

MORDEN AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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September 23, 2004: The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce is one of only twelve Chambers across Canada to attain official status as an Accredited Chamber of Commerce.

President Dale Stambuski and Past President David Weiss accepted the Certificate, which was presented at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting in Calgary on September 20th.

The Morden Chamber of Commerce successfully completed a demanding evaluation process that assessed structure, operations and offerings. The Chamber has demonstrated that it meets a high standard of excellence in service to its members through strict adherence to a prescribed set of programs, services, management and governance principles and policy and advocacy initiatives.

Stambuski noted that only twelve Chambers of Commerce across Canada met the criteria for accreditation in this first round of certification.

“We are very proud of the work done by our Executive Committees and Managers throughout our 114 year history to ensure that Morden and District Chamber of Commerce activities and programming are among the best in the country,” added Weiss.

In early 2004 the Canadian Chamber of Commerce initiated the Accreditation process to counteract an influx of businesses calling themselves Chambers of Commerce but not offering the services or programming associated with the Chamber movement. Provincial Chamber representatives met many times to develop the criteria that sets a high level of fundamental principles or beliefs that are basic to good governance. Any business organization declaring itself a chamber of commerce/board of trade whether they are small, medium or large in size should be able to provide documentation that reflects their adherence to these principles.

“Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade across Canada have a longstanding tradition of being the voice of business within their communities,” said Stambuski. “And now it is official, The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce is a leader and **“the Voice of Business”** in Morden”.

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