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MANITOBA CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Dialogue on Older Workers in Manitoba

Manitoba businesses are in the midst of a workforce crisis. Their workers are growing older. It is increasingly difficult to recruit knowledgeable and experienced employees. Given these challenges, firms, governments and communities are turning to older workers to get them to remain in the workforce or help them return.

The Manitoba Chambers of Commerce (MCC) and the Manitoba Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat have entered into an agreement to establish a partnership regarding the Age-Friendly Manitoba Initiative.

Over the coming months, MCC is undertaking a "dialogue" with business, older workers and Manitoba communities across the province. One goal is to engage Manitoba businesses in the task of making Manitoba and its communities more age-friendly.

You can help make a difference.

We need your input whether you are an older worker, a Manitoba business, or a community leader or organization. Go to our Internet site now and complete one of the surveys.

www.agefriendlymanitoba.ca

CORN & APPLE FESTIVAL WELCOMES NEW VOLUNTEERS

The Morden Corn & Apple Festival Committee welcomes two new Chairpersons: **Duncan Patterson** taking over **Parade Luncheon** and **Monica Friesen** of the Pembina Hills Art Gallery who will be looking after **Buskers** during the Festival.

Co-Chairpersons **Carol Fehr** and **Doug Jones** are still looking for a volunteer to chair the **Free Corn Committee** for 2009. Anyone interested is asked to call the **Chamber Office** at **822-5630**

FREE SEMINARS FROM COMMUNITY FUTURES HEARTLAND

Community Futures Heartland 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:

May 20 – Tax Tips for Small Business; **May 27** – Recruitment & Selection; **May 28** – Starting a Business in Manitoba.

BR+E SURVEYS START

The *Morden and District Chamber of Commerce* is proudly sponsoring the **Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E)** project which is a community-based approach to business and economic development. Our goal is to support local business in the creation of effective and well-managed economic development that leads to increased opportunity and quality of life in our community. By helping the community learn about the issues and concerns of local business, priorities can be set for projects to address those objectives.

The *Chamber of Commerce* is training volunteers to conduct the **Business Retention & Expansion Surveys** and the target businesses are now being contacted to arrange visits. We are mindful of busy schedules and appreciate one hour of your time for this important survey.

YOU KNOW IT'S SUMMER WHEN...

... The Morden Tourist Information Centre opens and the Corn & Apple Festival Administrative Assistant starts in the Chamber of Commerce office.

The *Morden & District Chamber of Commerce* has hired **Josh Banman** to coordinate the **Tourist Information Centre** for the summer. The Centre will be open mainly weekends until the end of June and then the hours will be extended with the help of volunteers for the remainder of the summer. Anyone interested in volunteering to spend a good time meeting and greeting visitors to Morden please contact the Chamber office at **822-5630**.

The *Corn & Apple Festival* committee has hired **Kiera Sigurdson** as **Administrative Assistant**. Kiera's duties begin Tuesday after the long weekend.

Both Josh and Kiera are University students who are looking to get some experience and earn money to continue their education.

COMING EVENTS

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| May | Corn & Apple Administrative Assistant starts |
| 19 | Tourist Information Centre Coordinator starts |
| 20 | Medieval Feast – Ecole Morden Middle School |
| 21 | Grade 5 Musical – Comm. Centre |
| 21 | Danceworks Recital – Community Centre |
| 22-23 | Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre |
| 25 | Farmers' Market Re-organization Meeting – Kin Room - Community Centre - 7:00 p.m |
| 28 | Morden & Dist. United Way Day of Caring – Tourist Info Centre. Call Randy Penner at 822-4070 |
| 30 | Corn & Apple Festival Committee Meeting – Friendship Centre |
| Jun 4 | Alzheimer Memory Walk – Tabor Home – 10 a.m. |
| 6 | Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Banquet – Community Centre |
| 6 | Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre |
| 8 | Chamber of Commerce Executive Meeting - MMI |
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OF MEMBERS & MORE

The Morden Chamber is pleased to welcome our newest Member, **Penner Waste Inc**; who provides waste management services, garbage and recycling removal. Call **Barb Penner** at **331-4285**.

The **Service Canada Centre for Youth** is now open at 158 Stephen Street. Call **Tim Knight** at **822-7383** for help to find the right young summer employee for your business.

The **Winkler Chamber** is hosting a luncheon on **Wednesday, May 20th** at the **Heartland Inn** with the Honourable **Vic Toews**, President of the Treasury Board, speaking on "Canada's Economic Action Plan – Delivering for Manitoba. Call **325-9758** for tickets.