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Newsletter of the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce

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## CHAMBER HOSTING INFORMATION LUNCHEON

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

The third luncheon in the series is sponsored by **BDO Dunwoody Chartered Accountants** and will be held on **Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon** in the **Morden Friendship Centre**. Our featured speaker **Ron Westfall** of **BDO Dunwoody** will discuss **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.

Tickets are \$20 per person and pre-registration is required so call the Chamber at **822-5630** or email [chamber@mordenmb.com](mailto:chamber@mordenmb.com). today.

## MORE LOTTERY WINNERS!

The February *Corn and Apple Festival* lottery draw was completed this week at the Morden Friendship Centre. The **\$1,000** winner (**Janzen Pontiac**) donated the prize to the Festival; **Gord Maddock** and **Jim Menzies** each won **\$100**. Congratulations to all our lucky winners. Lottery winners are announced in *Just the Fax* each month.

## 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):

**Mar 3** – Business Communicat–Writing for Professionals; **Mar 5**–Business Success Strategies; **Mar 6**–Cdn Business Etiquette for Immigrant Entrepreneurs; **Mar 9**–Thing to Know Before Starting your Small Business Website & Understanding Financial Statements.

## 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).

## BUSINESS CONTINUITY & RESUMPTION PLANNING

Have you ever given thought to what would happen to your business if a disaster struck our area? Many questions could arise including: *How would I run my business if it was inside an evacuation zone and I couldn't return to it? How would I contact my employees? How would my employees contact me if I can't reach my office phone? How would I communicate with my suppliers and customers? What can I do to get my business up and running as quickly as possible after an emergency? How can my business help the community during or after an emergency incident?*

These are common problems that arise as a result of man made or natural disasters. A study in the US revealed that if a business failed to reopen within 2 weeks, 40% would never reopen. It is in our best interests to prepare in advance for an emergency, to mitigate the damage, and to have plans in place to re-open as soon as possible.

The *Morden Chamber* will be bringing in a speaker on this topic in **April**. Stay tuned for more information.

## COMING EVENTS

- Mar 4- 7 Morden Collegiate Spring Drama – *The Wizard of Oz* – Westside Community Church
- 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**
- 20-22 Morden Farmers' Bonspiel – Curling Club
- 21-22 Toy & Collector's Show – Rec. Centre
- 23 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
- 24 **Chamber Luncheon – Succession Planning for Your Business – Friendship Centre**
- 25 Engaging New Canadians: How to Recruit & Support Newcomer Immigrant Volunteers – Winkler Library. Call 324-2804

## OF MEMBERS & MORE

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

**Volunteers** are **URGENTLY** needed to chair Festival Committees: **Street Space, Free Corn and Parade Luncheon**. If you can help out, please contact the *Chamber Office* asap.

The Festival is also looking for young ladies to enter our **Queen Pageant**. Application forms can be accessed at the *Chamber Office* or on the website [www.cornandapple.com](http://www.cornandapple.com).