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## Minister of Highways Visits Yorkton



The Yorkton Chamber invited a number of stakeholders to meet with the Hon. Jeremy Cockrill, Minister of Highways, to discuss the condition of Grain Millers Drive and how it could be improved. Mr. Cockrill said it is a priority for his Ministry. He will soon convene a meeting between his Ministry, the RM of Orkney and the City of Yorkton to begin working on a solution.

The Honourable Jeremy Cockrill, Minister of Highways visited Yorkton July 27. In addition to cutting the ribbon to mark the official opening of the 26 passing lanes on Highway 16 between Clavet and the Manitoba border, Mr. Cockrill attended a meeting hosted by the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce. Joining several Chamber Directors were Reeve Randy Trost and some Councillors from the RM of Orkney; Mayor Mitch Hipsley and Councillors Dustin Brears, Ken Chyz, Randy Goulden and Quinn Haider; representatives of the businesses located along Grain Millers Drive – Grain Millers, Richardson, Louis Dreyfus Company, Fedorowich Construction and Yorkton Concrete; and MLAs Greg Ottenbreit, Terry Dinnis, Warren Kaeding and Travis Keisig. Mr. Cockrill led the discussion about Grain Millers Drive and how it needs to be repaired and paved. He indicated that his **Ministry recognizes that businesses along that road have made major invest-**

**ments and that the road services a “major hub that means economic growth across the province.”**

Having travelled Grain Millers Drive earlier in the day, Mr. Cockrill experienced first hand the condition of the road. He agreed that in its current state, the road cannot accommodate the volume or type of traffic that is using it.

As the meeting drew to a close, Mr. Cockrill indicated **his Ministry is committed to working towards finding a solution for Grain Millers Drive.** He said he would have a conversation with his Deputy Minister and then a meeting would be called between the Ministry, City and the RM.

Vanessa Andres, President of the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce was happy with the tone of the meeting. “The Chamber appreciates that Mr. Cockrill came to Yorkton to see the road himself and to meet with the stakeholders”, she said. “I believe there is a real desire by all the stakeholders to ensure

work is undertaken to make Grain Millers Drive a road that can safely accommodate the heavy volume of traffic.”

In March, the Chamber brokered a meeting between the RM of Orkney and the City of Yorkton and businesses. Following that meeting, representatives of the stakeholders signed 2 letters prepared by the Chamber and sent to Minister Cockrill. One letter outlined the need for repairs and paving of Grain Millers Drive; while the second letter urged the Ministry of Highways to install traffic lights at the intersection of Grain Millers Drive and Highway 9. In response to the letters, Minister Cockrill committed to a meeting this summer with the Chamber and the stakeholders. The Chamber appreciates the Minister honouring his commitment and looks forward to the future improvements on Grain Millers Drive.

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## Congratulations

- **Terry Ortynsky’s Royal Ford** on being selected as an ABEX Finalist for the Community Involvement Award
- **Vetted HVAC** for being selected as an ABEX Finalist for the New Business Venture Award
- **Amit Arora**, Senior General Manager of **McDonald’s Restaurant Yorkton** on being selected McDonald’s Canada 2023 Outstanding Manager of the Year Award. He was recognized for his hard work, dedication, commitment to McDonald’s Canada and its customers
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*Potash to be considered a prioritized critical mineral. Photo courtesy The Mosaic Company*

## Yorkton Chamber Supports Resolutions

The Yorkton Chamber of Commerce, together with the Battlefords Chamber and Greater Saskatoon Chamber, has co-sponsored 2 resolutions put forth by the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce for the Canadian Chamber of Commerce Policy Resolution session at its October AGM and Convention. Resolutions put forth by Chambers of Commerce from across the country must have a national scope. If a policy is adopted at the convention, it will be added to the Canadian Chamber's list of policies and will "help set the Canadian Chamber's advocacy agenda for the upcoming year."

The first resolution, entitled "Equitable Treatment of Critical Minerals" recommends "that the Government of Canada expand the list of prioritized critical minerals to include potash and uranium production as these minerals are vital for food and energy security, respectively."

The second resolution, entitled "Keeping Canada's Fertilizer Emission Reduction Target Voluntary" recommends "that the Government of Canada avoid making on-farm fertilizer GHG emission reduction goals voluntary."

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- Call **306-786-1725** if you find discarded sharps. People trained in handling and disposing of them will be dispatched to safely remove them

## Ready to Launch Your Business?



*Corinne Lubiniecki (L), General Manager of Community Futures Ventures invited a number of people to hear a presentation by Stephanie den Hollander (C) and Susan Bater (R) about the Business Builder program offered by Entrepreneurs with Disabilities in partnership with Community Futures.*

The Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program, in partnership with Community Futures Ventures, offers the Business Builder – a program offering free assistance to entrepreneurs with health conditions or disabilities who are ready to start their businesses. Available supports and services include Business Plan Development; Business Training; Business Coaching; and Additional Supports. To apply, visit [www.cfsask.ca/edp](http://www.cfsask.ca/edp)

## Upcoming Dates

- Sept 12 – Chamber on Tap at Tapps with Guest Speaker Fire Chief Trevor Morrissey
- Sept 14 – Chamber Business Lunch at St. Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre with Hon. Bronwyn Eyre, Minister of Justice speaking about the Saskatchewan First Act
- Sept 29 – Walk for National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Sept 30)
- Oct 4 – 24th Annual Chamber Business Dinner at St. Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre with Guest Speaker Jess Tetu, Entrepreneur and Philanthropist at
- Oct 17 - Career Explorations for Students (contact the College if your business wishes to Participate)
- Oct 31 NOON – Deadline for nominations for Chamber Board
- Nov 1 – 4 – Harvest Showdown

## Cybersecurity – Learn More

The Canadian Chamber has made us aware of an eBook created by Field Effect entitled The State of Cybersecurity – Your Guide for 2023 and Beyond. It will provide insights you need to defend against emerging threats, including:

- How global conflict transformed the threat landscape

- The rising tide of ransomware attacks
  - A widening cybersecurity workforce gap
  - Problems caused by toolset complexity and burnout
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One of Canada's Most Powerful Women in 2019; one of Canada's Top 40 Under 40 in 2018; the recipient of the Sask Chamber's Young Entrepreneur Award in 2014; and a recipient of the WESK Woman of Achievement Award in 2019. These are just some of the highlights **Jess Tetu**, the Guest Speaker at the Chamber's 24th Annual Business Dinner has on her CV.

Jess, born and raised in Saskatchewan, is as she describes herself a "serial entrepreneur and philanthropist". Jess is looking forward to visiting Yorkton and sharing her story.

The Dinner will be held at St. Mary's Ukrainian Cultural Centre **Oct 4**. Cocktails – 5:30; Dinner – 6:30; Presentation – 8:00.

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are now available. Just call the Chamber office 306-783-4368 for details.

Thank you to the following businesses for their support of this event: Community Futures Ventures (Platinum); and Silver sponsors – RBKR Law; Mosaic; and SaskTel.

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Jess Tetu

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The handbook offers workplaces guidance on how to:

- take action to identify, assess, control and monitor climate-related hazards,
- take climate-related events into account when establishing policies and programs to address their impact on occupational health and safety,
- consider the impacts of climate change when completing workplace hazard identification and risk assessments, and approach and address climate-related workplace hazards.

