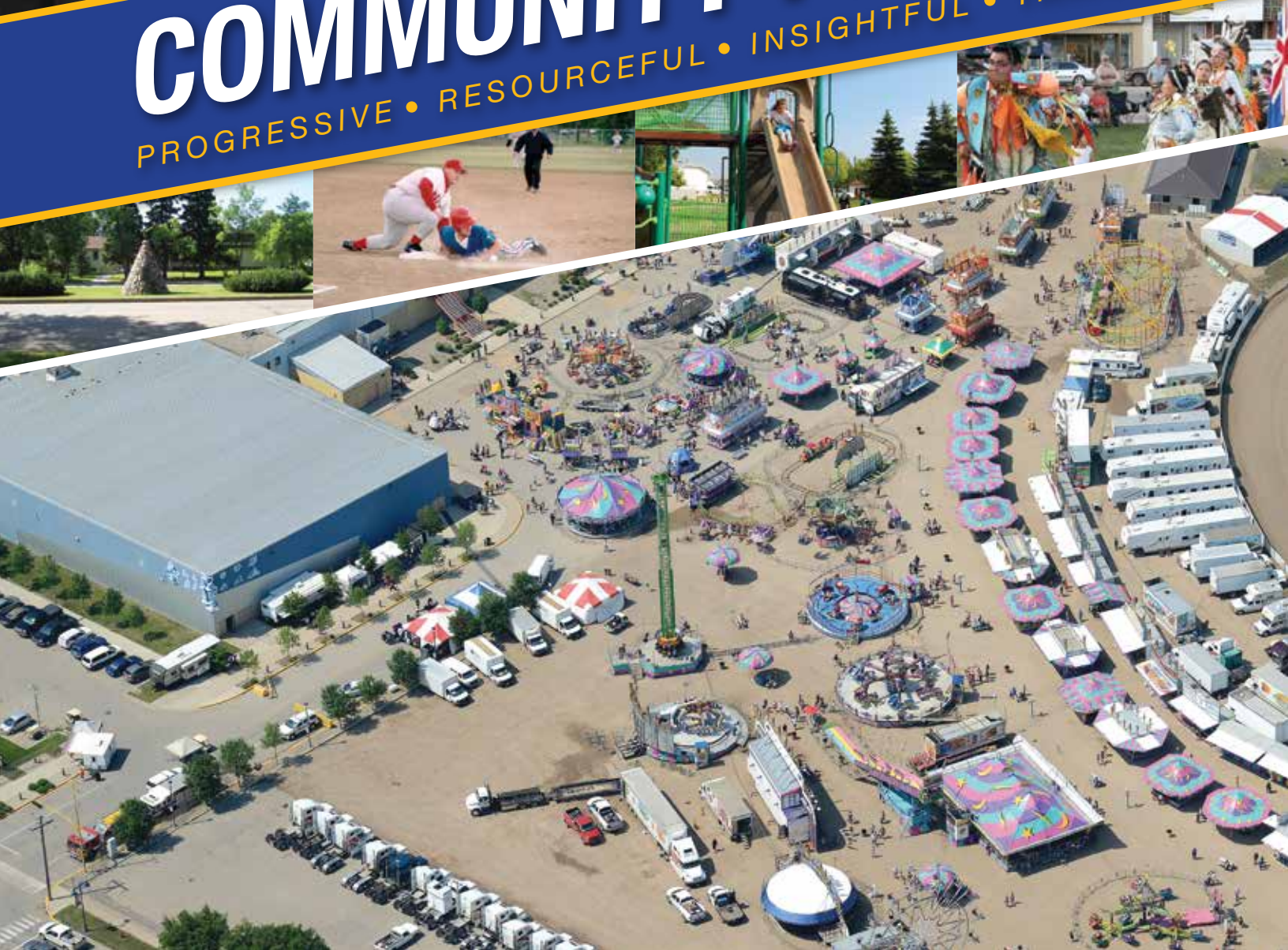




COMMUNITY PROFILE

PROGRESSIVE • RESOURCEFUL • INSIGHTFUL • THRIVING





A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR BOB MALONEY

Our community has the third largest trading area in Saskatchewan and is the economic centre of east-central Saskatchewan. The over 19,000 residents enjoy excellent schools, first-rate health care, great recreational opportunities, and quality housing that is affordable to a variety of incomes.

Our growing and diverse economy provides endless opportunities for new businesses and investment. A well educated and skilled workforce, moderate property taxes, and stable commercial, industrial and residential sectors have fostered Yorkton's emergence as one of Saskatchewan's most promising economic regions. The presence of a thriving artistic, cultural and recreational scene provides many opportunities for children and adults alike. The City of Yorkton boasts more than twenty parks and recreation areas offering many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors year round.

Yorkton has a large network of primary and secondary educational facilities that provide excellent educational opportunities, not only to the residents of the city but also to neighbouring communities. Our schools offer comprehensive and challenging curriculums, a qualified and knowledgeable faculty, rewarding extra-curricular activities, and a commitment to quality education.

Yorkton's excellent level of educational, healthcare and recreation services, expanding housing sector, competitive business environment, and readily available

amenities are just a few of the reasons why Yorkton is one of the best places to live, visit, work, and invest.

MoneySense Magazine in 2015 ranked our community as the fourth best community to live in Saskatchewan and 86th out of 209 communities across Canada. Come see why Yorkton is a great place to live, work and play. You'll be at home from the first hello!

I believe in sustainable growth through responsible community development, and Yorkton is making tremendous progress in becoming one of the most sustainable communities in Saskatchewan through our outstanding efforts.

WE INVITE YOU TO CREATE AND BUILD YOUR DREAMS HERE IN A COMMUNITY OF ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES.

Bob Maloney, Mayor

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A MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER **LONNIE KAAL**

Welcome to our community, whether you are here to live, work or play. *Yorkton is the perfect size; small enough to feel connected and large enough to offer a variety of services and employment.*

Our almost 20,000 people are known for their volunteerism. Numerous organizations offer a wide array of sports, arts and cultural opportunities, as well as support services to various groups of individuals. Many community events are hosted throughout the year and the surrounding area is perfect for hunting, fishing, camping, boating, hiking, snowmobiling and cross country skiing.

Our business community celebrates successes and contributes to many events throughout the year. Further, they are involved and connected to our community by investing in projects, including the recently expanded Parkland College Trades and Technology Centre. There are multiple employment opportunities in business as well as in the health, education and services sectors in our City.

Our commercial and industrial business sector is large compared to our population because of the surrounding trading area of over 200,000 people. You will find virtually every service and product that you need right here.

Our administration works hard to provide a variety of services to ensure our city is safe, clean and prosperous

for all to enjoy. We work closely with the Mayor, Council and committees, multiple organizations and many stakeholders in our region, to ensure the sustainability of our economy and our community. We are accountable to those that we serve and strive to make our community the best it can be. I welcome each and every one of you to our hometown, the City of Yorkton.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lonnie Kaal'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a white background.

Lonnie Kaal, *City Manager*

lkaal@yorkton.ca
306.786.1703

INTRODUCTION TO OUR COMMUNITY



YORKTON HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS A LEADING REGIONAL CENTER.

HISTORY

Yorkton's origin dates from 1882 when a group of Toronto businessmen, the York Farmers' Colonization Company and Queen Victoria, represented by the Department of the Interior, entered into an agreement to settle eight townships in the eastern part of the Provisional District of Assiniboia, North West Territories. Settlers from Ontario, Manitoba and the British Isles were the first to make entry on homesteads and company

land, in a region recognized for its very fertile soil. They established York City, renamed Yorkton with the opening of the post office on January 1, 1884. Yorkton achieved city status in 1928. Now, it is the province's fifth largest city. From its beginning, Yorkton has established itself as a leading regional center for retail and wholesale trade, health and government services, and a center for a variety of commercial services.



WHAT MAKES US SO SPECIAL

Yorkton is a city rich in heritage, culture, and agricultural traditions. We have great connections to neighboring communities and beyond via the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Number 16, Highways 10, 52 and 9. We also have two national railways (CNR and CPR) and Yorkton Regional Airport that provide access to national and international markets.

Yorkton is one of the safest cities in all of Canada. We are among the top ten cities with the most hours of sunshine and clearest skies all year round. Yorkton's nearly 20 thousand residents enjoy excellent schools, first-rate healthcare, great recreation opportunities, and quality housing that is affordable to a variety of incomes.

Yorkton is in the middle of the largest and richest potash fields in east-central Saskatchewan. Regional and international businesses are investing billions in new ventures and expansion projects, creating new employment, recreation, and residential opportunities.

A well educated and skilled workforce, moderate property taxes, and stable commercial, industrial and residential sectors have fostered Yorkton's emergence as one of Saskatchewan's most promising economic regions. Recently, Alberta Venture Magazine labeled Yorkton one of the Best Communities for Business in the category of "Community on the rise".

Yorkton's excellent level of educational, healthcare and recreation services, expanding housing sector, competitive business environment, and readily available amenities are just a few of the reasons why Yorkton is one of the best places to live, visit, work, and invest.

WE ARE AMONG THE TOP TEN CITIES WITH THE MOST HOURS OF SUNSHINE AND CLEAREST SKIES ALL YEAR ROUND.

YORKTON 2020 VISION

Healthy Community

Infrastructure

Environment

Economic Development

Community Development

Technology

Education

Governance & Communication

YORKTON 2020 VISION

Yorkton is the community that:

- Encourages healthy lifestyles, personal wellness with quality health care.
- Have a comprehensive, integrated and sustainable infrastructure plan and programs that meet current and future needs.
- Is open for business, providing an economic environment that embraces innovation and growth.
- Fosters a safe community that embraces cultural and social diversity by providing social, recreational and educational opportunities for all community members.
- Promotes environmental awareness, rethinks, recycles, reuses and uses green space and energy efficiently.
- Positions technology as a means for community communication, create operational efficiencies, promote and facilitate economic activity.
- Fosters strategic partnerships, to offer responsive, quality education for all citizens.
- Has a governance model which is accountable, transparent, engages resident's participation and involvement in policy development and goal setting.

**COME TO YORKTON,
WE PROMISE YOU'LL
FEEL AT HOME FROM
THE FIRST HELLO!**

A THRIVING COMMUNITY

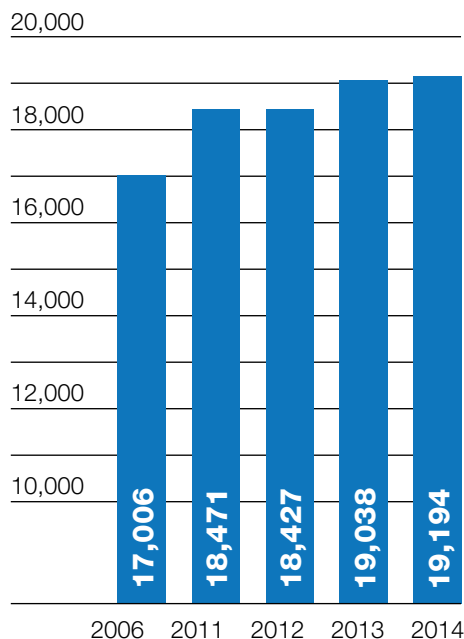
YORKTON POPULATION AGE STRUCTURE

AGE & GENDER YORKTON			
AGE GROUP	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
UNDER 1	105	107	212
1 TO 4	443	395	838
4 TO 9	620	575	1,195
10 TO 14	565	564	1,129
15 TO 19	596	567	1,163
20 TO 24	658	605	1,263
25 TO 29	692	627	1,319
30 TO 34	600	643	1,243
35 TO 39	608	587	1,195
40 TO 44	594	557	1,151
45 TO 49	591	621	1,212
50 TO 54	659	658	1,317
55 TO 59	671	645	1,316
60 TO 64	519	541	1,060
65 TO 69	396	464	860
70 TO 74	345	443	788
75 TO 79	275	384	659
80 TO 84	214	340	554
85 TO 89	164	267	431
90 TO 94	69	155	224
95 PLUS	8	57	65
TOTAL	9,392	9,802	19,194

Source: Ministry of Health Covered Population

POPULATION

For the last five years, the average annual population growth of Yorkton is 1.68%. Yorkton's population in 2016 is projected to be 20,076.



Source: Government of Saskatchewan Covered Population 2014

The current and potential future economic growth of the city attracts new national and international immigrants to the community. Yorkton welcomes diversity and this is reflected in our growing population.

The City of Yorkton's population in the 2011 Saskatchewan Ministry of Health's Census was 18,471 which is a 7.9% increase from the 2006 Census. Yorkton possesses the resources and opportunities necessary for individuals, families and businesses to grow and prosper.

LABOUR FORCE

The city's labour market area covers approximately 32,600 square kms (12,587 square miles), 5.1% of Saskatchewan's total area. A regional labour force of 41,500 is available within this area. This represents about 6% of Saskatchewan's total population.

Recruitment and training of workers is a primary goal of the community, with strong regional and provincial recruitment strategies underway to attract skilled labour from across Canada and the United States. In addition, planned expansion of the Regional Trades and Technology training facilities and curriculum at Parkland College will allow us to meet the needs of new and existing specialized jobs in the community and the region. We are also recruiting professional, trained immigrants through the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program, and are working with First Nations groups to train aboriginals to bridge labour market gaps.



LABOUR FORCE

YORKTON

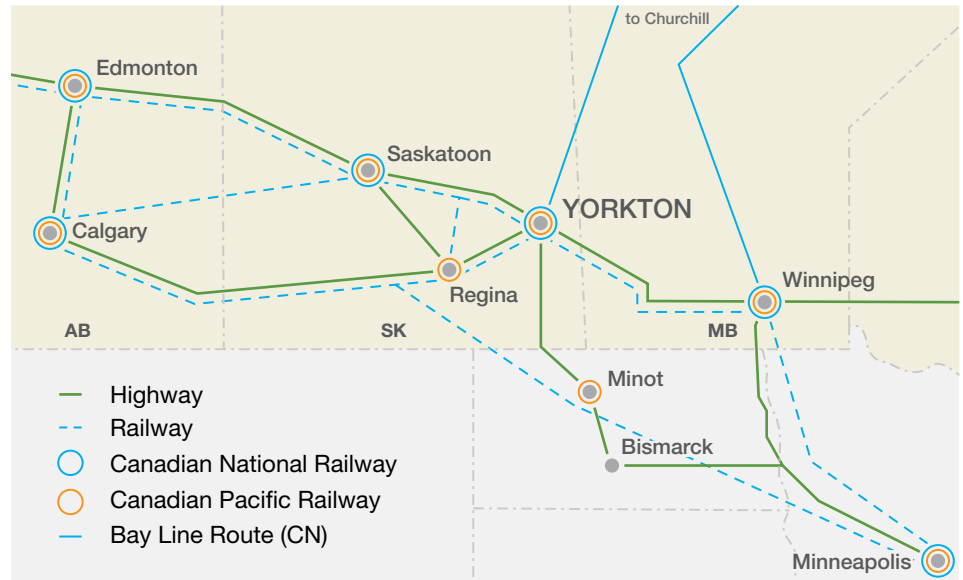
	MALE	FEMALE
IN THE LABOUR FORCE	4,630	4,396
PARTICIPATION RATE	72.4%	60.7%
EMPLOYED	4,328	4,267
UNEMPLOYED	302	129
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	6.5%	2.9%
NOT IN LABOUR FORCE	1,767	2,839

TOTAL POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER	14,705
IN THE LABOUR FORCE	9,695
EMPLOYED	9,205
UNEMPLOYED	490
NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE	5,010
PARTICIPATION RATE	65.9%
EMPLOYMENT RATE	62.6%
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.1%

Source: Statistics Canada Census 2011

THE BEST LOCATION IN SASKATCHEWAN

Yorkton is located along the Trans-Canada Yellowhead Highway #16 in east-central Saskatchewan, between Saskatoon and Winnipeg.



DISTANCES	KMS	MILES	Altitude: 1,634 feet (498 meters)
Regina, SK	190	118	Latitude: 51° 16' N
Saskatoon, SK	326	203	Longitude: 102° 28' W
Winnipeg, MB	451	280	Region: East Central
Edmonton, AB	851	529	
U.S. Border	241	150	

We have great connections to neighbouring communities and beyond via the Trans-Canada Yellow head Highway Number 16, Highways Number 10, 52 and 9. In addition, two national railways and Yorkton Regional Airport that provide access to national and international markets. Yorkton is on the main

line of the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR), and on the Bay Line, which connects the Port of Churchill to the Canadian National Railway (CNR) mainline at Melville (38 km southeast). There are also rail connections to Minot, Grand Forks and Minneapolis in the USA.

CLIMATE

Yorkton has warm summers and cold winters, with the average daily temperatures ranging from -17.9 °C (-0.2 °F) in January to 18.2 °C (64.0 °F) in July. Typically, summer lasts from late June until early September. Winter lasts from November to March, and varies greatly in length and severity from year to year. Spring and autumn are highly variable.

Climate Information											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Avg. Temperature (°C)											
-18.4	-14.9	-8.1	2.8	10.6	15.8	18.2	17.0	10.8	4.6	-6.0	-15.3
Avg. High Temperature (°C)											
-13.0	-9.4	-2.7	8.5	17.3	22.4	24.9	24.0	17.1	10.5	-1.5	-10.4
Avg. Low Temperature (°C)											
-23.8	-20.6	-13.7	-3.1	3.8	9.2	11.5	9.9	4.4	-1.4	-10.7	-20.3
Avg. Precipitation (mm)											
21.2	16.2	25.6	20.3	50.7	68.8	64.2	57.5	48.0	24.5	17.8	21.0

WHERE DO MY 2014 TAX DOLLARS GO?

(BASED ON 2014 OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGET)

DEBT Gallagher Centre and Firehall	6.9¢	2.5¢	CITY COUNCIL Grants / Rebates
CAPITAL PROJECTS	15¢	10.5¢	ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE Finance, Information Technology/ Computers, Land Sales, Bylaw, Human Resources
PUBLIC WORKS Streets, Street Lighting, Traffic Control, Sidewalks, Drainage, Snow Removal	17.0¢	9.6¢	FIRE Operations
PLANNING & ENGINEERING Building Services/ Inspections, Transit, Airport, Land Use, Economic Development, Management of Capital Projects	6.7¢	14.2¢	RCMP
GALLAGHER CENTRE Farrell Agencies Arena, Water Park, Curling Rink, Flexi Hall, Convention Centre, Ag Arena & Grounds	6.9¢	10.5¢	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS & RECREATION Parks, Pathways, Horticulture, Outdoor Facilities (ball diamonds, etc.), Facilities (Kinsmen, Godfrey Dean, Gloria Hayden, Tourism), Library, Deer Park Golf Course, Programming

TAXABLE ASSESSMENT x **MILL RATE / 1000** + **APPLICABLE TAX BASE** = **YOUR PROPERTY TAX**

2014 Taxes Based On Average Single Family Residential Property Value In Each City*

City	Total Property Tax	Rank
Meadow Lake	\$1,887.75	1
Melville	\$1,903.76	2
Moose Jaw	\$1,929.70	3
Yorkton	\$2,014.13	4
Swift Current	\$2,118.54	5
Weyburn	\$2,219.21	6
Humbolt	\$2,277.72	7
North Battleford	\$2,396.62	8
Prince Albert	\$2,594.34	9
Melfort	\$2,661.75	10
Regina	\$2,867.00	11
Saskatoon	\$2,929.85	12
Warman	\$2,942.50	13
Martensville	\$2,966.52	14

2014 Taxes on \$100,000 Taxable Assessment Commercial Property

City	Total Property Tax	Rank
Saskatoon	\$1,761.77	1
Weyburn	\$1,917.87	2
Regina	\$2,137.03	3
Martensville	\$2,318.02	4
Moose Jaw	\$2,350.41	5
Swift Current	\$2,365.40	6
Warman	\$2,365.80	7
Melville	\$2,478.93	8
Humbolt	\$2,524.50	9
Estevan	\$2,679.50	10
North Battleford	\$2,825.16	11
Meadow Lake	\$2,898.58	12
Melfort	\$3,023.12	13
Yorkton	\$3,058.00	14
Prince Albert	\$4,325.26	15

* Including School Property Tax

THE BEST COMMUNITY TO LIVE IN

EDUCATION

As of September 30, 2014, elementary school enrollment was 2,293 and 1,239 for high schools.

There are two school divisions in Yorkton: Good Spirit School Division (Public) and Christ the Teacher School Division (Separate or Catholic)

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Parkland College's post secondary opportunities include both university and technical skills programs. They provide the largest off campus university program at any regional college in the province. Students can enroll in a variety of university classes from both the University of Saskatchewan and University of Regina. Bachelor of Social Work and Master of Adult Education are two programs that students can complete

right at Parkland College. Parkland College works closely with employers to offer a variety of technical training programs as well, which meet the labour needs of the province. Students may enroll in a variety of SIAST credit courses in areas including: Health, Technology, Education, Business, and Trades.

www.parklandcollege.sk.ca



TRADES & TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

The first phase of Parkland College Trades & Technology Centre completed construction in fall 2015. The expanded curriculum will

allow the city to meet the needs of new and existing specialized jobs in the community and region.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

www.gssd.ca

SEPARATE SCHOOLS

www.christtheteacher.ca

ELEMENTARY

As of Sept 30, 2014

COLUMBIA (336)
DR. BRASS (163)
M.C. KNOLL (322)
YORKDALE CENTRAL (479)

ELEMENTARY

ST. ALPHONSUS (189)
ST. MARY'S (207)
ST. MICHAEL'S (361) (French Immersion K-8)
ST. PAUL'S (236)

HIGH SCHOOL

As of Sept 30, 2014

YORKTON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (782)

HIGH SCHOOL

SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL (376)
DREAMBUILDERS (81)



CULTURE

Yorkton has flourishing arts and cultural opportunities for children and adults alike. Possibilities range from coffee shop open-mike nights to a presentation of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, participation in numerous festivals, organized concerts, casual indoor and outdoor performances, classes, and programs.

For more information, visit www.yorktonevents.com

GODFREY DEAN CULTURAL CENTRE

The Godfrey Dean Cultural Centre houses a wide variety of cultural and artistic venues:

YORKTON ARTS COUNCIL

The Yorkton Arts Council (originally known as the Yorkton Art Centre) launched into existence following the Annual Festival of the Arts, in Yorkton in October 1965. The Festival's purpose was to raise community interest in the arts. A consultant with the Saskatchewan Arts Board took the opportunity to advise and encourage interested citizens to establish a place for the development of programs of music, drama, art, lectures, and craft demonstrations. Her appeal met with a positive response.

A steering committee formed following a public meeting, and eventually the first Board of Directors. Increased interest in the Art Centre made it necessary for the organization to change its location twice during the next 15 years, each time to slightly improved facilities, until November 1981 when they moved into the Godfrey Dean Cultural Centre.

From their early beginnings when they offered programs in the visual and performing arts, the programs have continued to grow and expand. Today the Yorkton Arts Council presents 10 concerts in the "Stars for Saskatchewan" series along with other individual concerts.

'Sunflower Fine Art Craft Market', which began in 1979, is the largest un-juried show in the province held annually in September. Countless artists and artisans, from here, near and beyond, have shared their wares with an appreciative audience of fans. Dedicated volunteers donate their time, energy, and innovative ideas to organize and present this fine art craft market annually, under the direction of the Yorkton Arts Council, in support of their community programming.



Since its inception over three decades ago, Sunflower's well-deserved reputation grows as a quality show with seasoned exhibitors. They have seen it change from an outdoor daylong-juried event to a two-day smorgasbord at the Gallagher Centre with 150 artistic vendors. Exhibitors are added each year to the list of favourites, with new offerings always available to delight and tantalize. These marketers offer pottery, photography, fibre arts, paintings, jewellery, specialty foods, metal work, home and garden decor, kids stuff, recycled products and much more.

Over the years, Yorkton Arts Council has acted as a catalyst for the formation of groups such as the Parkland Writer's Alliance and the Kids Klan Theatre (a children's theatre organization). The Council works co-operatively with other community cultural organizations such as dance schools, Yorkton Film Festival, the Yorkton and District Multicultural Society, the Saskatchewan Society For Education Through Art, the Parkland Writer's Alliance and Yorkton school divisions. They also enjoy a positive relationship with our neighbouring arts councils. Through collaborative fundraising, the Council and the Yorkton

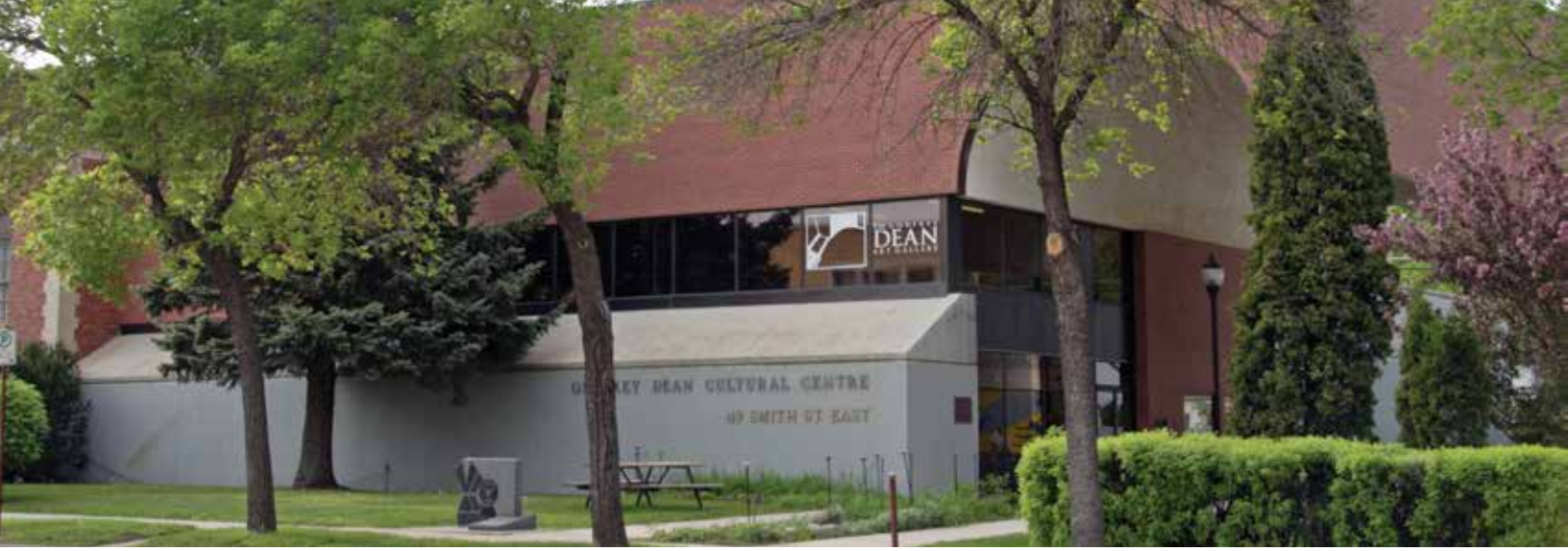
Music Festival Association are co-owners of two Yamaha grand pianos, one housed in the Anne Portnuff Theatre and the other at St. Andrew's United Church.

A 6-person Board of Directors elected at the Annual General Meeting for two-year terms manages the Council, a non-profit organization. The Board meets every two to three months with the exception of the summer months. Committees, made up of directors and members, meet as required.

Throughout their growth, the need for staff escalated and they moved from volunteer help to a paid part-time Performing Arts Coordinator and an Administrative Coordinator.

www.yorktonarts.ca

SUNFLOWER FINE ART CRAFT MARKET IS THE LARGEST UN-JURIED SHOW IN THE PROVINCE.



GODFREY DEAN ART GALLERY INC.

Since the 1950s, the Yorkton Arts Council hosted and organized visual art exhibits in various locations in Yorkton. With the construction of the Godfrey Dean Cultural Centre came two galleries and office space on the second floor of the building, adjacent to the historic Land Titles Building on Smith Street. Through most of the 1990s, the galleries were managed by the Yorkton Arts Council, its volunteer board visual arts committee, and part-time staff.

In November of 2002 the Godfrey Dean Art Gallery was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization, and formally assumed responsibility for visual art education and programming in the gallery in February 2003.

The public programming at the Godfrey Dean Art Gallery responds to the cultural diversity of the Yorkton community. As the only professionally operated public art

gallery within a 150 km radius of Yorkton, the Gallery curates, exhibits and promotes the work of local, provincial, and national contemporary artists.

Through workshops and diverse public programming, the Godfrey Dean Art Gallery strives to fulfill its mandate to educate, entice, and challenge our region within the realm of visual literacy.

Always embracing change, the "Dean" opens exhibits in both galleries about every six weeks. It also opens its doors to the cultural and artistic programming of local organizations and schools, and welcomes performers, poets, and musicians to contribute to the artistic climate of the gallery. The Godfrey Dean Art Gallery itself is an exhibit of imaginative thinking in a contemporary rural society.

www.deangallery.ca

**EXHIBITING
CREATIVITY IN A
CONTEMPORARY
RURAL
ENVIRONMENT.**



THE GOLDEN SHEAF AWARD FOR BEST FILM, WAS FIRST AWARDED IN 1958.

YORKTON FILM FESTIVAL

On an October evening in 1950, a hush fell over the audience. The projector whirred into action, the screen lit up and the sights and sounds of life filled the stillness of city hall. It was the first Yorkton International Documentary Film Festival! The festival was the brainchild of James Lysyshyn, often referred to as “father of the Yorkton International Documentary Film Festival”. Lysyshyn was a young National Film Board field officer, stationed in Saskatchewan with a mandate to set up film councils. Hearing about an arts festival held in Europe, as well as music and science festivals in other parts of Canada, he came up with the idea for a film festival. At the time Yorkton had a very active film council so, Lysyshyn decided to pitch his idea to them. The first meeting with the council met with little success. The council members felt there were not enough new films being produced in Canada but Lysyshyn didn’t take no for an answer. He requested a meeting with the council the next month and presented his new idea for an international documentary film festival. The council liked the idea and the Yorkton International Documentary Film Festival was born. They decided to hold the festival in two years due to the time involved in soliciting entries from foreign countries. Entries for the first festival, in 1950, came from India, Brazil, Denmark, Australia, Switzerland,

Sweden, the United States of America, and Britain. Canada had many entries, including five from Saskatchewan.

Over the years, the festival grew. Wheat fields surrounded Yorkton and wheat was a major product of the prairies. Therefore, the grand prize was ‘The Golden Sheaf’. The first Golden Sheaf was awarded in 1958 to a Czechoslovakian film called “Inspiration.”

Throughout its many years of existence, the Yorkton festival has continued to be successful, due in large parts to the many faithful volunteers, who have stood by through thick and thin. This indomitable spirit makes this festival and others of its kind something we can all be proud of as Canadians. Today, the festival is housed in a modern building in the heart of Yorkton. A full-time Executive Director and Artistic Programmer staff the office, with part-time clerical staff being hired during the months leading up to the festival each spring. Although Yorkton Film Festival celebrations take place the last weekend in May, the Yorkton Film Festival offers films and activities for all ages throughout the year.

www.goldensheafawards.com



YORKTON SPORTS HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM

Yorkton has a rich and varied sporting history. In the Yorkton Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, located beside the Godfrey Dean Cultural Centre, you will find “Hometown Heroes”. Men and women who, individually and in teams, succeeded as athletes and builders, and brought honour to themselves, their sport, and their community, are showcased in the displays. Some of these “Hometown Heroes” include:

- Canadian pro-stock motorcycle racing champion Rick Dawson;
- Clare Drake, who coached women’s national teams in softball and basketball, and the Canadian Olympic hockey team;
- CFL and NHL all-star Gerry James;
- Don Pfeifer, the only international and Olympic volleyball official ever from Saskatchewan;
- Women’s national curling champion Pat Piper;
- Mountain climber David Rodney, who has scaled Mount Everest several times;
- National Special Olympic gold medalist Eddie Cote; Master Bowler Bill Winnitowy and many more, over 50 athletes and teams representing several dozen sports.

The Hall was a longtime dream of Vern Pachal, himself a member. It became reality in 1994, and every year it inducts athletes, builders, and promoters of sport.

WESTERN DEVELOPMENT MUSEUM

The Saskatchewan Western Development Museum (WDM) Story of People is one of four provincial branches which exhibits the social and economic history of Saskatchewan. The Yorkton WDM chronicles the stories and recreates the times and styles of some of the immigrants who settled in Western

Canada and Saskatchewan. From a Ukrainian kitchen to an American bedroom, from the steam traction engine to the Morris Rod-Weeder, exciting exhibits will help you gain insight into the undaunted spirit of the people who came to this land.

www.wdm.ca





YORKTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Yorkton Public Library is a Community Access Program Centre with internet access and computers, free for use to the public. Programs are offered throughout the year for patrons of all ages. The Community pARTners Gallery, in partnership with Yorkton Arts Council, exhibits works by local and Saskatchewan artists. Interlibrary loan services are available as well as a Shut in Service to patrons unable to come to the library. It shares the facilities with the Boys and Girls Club of Yorkton which offers programs after school and evenings during the year. The Pages Past and Present Room

includes local histories from around the region as well as the local newspapers on microfilm back to 1900. The meeting rooms are available for booking through the City of Yorkton.

The children's room offers an early learning computer and educational toys. The Yorkton Public Library has a collection of books, available in print and electronically, as well as magazines, newspapers, movies on DVD and books on CD. The library serves Yorkton and the region.

www.parkland.lib.sk.ca

OTHER CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Folk dancing and the folk arts are encouraged by Yorkton's cultural organizations, especially the Ukrainian community which is strongly represented. The richly decorated dome of St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Rectory, for example, is a tourist attraction for hundreds of visitors each year. Yorkton school bands have won

numerous awards and have participated in events such as the Grey Cup and the Tournament of Roses Parade in California. Community theatre groups, Paper Bag Players and Free My Muse Theatre Company present several productions a year.

www.paperbagplayers.com and
www.freemymusetheatre.com

YORKTON FESTIVALS & ENTERTAINMENT

MARCH

PARKLAND OUTDOOR SHOW AND EXPO

APRIL

YORKTON SPRING EXPO

MAY

YORKTON FILM FESTIVAL

JULY

YORKTON EXHIBITION

AUGUST

THRESHERMEN'S SHOW & SENIOR'S FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER

SUNFLOWER (ARTS & CRAFTS)

NOVEMBER

GRAIN MILLERS HARVEST SHOWDOWN

PARKS AND RECREATION



A beautifully treed city, Yorkton has more than 30 parks and recreation areas offering many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors year round. There are neighborhood parks with playgrounds, barbeque pits, tennis courts, benches, winter skating and

pathways for leisurely strolls. Other, more active areas have fastball and baseball diamonds, football, lacrosse, soccer, playground equipment and two spray pool parks.



SKATEBOARD PARK

The Yorkton Skate Plaza is located at the corner of Broadway and Brodie Avenue. This Plaza was developed as a direct result of a mobilized user community, supportive administration, and a lot of hard work! This

plaza has many stock skatepark features that are loved by all but some unique ones as well, making it a skating destination for the parkland area.



PATRICK PARK DISC GOLF COURSE

Yorkton's disc golf course opened in the spring of 2011. Designed by Joe Hunt and Wayne Harvey, disc golf is similar to regular golf. Instead of using golf clubs and balls aiming for a hole, players use discs and aim for a target basket. This target

basket has a pole extending up from the ground with chains and a basket where the disc lands. The object of the game is to complete each hole in the fewest number of throws. Each hole begins at a tee area and finishes at the basket.



GLORIA HAYDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Gloria Hayden Community Centre is a favorite recreation spot for Yorkton residents. The centre boasts a hardwood floor gymnasium, which accommodates three badminton courts or a tennis, basketball or volleyball court. The centre's two racquet courts have moveable walls making them available for both squash

and racquetball. A 140m rubberized walking track comprised of two lanes is available for running or walking.

The community centre is strategically connected to both M.C. Knoll and St. Michael's Schools.



Jennifer Jones at the 2014 Grand Slam of Curling in Yorkton



GALLAGHER CENTRE

The Gallagher Centre is eastern Saskatchewan's premiere recreation and entertainment complex. The Gallagher Centre is owned and operated by the City of Yorkton, and houses the Farrell Agencies Arena; the Nexera Flexihall, a sports fieldhouse and the home of major trade shows and banquets for up to 1,200; the curling rink; convention centre; leisure water park including wave pool, waterslide, lane pool and more; and several related businesses.

The Gallagher Centre, home to the Yorkton Exhibition Association, provides exhibitors access to over 70,000 square feet of covered show space, horse barns, cattle barns, race track, and grandstand all situated on 65 acres of land located on the west side of Yorkton. The surrounding grounds include agricultural exhibition facilities, grandstand, and racetrack.



Glen Howard at the 2014 Grand Slam of Curling in Yorkton

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The Yorkton Exhibition Association is an organization of volunteers. These volunteers work year round to attract, organize, and provide the public with several community events. Founded in 1883, the Yorkton Exhibition Association continues to fulfill its commitment to promote agriculture and business interests, to educate and inform, to build a sense of community, and to offer a wide range of unique entertainment packages to Yorkton and the Parkland area.

The Yorkton Exhibition Association has five main shows annually: the East Central Bull Power Sale and 4-H Spring Steer & Heifer Show held in March; Yorkton Spring Expo held in April; Summer Fair held in July; and Grain Millers Harvest Showdown held in November. The Exhibition Association acts as the organizer and co participant with local organizations for the two parades held annually in Yorkton - during Summer Fair and welcoming the Christmas season.



Yorkton Terriers - 2014 RBC Cup Champions

YORKTON TERRIERS

In Yorkton, the name Terriers means hockey, and both the team and the sport are an integral part of the community fabric. In the winter of 1972, the senior Prairie Hockey League (PHL) was on its last legs, and that became the catalyst for the birth of the Yorkton Terrier Junior A team. Since the PHL was on the verge of folding, the executive of the Yorkton Terrier senior organization changed its name to the Yorkton Terrier Hockey Club paving the way for adding the word “Junior”. On June 25, 1972, the Yorkton Terriers officially became part of the SAJHL, as the league expanded for the third consecutive year. The Terriers became part of the Northern Division with the Melville Millionaires, Humboldt Broncos, Saskatoon Olympics, and Prince Albert Raiders. Over the decades, the Yorkton Terriers have been under both private and community ownership. It has a home within the Gallagher Centre, at the Farrell Agencies Arena. The Terrier past has been exciting

and colorful, and thanks to the continuing hard work of dedicated volunteers and the support of the community, the future continues to look promising.

In May 2014, the Yorkton Terriers won the 44th Annual National Junior A Championship - the RBC Cup. The Terriers won against the Carleton Place Canadians with a 4-3 overtime victory.

This national championship is the first for the Terriers, who were playing in their fifth all-time appearance at the tournament. The Terriers are the 10th team from the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League to be named the national champions, and the Terriers became just the fourth team to do so since the start of the five-team format in the year 1990.



RAVINE ECOLOGICAL PRESERVE

The Ravine Ecological Preserve consists of a 2.8 km (1.7 mile) hiking trail that works its way through grassland, aquatic and aspen parkland habitat. With the help of many dedicated community volunteers, the park's mandate is to preserve the natural integrity of the site for passive recreational pursuits and ecological education.

Along the trail, a boardwalk crosses over the water. Through the aspen forest, song birds, mammals, amphibians and reptiles make their home. Plants such as saskatoon, chokecherry, hazelnut, twining honeysuckle and wood rose all present themselves to the hiker along the trail. At the arboretum, found in the southwest corner, you will find species of ornamental trees and shrubs hardy to the Yorkton area.



LOGAN GREEN

This natural setting park space is home to the Hearts in Motion Pathway, six kilometers of trail that are perfect for walking, hiking or cycling. Future development includes six new sporting fields and an educational water reclamation site.



SERVICE CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Rotary, Kinsmen, and Lions are all active in community service. Other active groups include: 4-H, Boy Scouts/Girl Guides, Toastmasters International, Beta Sigma Phi and University Women's Club. Fraternal Organizations and their auxiliaries include: Army Navy & Air Force Veteran's, B.P.O.

Elks, Knights of Columbus, Masons, U.C.T. and the Royal Canadian Legion.

For a more comprehensive list of community organizations, please consult the City of Yorkton's Official Leisure Guide at:

www.yorkton.ca



SNOWMOBILING

Saskatchewan has some of the best riding in North America and Yorkton offers the best of the best in the province. We offer some of the most unique riding opportunities in the country. Over 500 km of well marked groomed trails will take you through wide open fields and winding forest routes giving you access to some of nature's most scenic views. With 12 warm up shelters located throughout the trail system you are never far from a place to stop and take a break, have a trail lunch or just meet and trade tales with fellow snowmobilers. The Yorkton

Sno-Riders were the first and are still one of the few clubs that have an agreement with a major city to allow access to the city. Designated marked trails give snowmobilers access to gas, food, hotels and dealers for all four of the major brands of snowmobiles. Yorkton is one of the few cities in the province that you can ride from your motel room door. Trail maps are available from Tourism Yorkton.

www.tourismyorkton.com

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING

Cross-country ski and snowshoe trails are located on the west side of the City, at the Deer Park Municipal Golf Course. The trails begin on the west side of the clubhouse and take advantage of the natural beauty of the area. Four separate trails of various lengths are groomed, by the Yorkton Cross Country Ski Club, on a weekly basis or as needed. An Expert Hill with a 30% grade is located on the southwest corner of the course and pit toilets and benches are at various locations.

The Yorkton Cross Country Ski Club is a great group of skiing enthusiasts who take advantage of all that winter has to offer in Yorkton! They offer fun, family-friendly group activities and ski related events. There is an annual "Learn to Ski" clinic to introduce people to the sport and the local facilities. There are numerous cross country skiing and snowshoe opportunities throughout the Parkland region, at Good Spirit Provincial Park, and Duck Mountain, near Kamsack.

CAMPING AND HIKING

The parkland environment that surrounds Yorkton is ideal for those who love to explore the outdoors. Canoeing, boating, hiking, and cross-country skiing are popular pastimes. Many new year-round developments, especially in the provincial parks and larger lake areas, are easily accessible to Yorkton. The Provincial

Government annually publishes a complete listing of activities and facilities, including schedules and rates. The City of Yorkton operates a summer campground in a well-treed and supervised area within the City. York Lake Regional Park and Good Spirit Provincial Park offer a number of campsites within minutes of the City.

HUNTING AND FISHING

Deer and game birds are plentiful near the city, with moose and elk further north. Qu'Appelle Valley Lakes, Good Spirit Lake, and Madge Lake in the Duck Mountain

Forest Preserve all have good fishing. Hundreds of lakes further north offer a "fisherman's paradise" within an easy half-day drive.



SPORTS

School programs encourage participation and provide instruction in various sports including: volleyball, basketball, football, track and field, baseball and softball. Community leagues are very active with planned activities for sports enthusiasts of all ages and abilities. Sports such as

hockey, soccer, figure skating, swimming, gymnastics, tae kwon do and tennis have nationally accredited coaches and organizations, which regularly practice and plan clinics, competitions and league play. yorkton.ca/dept/leisure/leisureguide.asp

BASEBALL / SOFTBALL

Four regulation size softball/baseball diamonds each with a shale infield are located between Jaycee Beach Park and Gladstone Avenue North. The diamonds play host to the mosquito program of Yorkton Minor Baseball and a number of softball teams of the Yorkton Softball Association. It is complete with concession/washroom facilities. Located west of the Kinsmen Arena on Prystai Way, there is a competition level softball field with shale infield and lights, named Lions Ball Park.

The city's main baseball park, Jubilee Park, is located on Foster Street and is home to the Yorkton Cardinals of the Western Major Baseball League, along with the Yorkton Junior Cardinals and Yorkton Minor Baseball's pee wee, bantam, and midget teams. The park has a number of amenities including a concession, sound booth, and washroom facilities. Yorkton Minor Baseball has also constructed a batting cage. Jubilee Ball Park is home to four diamonds including two senior (one with grass infield), one bantam and one pee wee diamond.

SOCCER PITCHES

To support a popular outdoor sport for all ages in Yorkton, there are numerous soccer pitches located throughout the city within various neighbourhoods. Newer tournament

soccer pitches are under development at the Logan Green area, on the south edge of Yorkton. There will be six pitches with a field house and concession area.



TENNIS COURTS

Located east of the Western Development Museum, there are four competition-level tennis courts. These are open to use at no cost to participants. Four more competition level courts operate under a key co-op system in other areas of the City, where

users must sign out a key and can keep that key for the season. There is reimbursement of the user fee, upon return of the key. The intention of this operation is to allow the tennis facility to operate solely as a tennis facility. The courts are lit until 10:00 p.m.



GOLF COURSES

Golfing is inexpensive and easily accessible in the region. Two of the most popular courses in Yorkton, with grass greens, concession and pro-shops, are Deer Park and York Lake Regional Golf Course.

Good Spirit Lake Golf & Family Resort and Cherrydale Golf are located only minutes from the city. In the winter, some of these courses become popular trails for cross-country skiing.

A COMMUNITY ON THE MOVE

TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC TRANSIT

Yorkton has a regular, scheduled dial-a-bus service and privately owned taxies. Specialty equipped transit vehicles serve the needs for individuals with disabilities. The Society

for the Involvement of Good Neighbours (SIGN) offers a Senior Mobility Program.

RAILWAYS

Yorkton is on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. It is also on the Bay Line which connects the Port of Churchill to

the Canadian National Railway mainline at Melville (38 km southeast).



YORKTON REGIONAL AIRPORT

The Yorkton Regional Airport is located three kms north of Yorkton on Highway #9 occupying a land area of approximately 720 acres. The airport is a base for both private and commercial helicopters and fixed wing aircraft operators. The airport is operational 24 hours per day, seven days a week. The maneuvering area includes two intersecting runways, an adjoining taxiway system, public and private aprons. This regional airport operates with Runway 03-21 (paved, measuring 4,800 ft. by 150 ft.) and Runway 12-30 (graveled surface measuring 3,000 ft. by 100 ft.). Good Spirit Air Service offers charter air services.

www.goodspiritair.com

Flight training, aircraft rentals, crop spraying, aircraft maintenance/ servicing and helicopter operations are provided by the businesses located at the airport. The Yorkton Airport is also used by Westwood Aviation who operates "bank run" courier service twice daily. Occasionally, you may see a C-130 Hercules assisting CANSERA search and rescue operations, small jets, corporate aircrafts, military helicopters, fire fighting helicopters or air ambulance flights.

Over the last few years, Yorkton has seen a remarkable and steady increase in aircraft movements, compared to other smaller cities in Saskatchewan.

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A CARING COMMUNITY



HEALTHCARE

The Sunrise Health Region serves Yorkton and the surrounding communities, and operates the Yorkton Regional Health Centre, the largest in the area. The health centre has 87 beds and provides the following services:

- Operating Room
- 24 Hour Emergency
- Chemotherapy Outreach
- Consulting
- Diagnostic Imaging
- Diagnostic Laboratory
- Hemodialysis
- Intensive Care Unit
- Medicine
- Obstetrics
- Outpatient
- Pediatrics
- Pharmacy
- Respiratory Therapy
- Social Work

The Sunrise Health Region has a 16-slice computerized tomography (CT) scanner to its diagnostic capabilities. Approximately 5,700 scans are performed annually with this equipment, saving patients' time and expense of travelling to larger centers.

The Yorkton and District Nursing Home (YDNH), and Cornerstone Therapies are located near the Yorkton Regional Health Centre. The YDNH facility provides 243 rooms for long-term, palliative care, respite, transitional and convalescence care, seniors' day centre, and various support services, including a chapel. Cornerstone Therapies has physiotherapy and occupational therapy programs. www.sunrisehealthregion.sk.ca

Yorkton residents also have access to a variety of health services in the community, including: dental and physician clinics, optometry and chiropractor services. Other additional community programs are available for children, seniors and others with special care requirements.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES



911 SERVICE

A 911 system is in operation in Yorkton that links emergency callers with the appropriate public resources.



YORKTON RCMP

The City of Yorkton is policed by a city detachment of 27 members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). The surrounding Yorkton areas are policed by

a rural detachment, which also houses the Excise Branch, G.I.S. Branch, Identification, Provincial Police and Highway Patrol.

FIRE PROTECTION

Yorkton Fire Protective Services (YFPS) strives to reduce property loss, and fire related injuries through fire prevention education, code enforcement, home fire safety inspections and youth intervention programs. Members are trained in child safety seat installation and work collaboratively with outside organizations to ensure this program remains effective.

Ongoing training to ensure a safe effective response to a variety of emergency type situations is a priority for the department. Fire Protective Services operates out of a newly constructed, state of the art fire station, providing 24 hour emergency response to an area extending approximately eight km from the fire station into the Rural Municipalities of Orkney and Wallace.

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AMBULANCE

Crestvue ambulance provides 24 hour emergency medical treatment and transport in the city.

OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY



OPEN FOR BUSINESS

There has been phenomenal recent growth along the Saskatchewan/Manitoba border - business is booming in Yorkton.

The city hosts a highly diversified economy of essential industries such as health care, government services, manufacturing, construction, food processing, retail, and the wholesale trade. Yorkton has more than 1,100 registered businesses, employing over 9,000 workers.

A well educated and skilled workforce, moderate property taxes, and stable commercial, industrial and residential sectors have fostered Yorkton's emergence as one of Saskatchewan's most promising economic regions. Recently, Alberta Venture Magazine labeled Yorkton one of the Best Communities for Business in the category of "Community on the Rise".

Yorkton is in the middle of the largest

and richest potash fields in east-central Saskatchewan. Regional and international businesses are investing billions in new ventures and expansion projects, creating new employment, which in turn leads to increased recreation, and residential opportunities. The city knows collaboration is the key to success, and through partnerships with local and regional agencies we assist new and expanding businesses to ensure a bigger, brighter future for the region. The city also offers incentives for business expansion and new business creation while assisting businesses to establish and grow in this community.

Looking for more information why Yorkton and region are great places to invest your time and money? Take a look at our Investment Profile for information on how Yorkton and region is positioned for substantial economic growth in the next five to ten years.

**YORKTON, THE
PERFECT FIT FOR
YOUR BUSINESS!**



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Yorkton Chamber of Commerce has been a vital part of Yorkton since 1898. The Chamber currently represents over 450 businesses. The directors are a diverse group of people who are leaders in the community. These directors share ideas, raise issues and awareness, and advance the interests of membership. They view differences within the community as assets and opportunities, providing a model for respecting and celebrating Yorkton's diversity.

As Yorkton's "voice of business", the Chamber serves as a valuable link between business and government to ensure that the opinions and suggestions of the members are heard at all levels of government. The Chamber also acts as a liaison, serving as an important resource and referral centre. It continues to work hard to represent business and enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Yorkton.

www.yorktonchamber.com

BUSINESS RESOURCES

In collaboration with the Yorkton Economic Development Committee, the city's Economic Development Division provides assistance to new and existing businesses, contributing to the sustainable growth of our community.

Small business loans ranging from \$20,000 to \$150,000 are available through the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce (up to \$20,000) and the Community Futures Ventures Development Corporation (up to \$150,000).

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