

2006
ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING

**MORDEN AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2006 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

PRESIDENT	David Wilkinson	Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre
VICE PRESIDENT		
PAST PRESIDENT	Dale Stambuski	Eagleye Printing & Design
MANAGER	Cheryl Link	
AGRICULTURE	Art Petkau	Petkau Enterprises Limited
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	Ana Maria Dawshka	Dimensions
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	David Weiss	Pembina Valley Containers
MARKETING & COMMUNICATION	Mark Sawatzky	MJS Performance Benefits
MEMBERSHIP	Kevin Friesen	Golden West Broadcasting
PROGRAMMING	Kent Winning	Winning Advertising Co.

2006 NEW MEMBERSHIPS

A WEE BIT OF HEAVEN BED & BREAKFAST	Carolann Krohn
THE BEEF SHOP	Ed & Glori Dalke
BENEATH THE OAKS GALLERY	Pamela Yorke-Hardy Smith
BEST SLEEP CENTRE	Tom Boone, Vince Sheppard
THE BUSINESS	Kevin Pauls
COLOURS 'R US	Kelly Krushelniski
CROSS COUNTRY MANUFACTURING	Bill Dell, Tim Klassen
EXTREME SCOOTERS	Jeff Peters
G.G. FINANCIAL	Ross Ariss
KARL REDDING PHOTOGRAPHY	Karl Redding
MORDEN AREA FOUNDATION INC.	Earl Lautenschlager, Catherine Evenson
MOUNTAIN CITY AVIATION	Matt Riddolls, Jim Peters
NORWEX ENVIRO PRODUCTS	Cheryl Fedorchuk
THE SPA FOR PAWS	Jennifer Schellenberg
TOWN 'N COUNTRY GROOMING & PET SUPPLIES	Michelle Budz
WELCOME WAGON	Elaine Carter, Michelle Charriere

AGENDA
2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ESTABLISH A QUORUM (TEN MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING)
3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS
 - a. PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERSHIPS
4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2005 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
5. 2006 REVIEWED FINANCIAL REPORT
6. APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE REPORTS
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. ELECTION OF 2007 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
 - b. APPROVAL OF THE 2007 BUDGET
 - c. NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND BY LAWS
8. PROGRAM INFORMATION
 - a. CAREER OPPORTUNITIES DAY
 - b. 41ST ANNUAL MORDEN CORN & APPLE FESTIVAL – Reg Braun
 - c.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chamber 125 Gala Banquet
February 16, 2007
6:00 p.m. Friendship Centre

**Morden Area Foundation Community
Builders Luncheons**
February 22 and March 20, 2007
12:00 noon, Friendship Centre

**Morden Collegiate presents “A
Midsummer Night’s Fever”**
February 22 – 24, 2007
Kenmor Theatre

Welcome Wagon Baby Shower
February 27, 2007
Friendship Centre

Career Opportunities Day
April 20, 2007
Recreation Centre

10. ADJOURNMENT

11. GUEST SPEAKER

Mayor Doug Wilson “State of the Community Address”

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Chamber Executive agreed to adopt a new Strategic Plan in the winter of 2004 intending to streamline and focus the activities of the Executive. The plan has yet to be implemented due to the fact that the Executive has too few people, all of whom have busy lives. I would like to see a full sized Chamber Executive the next time around.

It has to be said that the past year has been rather unproductive for the Chamber with a serious lack of events and opportunities to our membership for networking, workshops and guest speakers. I have attempted to remedy this, but so far to no avail.

This forthcoming year must be very different, as there is a desperate need to improve this Chamber, but firstly we must all accept that in order to improve the situation we need to change things.

The current Chamber By-laws and Policies were set down in 1981 and I believe they have never been reviewed or revised since that time. We need to upgrade our ethos as well as the way that we operate the actual day to day business of the Chamber office. Basically, this Chamber needs to modernise and with the help of the Executive I am striving to implement such improvements.

In October 2006, I tabled a proposal to the Chamber Executive stating that the duties of the Chamber Manager are brought in line for the benefit of our Chamber members. The fact is that in 1981 it was set down in the Chamber By-Laws and in the job description of the Chamber Manager that the manager would perform the role of Corn & Apple administrator under the auspices of and with the full resources of the Chamber office; plus having the support of a summer student each year.

Over the years the Corn & Apple Festival has enjoyed great success and huge growth, in no small part due to the level of Chamber office support and the festival is now a major entity in its own right. For this high level of success, I congratulate our manager, Cheryl Link.

There are now two Corn & Apple Festival chairpersons plus a small army of great volunteers which continue to make the festival a success.

However, I feel that things have now reached the point where Chamber business, plus the service provided to our membership and the general levels of support to business and even support to the Town itself are all suffering from the detrimental effect of having the Chamber resources and the manager focussed too much on Morden Corn & Apple Festival from April to September and beyond, each and every year.

It is now time that Morden & District Chamber of Commerce and Morden Corn & Apple Festival go their separate ways as far as the management and administration goes. The Chamber will of course continue to support the festival in many different ways.

I advocated that Corn & Apple Board create a permanent position under their own management and direction for a part time worker to enable the Corn & Apple Festival to have management, administration, fundraising, promotion, marketing, liaison and space bookings the whole year round. This would surely guarantee that Corn & Apple thrives and continues to be successful every year.

Any proposed changes can only take place with the consensus of all parties concerned – the Chamber Executive, the Corn & Apple Festival Board and the Town of Morden Council who I gratefully recognise as providing major funding to both the chamber and the festival.

In September 2006 I attended the AGM of the Canadian Chambers of Commerce in Saskatoon, where I proudly represented Morden & District Chamber of Commerce and the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce. I actually presented a resolution to the conference concerning the Devil's Lake outfall into the Red River, which was unanimously accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT continued

This AGM conference was a very intensive few days and I learned much about Chamber of Commerce business and operations, not just from a variety of good presentations and resolutions, but from networking with many colleagues from Chambers large and small all over Canada. This experience strengthened my resolve to make some tough decisions regarding the improvement of Morden & District Chamber of Commerce.

This Chamber can do so much more for our members, the business community and for the Town of Morden. But, we are restricted for the reasons that I have stated.

My thanks go to the Executive members for attending the chamber meetings and grateful thanks to the Mayors past and present; thanks too to the Town Council and Town Office Staff for their continued support in what has been a tough year.

I feel very passionate about this Chamber and I will seek re-election to the Chamber Executive for the forthcoming year in order to continue making proposals and implementing changes based on some tough decisions. Please support me and the Executive in this endeavour.

Respectfully submitted

Dave Wilkinson, President

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2006 HIGHLIGHTS

- Held two general and ten Executive Meetings
- Renewed Membership with the *Manitoba Chamber of Commerce, Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Manitoba Taxpayers Association and Manitoba Tourism Awareness Network.*
- *Reg Braun* is President of the *Corn and Apple Festival Inc.*
- *David Wilkinson* is the *Pembina Valley Regional Director for the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce*
- *Dale Stambuski* is the *Morden representative on the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce Board of Directors.*
- *Jocelyne Durand* was the Chair of the 2006 *Corn and Apple Festival*. The organizing committee held seven meetings including the wind-up.
- Hosted the *All Candidates' Forum* prior to the *Federal Election* in January.
- Launched *Chamber of Commerce Website* at *www.mordenchamber.com*.
- Sponsored and administered the *New Start Program*. Hired *Donna Cox* to co-ordinate.
- Presented the 2006 *Loreena McKennitt Award* to *Duncan Halstead* at the *Festival of the Arts Highlights Concert*.
- *Reg Braun, Braun Financial* is the agent for *Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan*.
- Assisted with the reprinting of the *Morden Visitor's Guide*.
- All Morden events/dates were submitted to the *Travel Manitoba Events Guide* and the *Pembina Valley Guide* and, on the Internet on the *Manitoba Events and Festival.com* and *www.mordenmb.com* sites.
- President *David Wilkinson* attended the *Winkler Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting*.
- With Town Councillors *Alex Fedorchuk* and *Wayne Hosea*, visited 10 new businesses, presented a plant and took pictures for promotion.
- Promoted Morden at the *University of Manitoba Faculty of Education Job Fair, Discover Manitoba Travel Show* in Winnipeg, and *Rural Forum* in Brandon.
- *David Wilkinson, Dale Stambuski and Cheryl Link* attended the *Manitoba Chambers of Commerce Annual Convention* in Winkler. Submitted and successfully sponsored a resolution to *limit the extension of Workers Compensation to Related Health Care Professions*.
- Sponsored an *Alternative Fuels Day* with *Pembina Valley Development Corporation* and *Manitoba Agriculture Growing Opportunities*.
- Hired *Stephanie Klassen* as *Administrative Assistant* for the *Corn and Apple Festival*.
- Hired *Belinda Jackson and Nichola Hamm* as *Tourist Information Centre Operators*. The *Information Centre* operated from *May 15th* to *September 1st*.
- Hosted and co-hosted seminars and speakers in response to local needs: the final 2 in a series of 8 *e-Commerce Seminars*; three *Business Start Seminars* in January, February and March; *Importing and Exporting seminars* in March; *Alternative Fuels Day* in April; *GST Update Seminar* in June; *SAFE Hospitality restaurant visits and training* in November.
- Forty-six issues of *Just the Fax* have been faxed and emailed to members on a weekly basis to inform them of Chamber and community events and issues.
- *Morden Co-op Marketplace* was the *Platinum Sponsor* for the *Corn and Apple Festival*. *Corporate Fundraising* was highly successful.

CHAMBER HIGHLIGHTS continued

- The *Morden Moolah* program continues its success, to date; \$79,375.00 has been spent in Morden businesses.
- Attended the *Ecole Morden Middle School Grade 8 Medieval Days* banquet.
- The 11th Annual *Morden Market Days*, southern Manitoba's most successful Farmers' Market started on Thursday June 15th and continued every Thursday until October.
- *Heather McAndrew* was the 2006 winner of the *Chamber of Commerce Young Citizen Award* (\$500) presented at the Morden Collegiate Graduation ceremony.
- Continue as the regional site for the *Canada/Manitoba Business Service Centre*.
- President David Wilkinson attended the *Canadian Chambers of Commerce Annual Meeting* in Saskatoon, SK. Successfully tabled our *Resolution for the Enforcement of the International Boundary Waters Treaty in disputes between Canada and the United States*.
- Tourist Information Centre continues to serve Morden visitors and residents alike. 1,819 people were provided with directions, brochures, information, internet/email access, history and step-on guide for bus tours.
- President and Executive Members represented the Chamber of Commerce members at the *Town Budget meetings*; Grand openings at the *Student/Youth Employment Centre, Computer Remedies, Mountain City Aviation, Boston Pizza, Saban & Company, CFDC Bruce Exhibit; Corn and Apple Festival Parade and Opening Ceremonies*; Community Stakeholders meetings at *Boundary Trails Health Centre*; the presentation of *Town of Morden Financial and Business plans*; *Community Heritage Manitoba Conference; American Ladies Curling Association Friendship Tour, Alternative Fuels Day*; Chaired the *Business Forum on Downtown Vitalization* for the MBIA ratepayers and attended Open Houses for *Downtown Revitalization* and the *Enbridge Pipeline* proposal; New Start Program graduation; *Remembrance Day Banquet and Ceremony*; *Morden Festival of the Arts Highlights Concert*; *Morden Collegiate Graduation Ceremonies*; *MSTW Biz Pal announcement*; attended various meetings with Town Councillors and visiting dignitaries; and was interviewed by various media.
- Hosted the *All Candidates' Forum* prior to the *Municipal Election* in October.
- Provided community information to prospective businesses, new professionals, new residents, convention/meeting planners and students working on school projects.
- Participated in radio promotions for *Small Business Week* and *Holiday Greetings*.
- *Krista Hoepfner* was crowned Corn and Apple Queen with Princess *Kristi Dyck*.
- M.B.I.A. Retail Promotions included *Morden's Monster Sale, Crazy Daze, Corn and Apple Festival promotions, Christmas Lighting Ceremony and Pictures with Santa*.
- Assisted local searches for new Pastors, Doctors, etc. by providing information packages.
- Saw many changes in the Morden Business Sector"
 - 24 new Businesses
 - 6 Business Expansions
 - 6 New Owners for Existing Businesses.

**MORDEN AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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FEBRUARY 21, 2006 – MORDEN FRIENDSHIP CENTRE**

President Dale Stambuski called on Reverend Karen Tjaden of St. Paul's United Church to say Grace.

He then called the 2005 Annual General Meeting to order and established a quorum of 90 members. He welcomed all, noted the highlights printed in the annual report and introduced the Directors attending.

New Memberships were presented to A Wee Bit of Heaven Bed & Breakfast, The Beef Shop, The Business, Colours 'r Us, Cross Country Manufacturing, Karl Redding Photography, Mountain City Aviation and The Spa for Paws.

MINUTES

P. PLETT/K. WINNING: That the Minutes of the 2004 Annual Meeting be adopted as printed in the meeting book.
CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT

A. FEDORCHUK/E. LAUTENSCHLAGER: That the audited Financial Report be adopted as printed in the meeting book.
CARRIED

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

D. WEISS/MURRAY BRAUN: That the Executive Reports be adopted as printed in the meeting book.
CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Election of 2006 Executive Council

Dale Stambuski advised that the position of Vice President has not yet been filled and asked for nominations from the floor, none were forthcoming.

R. BRAUN/K. WINNING: That the Slate of Executive Officers as printed in the meeting book be declared elected.
CARRIED

D. Stambuski congratulated the new Executive Members. He called on new President David Wilkinson who presented Dale with his Past President's Plaque.

David Wilkinson thanked the Membership for the honour and looked forward to the opportunity to serve them as President. He encouraged all to look at their businesses through their customers' eyes and make improvements accordingly.

He stated that the Chamber Mission Statement is "To make Morden a better place to live and work" and feels that this cannot be improved upon but can be optimized. He talked about our need for change, to adopt improvements and new initiatives and discussed the new Chamber Website as an opportunity to do that.

2006 Budget

D. STAMBUSKI/PAT PLETT: That the 2006 Budget be adopted as proposed.
CARRIED

Website: www.mordenchamber.com

D. Wilkinson called on designer Craig Fields of Web Creations to introduce and explain the new Chamber of Commerce website.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

New Start

D. Wilkinson introduced Donna Cox, facilitator of the Chamber-sponsored New Start Literacy and Essential Skills Training Program. She advised that there are 20 students in the program which started February 13th at Red River College. The College is teaching essential skills to help prepare the students to find jobs. The second part of the program is workplace placements to gain experience.

She has sent letters businesses to request placements and is starting to follow up by telephone.

40th Anniversary Corn and Apple Festival – August 25 – 27, 2006

D. Wilkinson introduced Corn & Apple Festival Inc. President Reg Braun who thanked the Chamber for its support of the Festival. He talked about the strengths of the Festival, negotiations with sponsors, new capital projects and volunteers. He also announced that Lou Graham of Foreigner will be the 2006 Headliner.

He asked those in attendance to complete the questionnaires on the tables and share their ideas for improving the 2006 Festival. A box was provided to collect forms.

MS Super Cities Walk – April 30, 2006

D. Wilkinson asked Cheryl Fedorchuk, Fundraising Co-ordinator in the Morden Offices for information on the 2006 Walk and other initiatives. She described the need for fundraising and encouraged participation. She provided information packages on the tables and posters and brochures at the door.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

D. Wilkinson noted that announcements for upcoming events were printed at the bottom of today's agenda and asked for anything further from the floor.

He noted that the next e-Commerce Seminar is scheduled for March 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall in Morden. The presenter will be Alex Morrison and the subjects will be "How to Direct Traffic to Your Website" and "What is a BLOG?"

GUEST SPEAKER

D. Wilkinson introduced His Worship Mayor John Wiens who presented his annual "State of Morden" address and outlined plans for projects for 2006. He announced that Best Sleep Centre Inc. would be moving into the former SAAN location on North Railway Street. Mr. Wiens was thanked and presented with a gift.

ADJOURNMENT

DAVID WILKINSON – PRESIDENT

CHERYL LINK – MANAGER

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

In 2006, Membership in the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce is stronger than it has ever been, showing an increase of 12 to 243.

Achieving national Accreditation in 2004, one of only twelve Chambers in Canada to do so on the first attempt, proves that the Morden Chamber of Commerce meets the highest standard of excellence in service to our members through strict adherence to the nationally prescribed set of programs, services, management and governance principles and policy and advocacy initiatives. The Chamber is a leader and the “Voice of Business” in Morden.

Positive Chamber policies, co-operatively working with Town Council and its many Committees for growth and development and Volunteers tirelessly working to promote the social, civic, commercial, industrial and agricultural progress of Morden and District have set the Morden Chamber apart and proved its worth to the businesses and organizations that have invested in membership.

Membership in the Morden Chamber comes with many benefits and opportunities designed to increase your competitiveness, provide for your wellbeing and protect your investment in this community.

Benefits include enhanced listings in the Morden Business Directory and the Morden Web Site; weekly *Just the Fax* Newsletters; Cheque Fraud and Parking Pledge programs; Criminal Activity Warnings from Police about Counterfeit bills, shoplifting activities, etc.; Milestone Recognition; business and information referrals.

Opportunities include the Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance and Retirement Savings Plans specifically designed for small business; Merchant Credit Card and terminal discounts; Affinity Program telephone, cellular and alarm service discounts; education and networking events; Direct Driver Fleet Discount program; and rental car discounts.

2007 will be an exciting year filled with many changes and new initiatives. Working with your Chamber of Commerce, sharing your energies and ideas as well as resources for future economic growth and development can best safeguard your investment in Morden.

As Members you understand the correlation between a strong community and business success but some do not. It is up to all of us to talk to those who are not members, explain the benefits, invite them to networking events, and help them to recognize that their success depends on a strong Chamber of Commerce promoting their interests.

Respectfully submitted:
Kevin Friesen

MORDEN TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

Final Summer Report – 2006

This summer was an experience, at the risk of sounding cliché, that I will never forget. Carting boxes and boxes of books from one side of town to the other, unpacking, sorting, and tidying books, it seemed like only a few days ago that I'd taken everything down, cleaned up and locked up for the season. What a relief to finish my first year of study away from home, and come back to Morden, going from a town of about 100 people, to spending all day sitting on the side of a busy highway, reading or playing guitar, waiting for the next person to walk in. I feel like I could spend months touring Canada and still never see all the interesting things I've spoken with people about.

I've spent the last eight months living about an hour south of Calgary, about 20 minutes away from Drumheller. This places me in the middle of the current issue at the front of everyone's mind: the huge oil boom in Alberta. I was pleasantly surprised, however, to see the books on Manitoba flying off the shelves, with the vacation and accommodation guides leading. Quite often, it was people living in Manitoba, looking to travel close to home due to high gas and travel prices, sharing stories of their homes with me, as I told them about mine. It was so interesting to see and hear about what Manitoba has to offer.

One complaint I received quite often was of the research station. I had one couple drive over 3 hours to come and see it. When they arrived, they were directed to the main office, at which point they were told that they could walk around the fields, but some buildings were restricted. They were given no map, or any kind of indication of where they might find things. The trees and fields they saw were poorly marked at best. By the time they got to the booth, they were frustrated, hot and tired. This was a common complaint I received. There is a "self guided walking tour", which includes a hand drawn map, leading to a variety of fields. Under each section is maybe a sentence or two of vague information about each. I would recommend making some more detailed literature available to people, as is a large attraction for visitors of Morden.

On a positive note, I'd like to thank all the Town of Morden Staff who look after the plants. Every morning, on my way to work, I'd see the truck driving down the street watering the plants. The plants always look fabulous, and people notice! I couldn't count the number of times people have expressed their joy at coming to Morden, and seeing trees and flowers in the middle of the downtown area, a pleasing contrast to the concrete of the city. Thanks to all the staff who planted, weeded, and watered. Your efforts make a world of difference to the people coming to shop, or just stroll down the street.

This year, Morden hosted the Western Canada PeeWee Baseball Championships. In between games, I sat at the front and offered information on the town. I enjoyed it, as it gave me something a bit different to do. The comment was made, however, that it would have been more beneficial for me to be there on the first day, when people had just arrived in town, or for a package of information to be handed out to the teams and coaches before they arrived in town.

An addition to the tourist information center was a few souvenirs available for tourists. This year, in addition to the postcards and license plates, we sold beer steins, coffee mugs, buttons, pins, fridge magnets, apple cider, and DVDs showing Corn and Apple highlights. Overall, it worked well, and is something I would recommend keeping.

Our printer is no longer working. Last year, it struggled through, but this year, the printing is completely unreadable. There was also one mistake made in the Morden books, telling visitors to contact the Chamber of Commerce for a Morden Heritage Booklet. After going to the Chamber, they were sent to the tourist center. This was frustrating for the visitors.

Finally, thanks to the Town of Morden for answering all of our questions, Pembina Valley Water Transport for being so efficient, Adam and the rest at Home Hardware for the water, and finally, Cheryl, Stephanie, and all the other members of the Chamber of Commerce for your help and support. It was a privilege to represent the town this summer.

Belinda Jackson – Co-ordinator
Nikki Hamm – Operator

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE STATS FOR 2006

Month # Vehicles # People Total Visitor Count 1819
 May

14 – 20	12	21
21 – 27	34	40
28 – 31	16	18
Total	68	79

June

1 – 3	17	21
4 – 10	53	65
11 – 17	34	41
18 – 24	54	69
25 – 30	43	54
Total	178	250

July

1	11	13
2 – 8	81	102
9 – 15	105	145
16 – 22	94	116
23 – 29	88	104
30 – 31	22	30
Total	401	510

August

1 – 5	59	75
6 – 12	76	102
13 – 19	77	101
20 – 26	209	287
27 – 31	96	127
Total	517	692

September

1	5	5
Total	5	7

I estimate that between 20-30 Mordenites did not sign the guest book throughout our season, and I know that 251 of 285 people who visited the tourist centre during Corn and Apple (Aug. 25-27) did not sign the guest book.

Total Number of Customers in Guest book

Morden: 37

Pembina Valley: 5

Winnipeg: 39

Rest of Manitoba: 38

Yukon: 1

British Columbia: 15

Alberta: 14

Saskatchewan: 5

Ontario: 18

Quebec: 5

Newfoundland: 3

Nova Scotia: 1

Canada Total: 181

North Dakota: 1

South Dakota: 1

Missouri: 2

Montana: 1

Illinois: 1

Iowa: 1

California: 3

Nebraska: 1

New Jersey: 1

New York: 1

Oregon: 1

Texas: 2

USA Total: 16

Mexico: 3

North America Total: 200

Costa Rica: 1

Central America Total: 1

Brazil: 1

South America Total: 1

The Netherlands: 1

Serbia: 1

Europe Total: 2

Kenya: 1

Uganda: 1

Africa Total: 2

Russia: 1

Cambodia: 1

Japan: 2

Hong Kong: 1

Asia Total: 5

CORN AND APPLE FESTIVAL REPORT

The Morden Corn & Apple Festival celebrated its 40th year with great success. Opening ceremonies on Friday evening included recognition of Past Festival Chairpersons, with a memorial, dedicated in honor of Jack Dunbar-the first Chairperson, and was presented to his family. The Parade Committee arranged a wonderful parade and due to their hard work and dedication Travel Manitoba recognizes the Corn & Apple Festival Parade and one of the largest in Manitoba. The Entertainment Committee did a wonderful job in arranging not one but, two main stage concerts for the 40th Anniversary. Friday evening featured Lou Gramm of Foreigner, and Prairie Oyster appeared on Saturday. The Free Corn was once again successful as well as Free Cider. The Security Committee ensured that there were no major incidents, and that both the visitors and residents of Morden were protected. There was some concern regarding the unavailability of a First Aid station, however, the Festival ensured that the Provincial requirements for Manitoba Festivals were maintained.

I would like to thank all of the Committee Chairpersons for all of their dedication, the volunteers for their hard work, and the residents of Morden for embracing and supporting the Corn & Apple Festival. The Festival would also like to thank the Morden Chamber of Commerce, and the Town of Morden for their support.

The Festival is one of the largest in Manitoba, due to the efforts of all mentioned. Once again, thank you for your support and we look forward to the 2007 Morden Corn & Apple Festival.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jocelyne Durand, Chairperson

Morden Corn and Apple Festival Inc.

PROPOSED SLATE OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR 2007

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Responsibilities include Human Resources, Finance, Administration, Government Relations, Liaison, Policy Positions, Public Relations, Business Service Centre and Tourist Information Centre.

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MEMBERSHIP	Kevin Friesen	Golden West Broadcasting
PROGRAMS & EVENTS	Kent Winning	The Winning Advertising Company

Responsibilities include Membership and Product Promotion, Market Research, Networking and Special Events, Business Retention, Business to Business Communication and Development, Education and Training.

NEW BUSINESS

NOTICE OF MOTION

Moved by: Dale Stambuski

Seconded by Kent Winning

That pursuant to **Article XII; Section 12:01: REVISION OF BY LAWS** of the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce By Laws requiring a Notice of Motion for a By Law Amendment be presented at a previous General Meeting and Members must be notified at least fourteen days prior to the General Meeting,

Therefore this Notice of Motion shall be tabled at the Annual Meeting, January 6, 2007 for consideration at the Spring General Meeting in June 2007 to Amend **Article X. AUDITORS; Section 10.01** That the Chamber's books of account shall undergo a ***Review Engagement*** (replacing ***Audit***) at least once a year and be available for the Annual Meeting.