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## Update on Property Tax Reform

In November 2021, the Chamber reported that a coalition of Chambers, led by the Saskatoon Chamber had sent a letter to the Government of Saskatchewan calling for a review of the current property tax system and address its weaknesses. The City Mayors' Caucus directed a Task Force to be set up in conjunction with SUMA to review Property Tax Reform and Yorkton's City Manager Lonnie Kaal was invited to be a member.

The Task Force commissioned the International Property Tax Institute to conduct a review of the property assessment tax system in the province and provide recommendations back to the City Mayors' Caucus which will be shared with SAMA (Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency) and the Ministry of Government Relations shortly thereafter. The report is on the Agenda of the June 23rd City Mayors' Caucus and recommendations will be made to the Ministry. It will take a few years for the government to assess and adopt and/or



The next property assessment re-evaluation will be announced in 2025.

modify the recommendations so we can't expect changes in the near future.

In the meantime, SAMA will be conducting 140 thousand re-inspections per year across the province. It's anticipated that Yorkton properties will be re-inspected later this year or in 2023. The next property assessment re-evaluation will be announced in 2025.

The Chamber will continue to keep its members informed about developments.

The Chamber reminds its members to complete the questionnaire from the Saskatchewan Assessment

Management Agency (SAMA) related to your 2021 real estate Lease Income. The information collected relates to the REAL ESTATE and NOT THE BUSINESS income and expenses. The data collected is used to create your assessment in 2025. Complying with SAMA's request will ensure that the assessments can be reflective of the data you provide and reflective of the market conditions for properties in the local market.

For more information, contact SAMA at 306-786-1370 or 1-800-498-0576.

## Congratulations

- To **All Season Rentals & Sales** on 35 years in business
- To **Royal Honda** on 10 years in business
- To **Kristen Zubko of Edward Jones** on being named by Wealth Professional Magazine (a national finance publication), the **2022 Wealth Professional Young Achiever of the Year**. This is a national and industry wide award
- To **Kenn Propp of Harvest Meats** on receiving the **Easter Seals Canada Volunteer of the Year Award for Saskatchewan** for his support over 30 years for Easter Seals
- To **Yorkton City Council** on receiving the **"Housing Continuum Ambassador" Award** from the Sask Realtors Association. Council received the award for its "leadership and innovation in incentivizing home construction through the implementation of policy that supports growth and sustainability"

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# Yorkton Welcomes RCMP Musical Ride

In early June, the crew and horses with the RCMP Musical Ride arrived in Yorkton for a 3 performance, 4 night stay in the city. On the day they arrived, once the horses were unloaded and tended to, the crew attended a reception hosted by the Chamber, City of Yorkton, YBID and the Exhibition Association. The objectives of the reception were to welcome the crew to Yorkton, offer a delicious supper and to give them a chance to relax and unwind. It was also an opportunity for the crew to mix and mingle with "the locals" and learn more about Yorkton; and for the locals to "sell" Yorkton. In future, perhaps one or more of the officers will be offered a transfer to Yorkton and we hope that they will have pleasant memories of the time they spent in the city.

Accepting the salute from the Officer in Charge prior to 2 different performances were Tribal Chief Isobel O'Soup and Gerry Pepler, Honourary Life Member of the Chamber



Officer in Charge Kevin Fahey with Gerry Pepler




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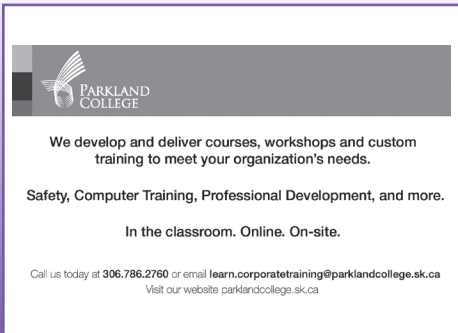



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 **YORKTON TRIBAL COUNCIL**

Yorkton Tribal Council is a not-for-profit organization that provides essential services to 6 Member Nations (Cote, Keeseekoose, The Key, Zagime Anishinabek, Kahkewistahaw & OceanMan First Nations) in the Treaty 4 territory.

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# Indigenous Business Directory Available

The Indigenous Business Directory, launched by the Sask Chamber in 2020, focuses on Indigenous-owned businesses, defined as 51%+ Indigenous-owned, and includes verified and non-verified businesses. The online portal allows for businesses to set up a profile and provide additional information such as locations, services offered and contact details. The Sask Chamber is encouraging all Saskatchewan businesses to use the Directory in their procurement and partnership plans. By doing so, businesses will gain quality suppliers and help the overall economy grow.

# Thank You!

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

- Dr. Phillip Fourie
- Glauser's Drapery Gallery
- Marsollier Petroleum / DMM Energy
- SIEL Human Solutions
- Service Master of Yorkton
- Three Way Industries Inc.
- Value Village
- Dr. Andries Van Heerden

# Welcome New Members

Congratulations to **DOMINO'S PIZZA** **NEW OUTLOOK REFRIGERATION** on becoming Yorkton Chamber's newest member. Belonging to the Chamber means the Chamber will, as its Mission states, "promote and advance the interests and growth of members and businesses in Yorkton and District".



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!

# Did You Know?

- You can view past issues of the Courier by visiting the Chamber's website [www.yorktonchamber.com](http://www.yorktonchamber.com) and clicking on Publications
- While on the website, member businesses can check their contact information by clicking on the Member Roster. If there are errors, please let the Chamber staff know so that they may be corrected
- If you're not receiving emails from the Chamber, we may not have your email address. Please send an email to [info@yorktonchamber.com](mailto:info@yorktonchamber.com) if you wish to be kept informed of business activities.





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## Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

Marcia Sedor, CPA and Principal Baker Tilly SK LLP was the Guest Speaker at a Chamber Business Lunch. Marcia shared information about the upcoming changes to taxes and what they mean to businesses and individuals. Highlights included no proposed changes to Canada's personal tax rates, corporate tax rates & capital gains inclusion rate

New Tax Free First Home Savings Account (FHSA) intended to help people pay for their first home with tax deduction contributions. \$8,000 annual contribution limit, with a lifetime contribution limit of \$40,000. No tax on withdrawal from FHSA to make a first home purchase.

Thank you to Marcia and Baker Tilly for offering this presentation to the Chamber.

## YFF is 75!



In celebration of the Yorkton Film Festival's 75 years, and in recognition of the tremendous economic impact the Festival has on the Yorkton business community, the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce presented a plaque to YFF. Chamber Executive Director Juanita Polegi (L) made the presentation to YFF Co-Chairs Keith Hayward and Joanne McDonald at the Festival's annual Networking Luncheon. To the YFF Board, Staff and volunteers who each year bring film makers from across Canada to Yorkton for 4 days of screenings, networking, workshops and Yorkton hospitality, congratulations!

## Chamber Meets with Council

Members of the Chamber's Policy and Business Development committees met recently with Mayor Hipsley, Councillors Brears, Goulden and Haider. Some of the topics discussed included economic

development, parking in the downtown and property assessments. The Chamber appreciates the opportunity to meet with Council and thanks those members of Council in attendance for their time.

