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Opposition Leader Visits

Carla Beck, Leader of the Opposition told the Chamber her party is focused on supporting small business and growing the economy.

Carla Beck, Leader of the Opposition was the Guest Speaker at a recent Chamber Business Lunch. In her remarks she acknowledged how small business owners have demonstrated their resiliency since the onset of the pandemic. Economic growth and helping small businesses are high priorities for her party. She stated that Saskatchewan is the best place in Canada and the world to live and work and that her team is focused on that. She said Saskatchewan has the potential to boom in many ways but the province “needs to get it right”. She wants to see government and communities working together towards a common goal.

UPDATE - Property Tax Reform

Since August 2021, work has been undertaken to review Saskatchewan’s property assessment and taxation system. Sask Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) and the Sask City Mayors Caucus (SCMC) hired the International Property Tax Institute (IPTI) to undertake a comprehensive review of the province’s property assessment and taxation system. The IPTI conduct assessment processes in many parts of the world including Canada.

In April 2022, IPTI tabled its Final Report to SUMA and SCMC. City Managers across the province have reviewed the report and shared key findings with their Councils. The Report outlined 8 options. It’s expected the report will be discussed in great detail at the September meeting of the

SCMC and that at that time, SCMC will select options to advocate for and work with SUMA on developing a plan to pursue legislative changes to support the implementation of its selected options.

It is expected that any new or amended legislation that is required to implement some of these options will not be introduced until the fall sitting of the Legislature in 2025.

The Yorkton Chamber will continue to provide updates to its members as information becomes available.

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Did You Know?

- Stas Can recently released its 2021 Census of Agriculture. As October is Agriculture Month in Sask, did you know:
 - o 39% of all farmland in Canada is found in Saskatchewan
 - o Sask farmers seeded 78% of all the flax grown in Canada. That's more than 3x the amount grown in the US
 - o 72.7% of Canada's 2021 cow-calf inventory was living in the Prairie provinces
 - o 99.2% of Canada's 2021 canola crop was grown in the Prairie provinces
- It's estimated that approximately 30% of the grain production in Saskatchewan moves through the Yorkton area. Based on 2020 and 40 million tonnes of grain produced province-wide, that equates to 12 million tonnes. Thunder Bay has a 5 year average grain movement of 9.1 M tonnes.
- Of the 31 minerals Canada considers to be critical for sustainable economic success, Saskatchewan is home to 23, including rare earth elements like praseodymium and neodymium — the major rare earths used in electric vehicle motors.
- Developed by industry with a focus on the Saskatchewan supplier base, SupplierLink broadens engagement with government and contractors of all sizes. More info here: <https://linktr.ee/supplierlinkca>

What to Do with \$500?

Chamber members were invited to participate in the Sask Chamber's "Input Sask" survey about the government surplus. Each respondent was invited to check all that areas where they thought the money could be directed (hence, the responses are greater than 100%). The top 4 responses from that survey are:

- 56% indicated the funds should go toward Debt Reduction
- 48% indicated Healthcare Improvement
- 36% indicated Infrastructure Investments; and
- 26% indicated PST Reform

Over the past year, the SCC has gathered input from Chamber members and the public on subjects like economic landscape, government policy and regulations, and concerns or opportunities facing business in Saskatchewan.

This information informs the Sask Chamber's advocacy efforts and policy processes. To view the 2021-22 Input Sask Annual Report, visit saskchamber.com

If you have not yet joined Input Sask you can do so at the above website.



Upcoming Dates

- **Oct 14** – Vacationing this winter? Flying from Regina? Then you will want to listen to James Boguz, CEO Regina Airport share what's new exciting at the Airport. To register for the Chamber Business Lunch where James will be speaking, contact the Chamber Office
- **Oct 14** – Nominations open for 8 positions on the Chamber Board of Directors
- **Oct 31 Noon** – Deadline for submitting Nominations to the Chamber Board
- **Nov 2 – 5** – Harvest Showdown
- **Nov 8** – Chamber Business Lunch with Cathay Wagantall, MP as Guest Speaker. To register, contact the Chamber Office



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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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Teepee Erected on Chamber Grounds



Mayor Hipsley assists with raising the final pole of the teepee while Tribal Chief O'Soup observed and offered "helpful comments".

The Yorkton Tribal Council recently erected a teepee just to the south of the Chamber/Visitor Information building. The teepee is sure to attract a great deal of attention from the many visitors who stop at the Centre and is a reminder to all who drive by the importance of the Indigenous peoples to this community. Staff from the Yorkton Tribal Council, Chamber, Tourism Yorkton, City of Yorkton and Good Spirit School Division participated in the blessing of the teepee. Each person was asked to share a value they thought should be encompassed in the teepee some of which included compassion, love, closeness, education, child rearing and peace. The teepee compliments the teepee located in City Centre Park.

Let's Link

Businesses which are members of the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce, are listed on the Chamber's website under Member Roster. The business has an opportunity to provide its website address so that when someone is looking for the business, it can link immediately to the business. Check the Member Roster to ensure the information we have listed is correct www.yorktonchamber.com

If your website is not on the Member Roster or information needs updating, please send the information to info@yorktonchamber.com or call Donna at 306-783-4368.

Chamber and College Meet

Over the course of the summer, the Chamber's Business Development Committee has met frequently with Parkland College to discuss the College's programming and the needs of the business community.

On September 22, the Committee met with the Parkland College Board and Interim CEO Alison Dubreuil and Kami DePape, VP External Relations, International & Research. The College has committed to reaching out to businesses and the Chamber has offered to assist the College in providing information to the business community.

The Chamber looks forward to working with the College going forward.

Welcome New Members

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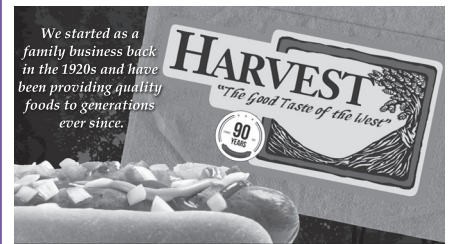
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Terriers Turn 50



Prior to their Home Opener Sept 17, 4 members of the Yorkton Terriers - #12 Logan Cyca, #17 Greg Nelson, #2 Cade Van Brabant, and #18 Dylan Ruptash - visited the Chamber and presented

Juanita Polegi, Executive Director a sweater which will hang in the building's foyer throughout the season. **The Terriers celebrate their 50th year this season. Go Terriers!**