

# CHAMBER CHAT

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## Director Spotlight

My name is Amy Wright and I was raised on a family farm about 70 miles south east of Swift Current, near Kincaid, SK. My husband and I have two young children, which is what prompted me to open an accounting firm in Warman. The opportunity to work in the city I live in, shorten my daily travel time, and be close to my children during the day was not something I could pass up. I now enjoy more time in the mornings with my children, the option of taking them for lunch, and less rushed afternoons getting to activities. All of this while working closely with my business partner to grow our business in a city I love.

**What is your motto or personal mantra?** Everyone has a choice, even when it seems like there isn't one. The options to choose are not always ideal, but the choice is always there. Make your choice, and stand by it. If you don't like the outcome, figure out how to address it, and then you have the opportunity to choose something else.

**What is one thing you couldn't live without?** My husband. He does so much for our family and has been so supportive of my new business I feel like Thank You doesn't even come close to the gratitude I have for him.

**What has been the most important lesson you have learned as a business owner?** Rely on people who are better than you at doing certain things. Putting people in the right place and doing the right job allows everyone to excel at their strengths.

**What has been one of the biggest benefits of belonging to a Chamber?** As a director I get a front row seat to some great discussion about our amazing city. I have learned so much already, and have much more to learn. I get to have my opinion, but more importantly I get to hear other people's opinions. We all care so much about our city and want to see it thrive, and to be part of a group that is working so hard to improve all aspects of our business community is such a wonderful opportunity for me.

## Chamber Exhibitor Lounge a Great Success

Over 1000 residents from Warman and surrounding area past through the doors of Warman's Open for Business Expo on September 25 & 26th. The Chamber was once again excited to be a part of this successful event by hosting the exhibitor lounge. The traffic through the lounge was steady throughout the two days and it was great connecting with all

the vendors. Thank you to Patina Floor & Décor for putting the finishing touches on the lounge, Firebird Business Consulting for donating the snacks, Colony Coffee for the hot refreshments and, last but certainly not least, to our members who volunteered their time to work in the lounge. The Chamber could not

provide these opportunities without the time, effort and dedication of its many volunteers & sponsors. Thank you!

New to WOBE this year was the Friday night vendor networking session. The response we had from the vendors was astounding and we hope everyone had a great time. We look forward to building on this event in the years to come.



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**DATES TO REMEMBER****October 2015**

- 8** Skilled Trades Workshop
- 13** Chamber Board Meeting
- 15** Business Networking Breakfast hosted by City of Warman, Great Plains College and Warman Chamber of Commerce
- 20** AGM
- 21** Chamber on Tap

**November 2015**

- 3** New Member Orientation
- 10** Chamber Board Meeting
- 18** Chamber on Tap
- 25** Wednesday Wake-Up Business Breakfast. Speaker: Roger Grona with Firebird Business Consulting

Please visit our website by clicking [HERE](#) for more information or to register for any of our upcoming events.

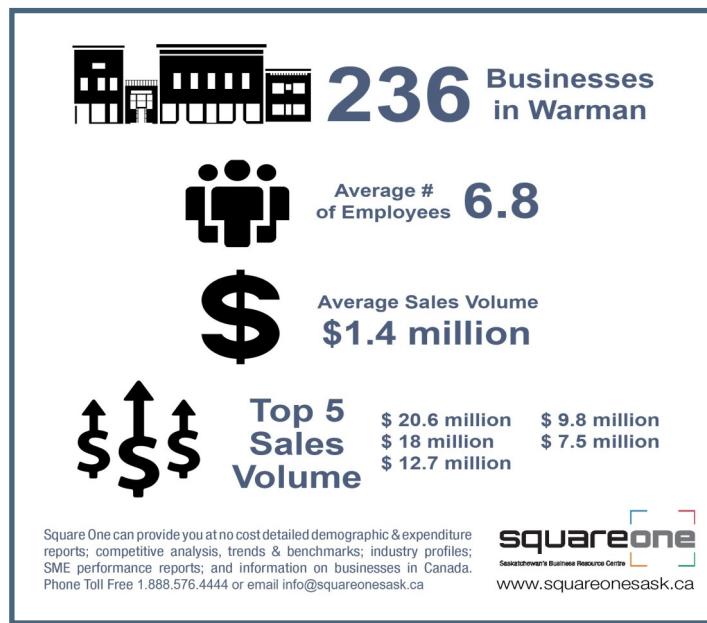
## Become More Involved in the Chamber

It's that time of year again, when we will be saying goodbye to some very valuable individuals who have played a significant role in our Chamber's success. This also provides the opportunity for other members to become more involved by playing an important part in

setting the direction of our chamber. Tributing to building a stronger business community, please contact Jaimie at 306-500-0185 or speak to one of the Directors of various sizes and sectors and reflect for more information. Nomination deadline is October 9, 2015. If you are interested in becoming a Director or joining one of our committees and con-

## Nancy Heppner to Speak at Chamber AGM

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) marks the beginning of a new chamber year. Here, members gather to witness the swearing in of the new president and board of directors. The evening also provides the members with the opportunity to hear what the Warman Chamber of Commerce has been working on and achieved over the past year and some of our goals for the year ahead. We feel very privileged to have the Honourable, Nancy Heppner, MLA Martensville, as our guest speaker for the evening. We would love to have you join us Tuesday, October 20th at 7pm at the Prairie Links Restaurant in The Legends Golf Club.



## Member Orientation

Are you a new Chamber member? Or maybe you've been a member for a while and would like to learn more about what the Chamber is all about. Join us November 3rd for our first Chamber Orientation. This one hour session is designed to help ensure both new & existing members are taking full advantage of the many programs and benefits the Chamber has to offer. Chamber staff will give an informal presentation covering all you need to know to start making your Chamber membership work for you. Our Chamber Plan representative will also be on hand to answer any questions you may have. For more information, click [HERE](#).

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## Importance of Workplace Ergonomics

Haylie Lashta with Warman Physiotherapy & Wellness spoke at our September Wednesday Wake-Up Business Breakfast. Haylie explained how workplace safety, performance and productivity are directly impacted by workplace ergonomics. Haylie addressed attendee questions and provided simple tips that can be made to improve the way things are done lead-

ing to a better work experiences for your employees. If you are interested in having an ergonomic assessment done of your workplace, please contact Haylie at Warman Physiotherapy & Wellness.

Join us for our next Wednesday Wake Up on November 25th. Roger Grona, Firebird Business Consulting will speak on business development.

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## Members in The News

The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce is set to host the ABEX Awards, Saskatchewan's largest celebration of private sector achievement on October 24th, 2015 at TCU Place in Saskatoon. The theme of this year's gala is "The Glitter of Gold".

We thrilled to have two members

from our Chamber that have been selected as finalists. Mike Yager and his team at Spotlight Sport & Corporate Wear are a finalist in the Marketing Award category and Chris Wood with Wood's Body Goods is a finalist in the New Venture Award category. Congratulations to both of these businesses. We wish you the best of luck.

Thank you to Aron Vogt with AVO Bookkeeping for sponsoring September's Chamber on Tap. Chamber on Tap's are held the at 6pm on the third Wednesday of every month at Tosh's Bar & Grill. Interested in hosting or sponsoring a Chamber on Tap? Contact our office.



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## New and Continuing Members

We are delighted to welcome all of our new Chamber members and thank those businesses that show their continued commitment by renewing their membership. We continually strive to connect you to one another and to the community at large. Please visit their website (by clicking on business name) or stop by to introduce yourself.

### NEW MEMBERS

- Minotaur Drilling

### RENEWING MEMBERS

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- RBC, Warman Branch

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### SASKATOON

What? Workshops 1 &2    Where? Ideas Inc (boardroom)

When? Thursday, October. 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:30-8:00PM

### WARMAN

What? Workshops 1 &2    Where? The Wagon Wheel Family Restaurant (Banquet Room)

When? Thursday, October. 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-8:00PM

#### Workshop 1: Planning Your Business (3 hours)

- Get started on your business plan and learn how to talk about your idea. Dive into the market research and operations you'll need to succeed.

#### Workshop 2: Marketing and Cash Flow: The Lifeline of Your Business (3 hours)

- Take a deeper look at the life-line of any business: the tactics used in marketing and how to manage your start-up costs.

# WARMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Warman Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for our Board of Directors. Serving on the Board is a great way to get involved, work with other member businesses and learn more about what our Chamber does behind the scenes. Any member in good standing order is eligible to be on the Board. If a nominee is not a current member, they must agree to become a member before taking their seat on the board. Each elected Director will begin a two year term effective at our AGM scheduled for October 20, 2015.

## **What do directors do?**

Directors participate in the governance of the Chamber of Commerce, determining the focus and direction of the organization each year. Directors are also actively participating as representatives and ambassadors of the business community at various Chamber and community events. This includes attending monthly board meetings, participating at the AGM, appearing at Chamber member events, volunteering with Chamber initiatives, and participating on board committees.

## **When do directors meet?**

The Board of Directors meet at 7pm every second Tuesday of each month. Board members serve two year terms working with the executive committee consisting of a President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

## **Why would I want to be a member of the Warman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors?**

### ◆ Personal Development & Growth

Opportunities to learn new skills, meet new people and participate with a group of community leaders who you can learn from and with. It's a rewarding way to share your skill sets and talents.

### ◆ Professional Development

Provide and fine-tune invaluable professional development skills that can help advance your career (public speaking, networking & leadership experience).

### ◆ Exposure

Make new business contacts, participate in events that expose you to the opportunities for business growth and success.

### ◆ Be Connected

Help to govern a well-organized, well respected and high profile organization in the Warman and surrounding area.

### ◆ Give Back to Your Community

Lend your skills and expertise to help shape the future direction for business in Warman and surrounding area.

### ◆ Fun

Have fun with a group of people who care about Warman.



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If you are interested in serving on the Warman Chamber Board of Directors, please contact our office for more information on the duties and expectations of a director.



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With Guest Speaker  
The Honourable, Nancy Heppner,  
MLA Martensville

Please click [HERE](#)  
to RSVP by October 14, 2015.

For more information:  
Contact our office at 306-500-0185.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

7pm

Prairie Links Restaurant at The Legends Golf Club

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is an important function where we share with you, our members, the exciting happenings from the prior year as well as our goals and plans for the year ahead. Our bylaws will be reviewed and the newly elected Board of Directors will be sworn in. The evening provides an excellent opportunity to meet our Chamber President along with the Board of Directors.

*Join us for an evening of networking, reflection & a positive look to the future!*

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Thursday, October 15, 2015  
7:30-9 a.m.

Twinses Restaurant, upstairs at the Legends Centre – 701 Centennial Blvd.  
Register: 7:30 a.m. • Breakfast served: 7:45 a.m.

Connect with local business leaders and enjoy a complementary hot breakfast.

Featuring speakers from the City of Warman, Great Plains College and the Warman Chamber of Commerce.

RSVP by October 9, 2015, to [tammieb@greatplainscollege.ca](mailto:tammieb@greatplainscollege.ca)  
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