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Staff Sgt Visits Chamber

Staff Sgt Burton Jones recently met with the Chamber's Business Development committee to discuss how the RCMP can work with the business community. During the discussion, we learned:

- City and Rural detachments are now completely amalgamated so officers are in the detachment 24/7
- A Crime Reduction Team, consisting of 7 constables and 1 Sergeant, will be established in the former rural detachment building by the end of 2022
- Officers will be conducting surveillance checks of businesses after hours and will leave behind a door sign indicating they were present
- We were encouraged to subscribe to the Saskatchewan Crime Advisory Network
- Businesses should report any hacking of their computers to the RCMP so such activity can be tracked
- Programs such as Positive Ticketing and the Fraud Prevention Group will continue



RCMP Initiates New Pilot Project

Staff Sgt Burton Jones provided the Chamber with the following information:

The Yorkton RCMP will be initiating a pilot project that will include the proactive checking of businesses in Yorkton after regular business hours. While RCMP members are on patrol, they will be conducting proactive checks of businesses when they are closed to ensure the businesses are not being broken into or vandalized. Once

the check has been completed, a hanging door card will be left at the business advising the business owner that a check was performed.

Staff/Sgt Jones encourages all residents of Yorkton and surrounding area to sign up for the Saskatchewan Crime Advisory Network. Once signed up, all residents will be able to receive accurate and timely information about

criminal activity in their area directly from their local RCMP Detachment. Signing up is free of charge and it only takes a few minutes. You choose which RCMP detachment area(s) you want to receive notifications from and how you want to receive them — whether it be via text message, email, phone call or through the Everbridge mobile app. To sign up please visit www.saskcrimewatch.ca.

Congratulations

- Rayzr's Pub in Yorkton Hotel on 15 years in business
- Yorkton Terriers on making it to the SJHL Play-offs
- Yorkton Tribal Council on receiving its first drum
- RE/MAX Blue Chip Realty on receiving Top Transactions
 Western Canada Award (Small Market) in the Western Canada
 Region for total transaction sides closed in 2021

Yorkton Chamber of Commerce

AGM & Social Monday
April 25 2022

April 25 2022
Meeting5:30 PM
Social 6:15 PM
Back 40 Brewery
Complimentary Snacks
provided







Thank You!

Thank you to the following businesses which have renewed their memberships! (many more to be recognized in the March edition)

- 101132359 Saskatchewan Ltd. (Mark & Lori Butchko)
- 4-Star Distributors
- A-1 Furnace Cleaning
- Air Bender Sheet MetalAspen Bluffs Villa Ltd
- Auto Trim Design of South East Sask.
- Back Forty Brewery
- Lori Bedwell
- BG Denture Clinic
- Beverley Bielinski
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- BK Spine Center
- Blaze Locksmithing & Security
- Bri-lyn Books & Buildings
- Browns Social House
- Canadian Tire Properties Inc CT REIT
- Canadian Western Bank
- Canora Cannabis Ltd.
- Canora Service Station
- Carpet One Floor & Home
- Century 21 Able Realty
- City of Yorkton
- Clark Roofing (1964) Ltd.
- Cloverdale Paint
- Copper Springs Health & Safety Consulting Inc.
- Core Real Estate
- CPK Entertainment
- CropPro Consulting
- Dance Innovations
- Days Inn & Suites (Optimus Limited Partners)
- Deneschuk Homes
- Dream Weddings Bridal & Formal Wear
- D's Signs & Designs
- Ducks Unlimited
- Edward Jones Linda Ouart
- Eecol Electric
- Epic Audio Video Unlimited
- Fedorowich Construction Ltd.
- Ffun Motorsports
- Gardon Securities
- Gladstone Seniors Residence
- Golden Mobility
- Good Spirit Housing Authority
- Great Canadian Oil Change

- Growth Media Strategy
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hackman Feed Services Ltd.
- Hair Shop Kreations
- Hair-is-ma
- Handshake Services
- Harris Financial Services Inc.
- Harvest Meats Co. Ltd.
- Haztech Energy Corp.
- High Angle Roofing & Exteriors
- JBK Law
- K.W. Men's Wear / Pulse Apparel
- Kahkewistahaw Gas & Convenience Store Ltd.
- Kinsmen Club of Yorkton
- Knight Archer Insurance
- Kryworuchka Farms
- Lakeside Millwright Services
- Jody Lang
- Legacy Co-op Agro Centre
- Legacy Co-op Gas Bar
- Legacy Co-op Yorkton Bar
- Legacy Co-op Yorkton Wine Spirits Beer Store
- LF Photography
- Loucks Medi Health Pharmacy
- Louis Dreyfus
- Maki Services
- Mano's Restaurant and Lounge
- Marlin Travel
- Mazer Group
- McCarthy Tax & Bookkeeping Services

- McDonalds

Sales

- MetCredit • Mid City Service / Bob Zuzak Auto
- Mid-Can Window & Door / Action Glass
- Minute Muffler
- Dr. Adedamoia Sparrow Mosuro
- Mr. Mike's Steakhouse Casual
- Mulder Cattle Company Brenda Nagy
- National Bank Financial Wealth Management
- New Philippines Product Store
- NL Construction

- Omega Auto Parts & Service Ottenbreit Sanitation Services Ltd.
- Painted Hand Casino
- Parkland College
- Parkland Search & Rescue
- Partners in Employment
- Penner Insulating
- Potzus Construction Ltd.
- Premier Care Hearing
- Pumphouse Athletic Club
- R & T Trucking
- R. H. Electric Ltd.
- R.M. of Orkney, #244 • Rant Plumbing & Heating
- · Rayzr's Cellar
- RCM Outdoors / RCM Safety Services
- Re/Max Blue Chip Realty
- Regina Airport Authority
- Richard's Auto Detail
- Royal Auto Group
- Royal Ford
- Royal Honda
- Sask. Mental Health
- Saskatchewan Abilities Council
- SaskTel
- Save On Foods
- Scotiabank (Bank of Nova Scotia)
- Sheila's Place
- Sherring Gold Jewellers
- Shoppers Drug Mart #405 SIIT-Sask. Indian Institute of Technologies
- SMAK Ukrainian Store Inc.
- Soup N' Such
- Source Embroidery & Screenprinting
- St. Mary's Parish Ukrainian Catholic Cultural Centre
- Staples Business Depot
- Studio RO
- Success Office Systems
- Sunrise Landscaping TA Foods
- Tapps Restaurant
- The Bentley Yorkton
- Retirement Living • The Co-operator's

- The Health Foundation of EC Saskatchewan
- The Scrub Hub Boutique
- Thorsness Appliance
- Tim Hortons East
- Tim Hortons West
- Time Catchers Digital Imaging
- Treasure Chest Toastmasters
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- Under the Covers
- Vision Sense Eye Care
- Cathay Wagantall MP
- Wagner's Flooring Ltd.
- Welcome Home Crafts
- Western Financial Group
- Westland Insurance York Lake Golf & Country Club
- York Lake Regional Park Authority Yorkton Aircraft Service Ltd.-GPS
- Yorkton Animal Health Centre P.C. Ltd.
- Yorkton Flour Mill Heritage Society
- Yorkton Bucket Truck Services Ltd. • Yorkton City Centre Dental Clinic
- Yorkton Concrete 2012 Ltd.
- Yorkton Curling Club
- Yorkton Hotel Inc.
- Yorkton Minor Football • Yorkton Small Engine & Repair
- Yorkton This Week
- · Yorkton Transitional Homes for Youth, Inc.
- Yorkton Welding & Machine (1983) Ltd. Zagime Management Authority Ltd.
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Welcome **New Members**

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Yorkton Tribal Council is a not-for-profit organization that provides essential services to 6 Member Nations

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Congratulations!

You have been selected as a Finalist or an Award Recipient of one of the 2022 Celebrate Success Business Awards!

Sarah Kowalchuk, former Vice President of the Yorkton Chamber has developed a list of the many ways you can leverage your award. Some of her many suggestions

Leverage Your Award

include adding the Award logo and name to your email signature; including the Award in your "about me" section of your business' social media profiles; and posting a link to the Chamber's website so people can see your name officially listed as an Award Recipient.

Don't be shy about letting your customers/clients know that you were selected as a Finalist or an Award Recipient. It's just one more way to market your business and it demonstrates to those who see it that your business was selected to be a Finalist or Award Recipient. You have reason to share the good news and to celebrate your success!

\$\$ for Small & Medium Businesses



The Canada Digital Adoption Program (CDAP), is to help Canadian smalland medium-sized businesses grow their online presence and upgrade or adopt their digital technologies. This investment, which will provide \$4 billion over four years, will support up to 160,000 small businesses and create jobs across the country, including thousands of jobs for young Canadians.

Under the CDAP, Canadian small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) will be able to assess their digital readiness and apply for grants and loans online. This funding will help them leverage e-commerce opportunities, upgrade or adopt digital technologies, and digitize their operations to stay competitive and meet their customers' needs in the digital marketplace. Depending on their size, specific needs, and goals, businesses can apply for funding through the Grow Your Business Online or Boost your Business Technology streams.

More information can be found at: https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2022/03/backgrounder--the-canada-digital-adoption-program.html

Did You Know?

- Canadian employers are encouraged to list employment opportunities on the Government of Canada's Jobs for Ukraine Job Board to help Ukrainian migrants find employment when they reach Canada. Ukrainian job seekers can use the same tool to find opportunities. Also, SaskJobs.ca using the hashtag #sksupportsukraine.
- MNP Canada has extended an offer for entrepreneurs in Saskatchewan to learn the digital skills needed for today's small business owner. Attendees can learn fundamental digital skills including online payroll and tax systems, communication tools, cyber security, social media, financial management tools and more. The next group of sessions is being offered starting April 11. There's no cost to join the program as it's completely funded by the provincial government and is free to qualifying business owners in Saskatchewan. To learn more or to apply, visit https://www.mnp.ca/en/sk/digital-growth-academy
- The City of Yorkton offers incentives to businesses seeking to grow and improve their business in the city. Visit www.yorkton.ca/en/build-invest-and-grow/city incentives.aspx to learn more about programs such as the Business Improvement & Incentive Program; Façade and Site Improvement Incentive Program; Business Creation and Expansion Incentive Program; Vacant Building Tax Abatement Incentive Program; Rental Housing Incentive Program; and Provincial Incentives.

Upcoming Dates

April 6 – Celebrate Success Business Awards.
Contact the Chamber for ticket information

April 12 – Indigenous Awareness Training Level 1 – a webinar hosted by the Sask Chamber of Commerce

April 25 - Yorkton Chamber AGM & Social 5:00 PM Back 40 Brewery. Please pre-register.

May 12 – Sask Chamber AGM, Saskatoon



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Discussing labour shortages were the Chamber's Business Development Chair Meghan Lindgren and Directors Bodnarik, Dobrowolski and Knox; kami DePape, Parkland College; Kerrie Shearer, SHHS; Barb Mackesey and Chad Holinaty, CTTS; and Jeff Malone, Apprenticeship & Trade Certification Program. Nicole Campbell and Juanita Polegi were also in attendance.

Chamber Meets with Educators

Finding employees has become a challenge for businesses in all sectors of the economy. Recently, representatives from the Parkland College. Christ the Teacher Schools, Sacred Heart High School and the Apprenticeship Program (Yorkton Regional High School

and Good Spirit School Division were invited but were unable to attend) met with the Chamber's Business Development committee to discuss the labour shortage and how the education system and apprenticeship program could address those concerns.

A very informative discussion ensued. Many people offered to gather more information and then another meeting will be held. The Chamber will also conduct a survey of its members to learn more about their needs for employees.



Attending the meeting between City Council and the Chamber were Mayor Hippsley, Councillors Brears, Chyz, Goulden, Haider and Zaharia; Chamber President Marty Sveinbjornson, Chair of Policy Committee Mike Stackhouse and Directors Andres, DeVries, Dobrowolski, Knox, Lindgren and Simoneau. City Manager Lonnie Kaal and Chamber ED Juanita Polegi were also in attendance.

Chamber Meets with Council

The Policy Committee of the Chamber met recently with City Council and the City Manager. Council invited the Chamber to submit Talking Points which included such topics as city tendering practices; Deer Park's new Club House; revitalizing Downtown; encouraging Investment in Yorkton; and the canteen at the Gallagher Centre.

The City reported that the new Business Incentive Program (BIP) was fully subscribed in 2021. The City has received many inquiries about the newly announced Residential Incentive Program. Businesses and organizations are welcome to submit proposals for the Gallagher Centre Canteen. Much of the cost of the new club house includes the installation of

water and sewer lines and includes the PST the city now pays on all of its projects. These meetings serve to keep the lines of communication open between the business community and the city's elected representatives. The Chamber and Council will meet again in early summer.

Milestones & Celebrations

When your business celebrates a Milestone (5years, 10 years, 55 years, 105 years and anything in between), the Chamber wants to pass along the good news to the business community. And if you have a celebration planned to acknowledge that milestone, we'll pass that along, too. Let the Chamber help you spread the news about the longevity of your business. It deserves to be recognized and celebrated!

