

July/August 2010

E-NEWS

Winkler & District Chamber of Commerce

“TO PARTNER WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN PROVIDING INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT A VIBRANT BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT.”

As a result of our Business Retention & Expansion surveys, you are welcome to play a key role in participating in all public events regarding the city establishing a City Master Plan.

NOTICE OF 2-DAY PUBLIC FORUM

The City of Winkler invites you to attend a 2-Day Public Forum to discuss and participate in the:

City of Winkler Master Plan

Date: **Monday September 20, 2010**

Public Kick-Off

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Winkler MB Church
120 Pineview Dr.

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Full-Day Workshop

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Winkler MB Church
120 Pineview Dr.

Public Open House

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Winkler MB Church
120 Pineview Dr.



Purpose of the event:

The City of Winkler and Office for Urbanism are embarking upon a new project to create a Master Plan for the city – one that will be bold, strategic, and responsive as we move forward together as a community. The Master Plan will encompass our community as whole and will set a direction for growth and development that is wholly sustainable and that produces great places to live, work, and play. The public engagement process is intended to inform a Master Plan that will meet the specific needs of the community now and into the future.

Members of the community will play a key role throughout the master planning process. We are initiating the conversation about the future of Winkler at a 2-day Public Kick-Off event. The objectives of the Public Kick-Off will include: introducing the consultants and the study process; providing an opportunity for community residents and key stakeholders to provide input and feedback with respect to the opportunities and constraints that relate to the future of the city; and, engaging the community in defining the principles and objectives that will guide the development of the Master Plan, and in developing a shared vision for the future of the city.

- If you would like to participate in this event and require further information please contact **Jen Thiessen**, City of Winkler at **325-9524** or email mp@cityofwinkler.ca.
- If you plan to participate in the Full-Day Workshop on September 21, 2010, please RSVP by **September 3, 2010**. Please note that all participants in the full-day workshop must also attend the Public Kick-Off on Monday September 20, 2010.

Chamber Executive

Winkler-Morden Police Regionalization Survey

The Town of Morden and the City of Winkler are exploring the possibility of combining the two existing Police Services into one Regionalized Police Service to provide enhanced and increased services to the two communities.

The purpose of this survey is to gather opinions of the public in both communities about this initiative. All responses are anonymous, and the information provided will be used to present a report to the respective Town/City Councils informing them of the community response. To take the survey, please go to the following link. <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7NYGV9W>. The deadline for the survey is August 16, 2010.



English at Work Skills Classes

	Location	Time	Days	Hrs/Wk	Childcare
Basic Pronunciation & Grammar	Winkler	9:00 – 12:00	Tuesday & Thursday	6 hrs/wk	Yes
Basic Pronunciation & Grammar	Winkler	4:30 – 7:30	Tuesday & Thursday	6 hrs/wk	No
Advanced Pronunciation & Grammar	Winkler	9:00 – 12:00	Monday & Wednesday	6 hrs/wk	Yes
Advanced Pronunciation & Grammar	Winkler	4:30 – 7:30	Monday & Wednesday	6 hrs/wk	No
Advanced Pronunciation & Culture	Winkler	1:00 – 3:30	Monday & Wednesday	5 hrs/wk	Yes
Computer Skills	Winkler	9:15 – 11:15	Monday & Wednesday	4 hrs/wk	No
Computer Skills	Winkler	2:15 – 4:15	Tuesday & Thursday	4 hrs/wk	No
Pronunciation	Altona	9:00 – 12:00	Monday & Wednesday	6 hrs/wk	No

Learners may attend classes for free if they are Immigrants who are Permanent Resident, Canadian Citizen or have received their Letter of Approval.
If class attendance is too low, classes will be cancelled. Please attend every class you registered for during the 12-week period.
Childcare is available for some classes. Parents pay a fee of \$25 for one child, \$35 for two children or \$40 for three or more children per 12-week course.

Registration is at Regional Connections, 295 Perry St. Winkler on:
September 7, 8 & 9 9:00 – 8:00 and September 10 9:00 – 3:30
Registration in Altona is on September 8 6:00 – 8:30 at the Border Land School Division Office
ALL CLASSES START THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20

If you have any further questions call (204) 325-7261 or visit Sylvia Thiessen or Bettina Kran at Regional Connections.



- Greg Archibald
Schweitzer-Mauduit
- Scott Cockbill
Southland Honda
- Kenton Doerksen
Gislason Targownik Peters
- Linda Doerksen
Tim Hortons
- Dianne Friesen
Winkler & District Chamber of Commerce
- Betty Hiebert
Prudential Riverbend Realty Ltd.
- Myrna Hildebrand
Access Credit Union Ltd.
- Eugen Klassen
Elias Woodwork & Manufacturing
- Justin Schinkel
Heartland Inn
- Brenda Storey
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- Kenneth Thomas
GV Consulting Group

THIRD QUARTER



Our purpose is simple:

connect thirdquarter Canadians to new and continuing job and career opportunities.

"Today people turn 50 and aim for 100. At 50 they are just entering the third quarter of life and work. They bring emotional maturity and a strong work ethic to re-invest in the workplace, either in new fields or in part-time jobs."

Why ThirdQuarter?

Communities and firms, especially in rural Canada, face critical shortages of skilled workers. Younger residents are leaving and experienced employees are retiring from full time jobs. For the Canadian economy to grow and for small towns to prosper we need those ThirdQuarters to remain active.



When you register on the website as a ThirdQuarter worker you will:

- access job opportunities
- connect to training options
- identify your skills
- use interactive questions to help document your previous experience
- access a range of tools, services and links to resources in your community and across Canada

ThirdQuarter.ca is not just a skills bank.



If you register your firm, you will gain access to:

- the local third quarter pool of potential employees
- tools to help:
 - ✓ assess your workforce
 - ✓ plan and implement workplace changes
 - ✓ learn how to integrate ThirdQuarter employees into your business
- resources in your community and province
- links to government programs that support training and skills development

Register Today. Make Skills Count.

To our residents:

ATTENTION:

Are you over 50?
Do you want to reverse or delay retirement?

You have the skills & maturity that savvy employers are seeking.

Our Businesses/Organizations **NEED YOU!**

Make the connection by going to **thirdquarter.ca**

And register as an employee or volunteer

To our businesses:

Would you like to tap into an employee pool that has experience and a reliable skill set?
Are you seeking a way to meet your firm's Staffing/Volunteer needs?

Make the connection Register at no cost **thirdquarter.ca**



THIRD QUARTER

ThirdQuarter provides communities with an opportunity to highlight how they support firms and ThirdQuarter Canadians in determining the skills, finding work and growing businesses.

Need some additional information or assistance? If so, you are invited to contact your **Community Coordinator:**

THIRD QUARTER

Make Skills Count

George Penner
Community Coordinator
Cp: 204-332-0206
george.penner@thirdquarter.ca

The meeting place is an on-line community at **thirdquarter.ca**

Who created ThirdQuarter?

The Manitoba Chambers of Commerce developed the program with the funding from the Government of Canada's Office of Literacy and Essential Skills.



Welcome Chamber of Commerce New Members



CDK Electric
Calvin Klassen
Winkler
204-325-1349

Herbs R Us Plus More
Barb Neufeld
Winkler
204-325-0938

Northern Heat Pump Inc.
John Smith
Winkler
204-325-9772

Steel Tree Design
Ray Doerksen
Winkler
204-362-1733

The Edge Salon
Julie St. Cyr
Winkler
204-325-8774



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Communication LUNCH & LEARN

August 16, 2010

With Acclaimed Consultant
STEVE BRAUN

As Part of the 157 km
**Walk for the
Shelters Trek**

www.walkforshelters.com

YOU ARE INVITED to a lunch and learn with communication consultant, actor, and celebrity acting coach, Steve Braun. Steve is hosting "Walk for the Shelters" in which he will walk 157 km from downtown Winkler to the Forks in Winnipeg raising money for Genesis House and Ikwe. During his visit to Winkler Steve will be hosting a corporate lunch and learn, training employees to communicate at higher levels of effectiveness. Learn more about Steve at www.actingethtruth.com



DATE August 16, 2010 **PLACE** Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Winkler, MB

COST \$25 **TIME** 11:30 am - 1:30 pm **REGISTER** Contact Genesis House at 204-325-9957



Welcome Chamber of Commerce New Members



Westwind Realty

Brenda Dyck
Winkler
204-362-6496

Winkler & District Senior Centre Inc.

Cherrie Goertzen
Winkler
204-325-8964



Breakfast Meeting for Women in Business

Come join other women in business to network, learn & share ideas relevant to us in our business environment

Get the Most out of your BlackBerry

Date: Wednesday, September 15th 7:30–8:30 am
Location: Winkler Centennial Library

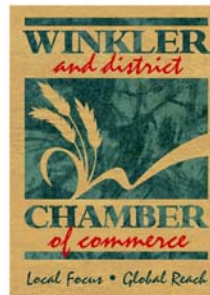


The Winkler Chamber is pleased to offer BlackBerry Workshops at no cost to members of the Winkler & District Chamber of Commerce.

Workshops are presented by IDC Communication. Focus on device tips and tricks, shortcuts & customized user settings for BlackBerry users.

Please bring your business cards to be eligible for door prizes.

RSVP to the Winkler & District Chamber of Commerce before September 13, 2010 at 325-9758 or chamber@winkleronline.com



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CENTRALLIA: BIG FOR SMALL BUSINESS

Be sure to be part of this amazing opportunity to connect with businesses across the globe.

From October 20-22, 2010, more than 600 small to medium sized businesses from around the world will gather in Winnipeg to form new business relationships of mutual benefit. This international business-to-business forum is your company's opportunity to forge profitable alliances with companies across the world. For more information visit www.centrallia.com or call the Winkler-Stanley Economic Development office at 325-8020.

For further information, contact:

Darlis Collinge, EDO

Ph: (204) 325-8020

Email: winkler-stanleyEDO@mts.net



Pembina Valley Venture Challenges

Pembina Valley Venture Challenge is a Business Plan competition that is similar to the CBC Television show "Dragons' Den".

Contestants must create a business plan for a new business concept and pitch it before a panel of 5 judges. The pitch date is November 3rd, 2010 and will be held at the Heartland Inn in Winkler, MB. All businesses starting in the Community Futures Heartland region are eligible to apply.

Prizes:

1. The 1st Place winner will receive \$3000 cash to help start their new venture, plus 2 hours of donated time from each of the 5 professional judges. Each judge is an expert in their own field of; Marketing, Finance, Law, Accounting, and General Business.
2. 2nd Place winner will receive \$2000 cash to help start their new venture, plus 1 hour of donated time from each of the 5 professional judges
3. 3rd Place winner will receive \$1000 cash to help start their new venture.

For more information please visit <http://www.heartlandcfdc.com/pvvc/index.htm>



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