events, Marketing & Communications and Policy. The events and activities that come from these committees serves one or more purposes:

- Advocacy for the business community
- Educational opportunity for the business community
- Opportunity for businesses to build their customer/client base

Current and past Directors say serving on the Chamber means early morning meetings but they learn so much. As Directors they learn about what's going on in the city; they have the opportunity to meet face-to-face with Mayor and Council; Saskatchewan Cabinet Ministers; MLA, MP, Yorkton Tribal Chief, and other elected officials.

If serving as a Director on the Chamber Board interests you, contact one of the current Directors or Juanita Polegi, Executive Director. Can you see yourself being installed as a Director in 2025?

## SME Institute Can Help Your Business

The SME Institute (Small Medium Enterprise) by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce is a first of its kind service that provides the training, support and advice your small business needs to adapt, grow and thrive. Along with being your **one-stop shop for resources and services**, it is a community of partners, mentors and peers who are committed to the collective success of SMEs. Visit [smeinstitute.ca](http://smeinstitute.ca) to review their free resources and tips, and information on training, consulting and networking.

## Don't Forget

Renew your Business License by **March 31**. Renewal forms have been sent to all businesses. The Chamber urges businesses to renew their license by that date and to complete the few questions sent with the renewal notice. The answers received are used for statistical purposes ONLY. Failure to renew by the deadline could result in extra fees.



## Upcoming Dates

- March 6 -Deadline for submitting Applications for Celebrate Success
- March 22 – Celebrate Success Finalists Luncheon
- April 17 – Celebrate Success Business Awards
- April 24 – Yorkton Chamber AGM

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## Support for Hiring Apprentices



Travis Griffith, a first year apprentice discusses a project with Derek Mach, a Supervisor at SveinCo Construction

The Apprenticeship Service supports employers to hire new first-year apprentices in 39 Red Seal trades.

It also helps first-year apprentices get the hands-on work experience they need for a career in the skilled trades.

### How the program works

Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) funds organizations that work with employers in the skilled trades.

The organizations give financial support to small and medium-sized employers to hire first-year apprentices:

- \$5,000 for each eligible new first-year apprentice hired
- \$10,000 if the apprentice hired is from an equity-deserving group

They also provide other supports to employers to help them take part in apprenticeship.

### How to apply

Interested small and medium-sized employers are invited to contact the appropriate mandated intermediary or visit their website for details. In Saskatchewan there are 3:

- 1) Christian Labour Association of Canada email: [casp@clac.ca](mailto:casp@clac.ca)  
Contact Colin de Raaf
- 2) Building and Construction Trades Department email: [ehueglin@inthetrades.ca](mailto:ehueglin@inthetrades.ca) Contact Erik Hueglin
- 3) Gabriel Dumont Institute Training & Employment Email apprenticeships@gdins.org Contact Bonnie Hartman

### Eligible employers

Employers with 499 or fewer paid employees can receive the financial support.

## Free Tax Help for Small Businesses



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The Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) has created a Liaison officer service to help small businesses:

- Better understand their rights and tax obligations;
- Receive timely and accurate information;
- Receive in-person support and guidance; and
- Avoid common errors that could cost time and money

The Liaison Officer offers seminars and/or webinars to groups but will also meet individuals in-person.

Their seminars are led by CRA professionals and will help you learn about:

- Business tax deductions
- Common tax errors
- Helpful tools and services offered by the CRA
- General bookkeeping concepts and best practices

For more information or to book an in-person meeting with a liaison officer, go to [canada.ca/cra-liaison-officer](http://canada.ca/cra-liaison-officer)



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