



ADVOCACY AT WORK

The 2019 Business version of **THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS**

That's how you could describe the pace at which issues impacting business are coming at business from all levels of government and beyond. Taxation, climate change action, new regulations, mandated new HR considerations, issues impacting trade, getting products to market, legalization of marijuana, oh, and the list goes on and on.....

Chief Operating Officer Linda has said to members throughout the year, that "business needs a strong Chamber of Commerce and **voice** more now than ever", and thank goodness for the entirety of the Chamber network in Canada.

The complexity of the issues, the pace of their introduction, the impacts to business and ultimately, the costs to business are stacking up and making it far more difficult to succeed and prosper without some assistance in sorting through it all.

The ability of the network to provide research, advocacy, and "main street" Canada's views on business issues means that the Chamber's **voice** is one that means action, its business focused and it is credible and heard across all levels of government. Chambers of Commerce are unique in their work in a local community, but also unique in the network aspect that provides significant advantage to members with the backing of over 200,000 business voices at the table.

Businesses of the Battlefords are well served by the action of the local Chamber and its larger provincial and national network. Chair Dallan and Chief Operating Officer Linda attended the Canadian Chamber of Commerce AGM and Conference in St. John, New Brunswick, where we learned that there will likely be no let up in 2020, in fact, add to the mix the continued need for skilled workers and Canada's eroding ability to compete on the world stage, and more. Board members also attended the Saskatchewan Chamber AGM and Conference on Business in Regina, where Indigenous Engagement, energy in this province, and business competitiveness all took centre stage.

Stay with us folks, the ride has just begun!

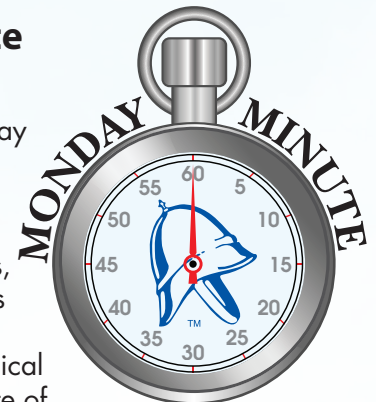
26th Annual BBEX Award Recipients:

- Heritage Award sponsored by Northland Power
 - Battlefords Agricultural Society
- Community Contribution Award sponsored by TD Canada Trust
 - Battlefords Agency Tribal Chiefs
- Micro Business Award sponsored by BDC Business Development Bank of Canada
 - Twin City Transmission
- Marketing Award sponsored by Cogent Chartered Professional Accountants
 - Bridges Chevrolet Buick GMC
- New Business Venture sponsored by Innovation Credit Union
 - Jeans 'N' Joggers Kidz
- Customer Service Award sponsored by Scotiabank
 - Zeke's Quality Jewellers
- Battlefords' Best Employer sponsored by Saskatchewan Worker's Compensation Board
 - Bralin Technology Solutions
- BBEX Business of the Year sponsored by SaskTel
 - Capital Theatre

Monday Minute

Be sure to tune in each week to "Monday Minute" sent by email each Monday throughout the year.

In a brief few minutes, Chamber staff discuss issues of importance, provide access to topical reports and make note of critical Chamber policy related focuses, and share local advocacy work, events and highlights of the local marketplace.



GET CONNECTED IN 2020!

CONNECTING MEMBERS IN 2019



113th Annual Chair's Banquet:

January 29th, 2019 @ Light of Christ Learning Centre

Induction of Chair - Dallan Oberg,

Holm Raiche Oberg Chartered Professional Accountants

Guest: Keith Willoughby, Dean of the Edwards School of Business

Post Budget Breakfast:

March 29th, 2019 @ Battlefords Chamber of Commerce

Guest: Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister of Finance,
Government of Saskatchewan

"Talk with our Kids About Money":

April 17th, 2019 @ Holy Family and Notre Dame School,
Along with St. Mary's and EMBM Schools – All Grade 7 classes

8th State of the City and Town Address:

May 16th, 2019 @ Western Development Museum

Guests: Mayor Ryan Bater, City of North Battleford
Mayor Ames Leslie, Town of Battleford

6th Chamber Business Golf Challenge:

May 24th, 2019 @ North Battleford Golf & Country Club

CAPP Luncheon -

Joint luncheon with the Rotary Club, Guest: Chris Montgomery of the
Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers @ Battlefords Chamber of
Commerce – August 26th, 2019

All Candidates Forum -

October 17th, 2019 @ Western Development Museum, Muse Theatre

Small Business Week:

October 23rd thru 26th, 2019 – 3 day event "Taxes Over Breakfast"
@ Comfort Inn & Suites



3rd Holly & Heels -

A Celebration of Women in Business:

November 26th, 2019 @ Chapel Gallery

Guest: Valerie Sluth,
founder and CEO of Praxis Consulting Ltd.



4th year of Chamber on Tap events

Held @ Porta Bella Restaurant & Bar

February 7th, 2019 Guest (s)
Deborah Lindquist, General Manager
Fire & Flower

Subject
"Social Responsibility, Community
Engagement and Education for
Consumers and Staff" (Cannabis)

April 4th, 2019 Eric Anderson
@ YXE Underground
"Battlefords Untapped"
Greg Ford, Senior Sales Manager
Rawlco Radio

"Building the Battlefords, One Positive
Story at a Time"

June 6th, 2019 Herb Cox, MLA
The Battlefords

"The Legislative Update"

Sept. 4th, 2019 W. Brett Wilson

"The Wilson Family Battlefords Initiative"

Nov. 14th, 2019 Rob Rongve and
Kathy McNinch

"The Battlefords Best Kept Secret"
The Battlefords & District Community
Foundation



ANNUAL REPORT

2019 Year in Review



NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Battlefords Chamber Chair Dallan Oberg has had a very busy year and been consistent in his voice of and for businesses in the Battlefords. Some of his work has included: regular meetings with the Mayors to discuss topics and upcoming issues; semi-regular meetings with senior administration at the City of North Battleford and Town of Battleford together with Chamber officials; convened a group of regional municipalities for a preliminary discussion on Regional Economic Development. He is hoping to carry forward with this project in 2020, with the support of the municipal administrative leadership at the table; he represented the Battlefords Chamber at both the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce AGM in Regina and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce AGM in St. John, New Brunswick; held several meetings and conversations with members, business associates all in an effort to promote and highlight the work of the Chamber in the Battlefords. Along with all of his duties as Chair of the Board, Dallan attended many grand openings or ceremonies in the community. He also attended the Grand Opening of Saskatchewan Hospital, and was a VIP at the VIP Night opening the Capital Theatre Annex. Thank you Dallan for all of your work and efforts.



**find
your
voice!**

Chamber had Meetings with:

Herb Cox, MLA, the Battlefords
Dr. Ryan Meili, Leader of the Sask.
New Democratic Party
Battlefords R.C.M.P.

Chamber Presented at:

Renewing our Relationships: Parent Engagement in Schools
2nd Annual Saskatchewan School Community Council Conference
Past Chair Terry Caldwell, and Chief Operating Officer Linda Machniak
Hosted by: Light of Christ Catholic Schools, North Battleford

Chamber College - Chief Operating Officer Linda Machniak
• For Saskatchewan Chamber Managers, Martensville, SK
• For New Chamber Managers across Canada at CCEC AGM, St. John, New Brunswick

Chamber Charlie was in the Battlefords!



Chamber Charlie provided a fun and playful Shop the Battlefords showcase of local businesses this Christmas season. All themed to "T'was the Night Before Christmas", Charlie, individual store photos and Customized poems in a daily "elfie" made the promotion an overwhelming success.

This was a great way for the whole family to be involved in the campaign and theme of "Shop the Battlefords", with something for everyone in the mix of businesses and offerings for shopper's and guests. We'll see him again in 2020, no doubt!

All Candidates Forum

Battlefords Chamber of Commerce was pleased to host an All Candidates Forum in North Battleford, prior to the federal election in October, 2019. 4 of the 5 candidates were in attendance, and a good crowd, who asked many good questions, and who raised several key issues were in attendance. Be sure to follow along in 2020, as we will work on both a provincial and municipal election cycle.



BATTLEFORDS



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ANNUAL REPORT 2019 Year in Review

• Accredited Chamber Executive Program Awards



Linda Machniak, St. John, New Brunswick (2nd from left)

• New Award Announced at 26th Annual BBEX Award



The Heather Guthrie Customer Service Star Award

OUR SUCCESS = YOUR GAIN

A very busy year on the legislative agendas at all levels made for significant work and dedication on behalf of business.

Things like:

- NAFTA Negotiations • Trans Mountain Pipeline • Investment in Trade Infrastructure • Pharmasave
- Competitive Tax Regimes • Movement of Goods Across Canada • Intellectual Property • Carbon Tax
- Talent Pool across All Sectors • SME's – Streamlining of Federal Programs • Free Trade Agreements
- Rural High Speed Internet • Business Tax Rate Reductions • Funding to Enhance Apprenticeships
- Indigenous Engagement Charter • Sask. Business Competitiveness • Energy Efficiency
- Re-Imagine Education • Municipal Budgets • Work on the Truth & Reconciliation Journey

Annual Conventions: Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, Regina, Saskatchewan May, 2019
Canadian Chamber of Commerce, St. John, New Brunswick September, 2019

2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS BATTLEFORDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dallan Oberg, Chair
Harris Sutherland, Vice Chair
Derek Schmidt, 2nd Vice Chair
Terry Caldwell, Past Chair
Darren Erbach, Treasurer
Susan Challis
Kayla Petersen
Tom Hawboldt

Dana Rissling
Warren Williams
Scott Maunula
Melanie Roberts
Vivian Whitecalf
Jaylyn Lawrence
Tisha Carriere

Linda Machniak, Chief Operating Officer
Heather Guthrie, Operations Manager
Junction of Highways 16 and 40 East
P.O. Box 1000
North Battleford, Sask. S9A 3E6
Tel: 306-445-6226 | Fax: 306-445-6633
www.battlefordschamber.com
email: b.chamber@sasktel.net

*Thank you to all of our sponsors, partners, and most importantly,
our MEMBERS! Have a great 2020.*