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Newsletter of the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce

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## CHAMBER HOSTING TWO MORE INFORMATION LUNCHEONS

The *Morden Chamber of Commerce* has arranged a series of monthly luncheons at the Friendship Centre to kick off the first quarter of 2009.

The second luncheon in the series will be held this **Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** and our speakers will represent the **Determining and Addressing Workplace Needs (DAWN)** Project. DAWN is a federal Workplace Skills Initiative project administered by the *Winkler & District Chamber of Commerce*. Its goal is to implement a common framework for skills assessment and training in order to optimize the current and future contribution of immigrants in the workplace.

The third luncheon is sponsored by **BDO Dunwoody Chartered Accountants** and will be held on **Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**. Our featured speaker **Ron Westfall** of **BDO Dunwoody** will speak on the topic of **Succession Planning** for your business.

Ticket prices are \$20 per person for Chamber members or \$25 for non-members. All are welcome. Seating is limited so email [chamber@mordenmb.com](mailto:chamber@mordenmb.com) or call **822-5630** today. Pre-registration is required.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL MEETING SET

The **Morden & District Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting** will be held **Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon** in the **Friendship Centre**.

**Mayor Doug Wilson** will present his annual **State of the Community** address at this time. Other highlights include the Annual Committee Reports, Election of Executive Officers, Budget and Plans for 2009. All Members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Pre-registration is required so call the Chamber at **822-5630** or email [chamber@mordenmb.com](mailto:chamber@mordenmb.com). Sponsorship opportunities are also available, call today.

## FREE SEMINARS FROM HEARTLAND COMMUNITY FUTURES

**Heartland Community Futures Development Corp** offers free video conferencing business seminars in the Winkler Chamber Board Room. To register call **1-877-472-7122**. Each seminar is described on their website: [www.cfheartland.ca](http://www.cfheartland.ca):

**Feb 17** – Developing Proposals; **Feb 19** – CBSA Customs Workshop; **Feb 20** – Employee Relations – Intervention Skills; **Feb 23** – Embracing Diversity in the Workplace; **Feb 24** – CRA – Small Business Tax Information Workshop; **Feb 25** – Business Valuation: A Primer; **Feb 26** – Starting a Business in Manitoba.

## PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD TO CONDUCT HEARING

The PUB will hear the Town's application for revised water and sewer rates at a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Council Chambers**.

The application will increase quarterly rates for Minimum from \$39.90 to \$48.40; Average Household from \$84.30 to \$111.20; Large Users (e.g. Research Station) from \$8,562 to \$11,918. Additional information related to the application including new fees, charges, disconnection, etc. may be reviewed in the Town office.

Anyone wishing to make representation should attend this public hearing. The hearing rules are at [www.pub.gov.mb.ca](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca).

## HOME RENOVATION PROGRAMS SET TO GO

The new **Home Renovation Tax Credit** is a Federal economic stimulus program that covers labour and materials for eligible renovations costing between \$1,000 and \$10,000 and provides a maximum benefit of \$1,350. For info call **1-800-622-6232** or visit [www.budget.gc.ca](http://www.budget.gc.ca)

Provincial programs are **WaterSmart**, an instant \$50 rebate on low-flow, dual flush toilets at most hardware stores starting February 21<sup>st</sup>; and **MB Hydro** offers a wide range of rebates, loans and savings for energy efficiency projects. Visit [www.hydro.mb.ca](http://www.hydro.mb.ca) for more info.

## BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE

**Bowl for Kids Sake** is being held on **Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** at **Valley Lanes** in Winkler. Team entry is \$200 and teams choose from one of four time slots to bowl.

Corporate sponsorship or donations of door prizes are gratefully accepted. Call **Laura Matychuk** at **325-9707** or email [bbsmw@mts.net](mailto:bbsmw@mts.net) to enter or donate.

## COMING EVENTS

- 13-15 Staying Alive Dinner Entertainment – St. Paul's United Church
- 13-15 Midget A Hockey Tournament – Rec Ctre
- 16 **Louis Riel Day**
- 17 **Chamber Lunch Series #2 – Friendship Ctre.**
- 19 **Corn & Apple Festival Committee Meeting – Friendship Centre**
- 20-22 Legion Bonspiel – Morden Curling Club
- 21 & 28 Business Start Workshop for Newcomers - Legion
- 22 Winterfest 2009 – Rec. Centre
- 23 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
- 28 Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake – Valley Lanes, Winkler
- Mar 5 **Corn & Apple Committee Meeting – Friendship Centre**
- 6-8 Morden Ladies Bonspiel – Curling Club
- 9 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
- 10 **Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting – 12:00 noon – Friendship Centre**
- 17 *Public Utilities Board Hearing re Water rates – Council Chambers 7pm*
- 18 **Women in Business Breakfast – 7:30 a.m. Morden's Heartland**
- 23 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre

## OF MEMBERS & MORE

The local organizers of the Cancer fundraiser **Daffodil Days** advise that they will be conducting their business canvass between **February 17<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**. **Make Cancer History**; be ready to order when the volunteer arrives.

**Corn and Apple Festival Fundraising** will be starting soon. Watch your mail for information on how you can get involved in special promotions.