



Chamber News

Mid-March 2010

UPCOMING MIXERS

March 18 - MORNING MIXER

Grande Prairie Inn
11633 – 100 Street
(Rotary Room, south end)
7:30 am to 9:00 am

March 25 – EVENING MIXER

Grande Prairie Golf & Country Club
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Sign up for the 2010 Canadian Tire Chamber Classic golf tournament while networking with fellow businesses.

Links

www.grandeprairiechamber.com
Visit and get up-to-date event information!

Reserve Seats for You and Your Employees

State of the County Address & Lunch Guest speaker: *Reeve Everett McDonald*

Our Reeve will share his thoughts on the past year and his vision for the County in 2010.

Tuesday, March 23
Stonebridge Hotel (12101 – 100 Street)
11:45 am to 1:30 pm

Member cost \$30 + GST (non-members \$50 + GST)

State of the City Address & Lunch Guest speaker: *Mayor Dwight Logan*

Our Mayor will share his thoughts on the past year and his vision for the City in 2010.

Tuesday, April 27
Quality Hotel & Conference Centre (11201 – 100 Avenue)
11:45 am to 1:30 pm
Member cost \$30 + GST (non-members \$50 + GST)

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*To reserve your seat for either event,
call the Chamber at 780.532.5340*

Showcase your Business, Build your Brand at our Chamber Business Showcase

Our spring *Chamber Business Showcase* is just over a month away. This is a huge annual event – trade expo and networking opportunity – that brings in hundreds of people interested in learning more about our Chamber members. Booths are already sold out and we've got a great cross section of products and services that will appeal to every industry.

The Chamber Business Showcase will have a fresh new look, with over 50 booths, and plenty of enhanced features. We encourage you to invite a non-member to learn more about the Chamber, our services and the savings programs available to Chamber members.

Thursday, April 29
Crystal Centre (10017 – 99 Avenue)
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Call the Chamber at 780.532.5340 for more information.

Lunch and Learn

Temporary Foreign Workers – Facts, Issues and Myths

Representatives from the Temporary Foreign Worker Advisory Council and the Department of Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism will be joined by local employers speaking about their experiences with the program.

Speakers include:

Nicholas Ameyaw - Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism, Edmonton

Shauna Summers - Manager - Settlement and Community Support, Alberta Employment and Immigration, Edmonton

Lena Bengtsson - Settlement Councilor, Immigrant Settlement Services, Grande Prairie

Ken Park - Manager – Wendy's

Uncover the truth about Temporary Foreign Workers and how their employment in your business works!

Date: Friday, March 19
Time: 11:45 am at Centre 200
Cost: \$25 + GST for Chamber members
\$40 + GST for non-members

To register, call the Chamber office at 780.532.5340

Lunch and Learn

Advantages of Buying Commercial Real Estate for Your Business

Presentations:

Financing Property Today (without the Big Banks)
Pearl Moroz – BDC Terry James – AFSC

Building Costs with Hard Core Examples
Cliff Turner – TurCon United

Opportunities at Railtown on Resources Road
Dale Williams – Williams Schoepp Realty

Keynote Address “How Buying My Own Space Helped Grow My Business”
Tracy Deditch – Assure Lock

Date: Tuesday, March 30
Time: 11:45am at Centre 2000.
Cost: \$25 + GST for Chamber members
\$40 + GST for non-members

To register, call the Chamber at 780.532.5340.

Payroll Course Wages at Work

This one day workshop provides a comprehensive hands-on learning experience designed to provide participants with a better understanding of the rights and obligations of employers and employees under the Employment Standards Code.

This workshop is targeted at business owners, managers, supervisors, human resource practitioners, and payroll and accounting administrators.

Two Dates: Tuesday, April 6
Wednesday, April 7
Time: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Stonebridge Hotel

Cost/day: \$50 + GST for Chamber members
\$75 + GST for non-members

Includes: Continental breakfast, lunch buffet, and all workshop materials

To register, call the Chamber at 780.532.5340.

Canadian Tire Chamber Classic Golf Tournament

Thursday, June 17
Grande Prairie Golf & Country Club

A great way to build teamwork among your employees!

Cost (individual): \$130 + GST for Chamber members
\$175 + GST for non-members

Cost (4-person team): \$520 +GST for members
\$700 + GST for non-members

To register call the Chamber at 780.532.5340
For sponsorship opportunities call Terri at 780.831.9207

Congratulations Grande Prairie!!

The Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce congratulates the 2010 Arctic Winter Games Host Society and its over 2500 volunteers for a job well done.

Thank you Grande Prairie for the overwhelming hospitality you shared with our circumpolar guests from across the international borders!