

## **14 Reasons to Be a Chamber Member**

- 1. A sound investment in your business** - When you join the Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce you receive values and services that **more than repay** your membership investment.
- 2. Free and discounted rates on advertising** – Chamber members can announce upcoming events and promotions free in our monthly *print and electronic newsletter* that reaches over 1100 businesses & their employees. Increase your target audience by advertising on our *web* at a very reasonable cost.
- 3. Free listings in our business directories** – We make it easy for others to find you by listing your business name in both our print and online directories.
- 4. Special offers and discounts to members only** – Participating Chamber businesses offer discounts to other Chamber members through our Member2Member program – a great way to introduce your product/service to over 1100 businesses. In turn you can shop locally and save – only available to Chamber members. Check out the discounts at [www.grandeprairiechamber.com](http://www.grandeprairiechamber.com).
- 5. Add to your employee benefits package** – Member2Member savings are a great perk for your employees. They too can access savings and discounts at local businesses.
- 6. Post your job openings** – Free for all members at our online career centre **on2careers.com**. You can also view resumes. On2careers is promoted at locally and nationally.
- 7. Special rates at Chamber seminars, workshops and events** – These special rates are available to members, whether you are interested in our educational sessions for yourself or your staff, or you want to join us at special Chamber events such as our annual our Small Business Week celebrations or our golf tournament.
- 8. Networking opportunities** – We'll provide the location, you bring your business cards! *Chamber mixers* are hosted monthly by Chamber members, a great opportunity to network and help your business grow and prosper. Don't forget our array of *events* throughout the year where you can meet other business people!
- 9. Free meeting space in Grande Prairie** – As a Chamber member, you can use – FREE – our board room, which includes flip chart, flat screen TV, internet connection, white board, phone, projector . . . .
- 10. . . . AND free meeting space in downtown Edmonton** – As a Chamber member, you can obtain a debit-sized card that will give you use of free office space for meetings in downtown Edmonton. You'll have access to phone, internet and other business services. A shuttle service direct from the International Airport will get you there quickly.
- 11. Advocating for a better community** – The Chamber listens to the needs of our members and works with government on all levels to make sure your voice is heard. Our advocacy efforts help advance your business and make our community a more attractive place to live, work and do business.
- 12. Discounts on energy and fuel costs** – Your business may qualify for some of our Chamber programs that give you discounts on electricity, natural gas or fuel.
- 13. Custom group benefits packages** – Whether your business is a one-person operation, or you have several employees, we offer group insurance programs that can be customized for your business.
- 14. Referrals** – When you are a Chamber member, we not only make referrals to your business but whenever possible, we use only member businesses for Chamber venues, suppliers and sponsors.

**Membership Pays!!**