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Newsletter of the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce

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## CANADIAN CHAMBER ISSUES WARNING

A new group called the **Canadian Merchants Association** is aggressively targetting businesses with programs and services.

In gathering information about this group, it has become apparent that part of their sales pitch is to ask merchants to submit statements and other documentation as a form of validation for review. In any situation, providing any information to an unknown party is never a wise practice. Further investigation indicates that this is a "third party" working on behalf of a US-based provider operating out of a Call Centre in the Montreal area.

If you are contacted by Canadian Merchants Association we advise you not to submit any documents (merchant or bank statements). Also, besides varying rate offers which appear on this group's payment processing information, a merchant should be cautious about service and support from a provider that is foreign-based. It is best to deal with known organizations that have a physical presence in Canada.

## BR+E SURVEYS CONTINUE

The *Morden Chamber of Commerce* continues to conduct the **Business Retention & Expansion Survey** and over 2/3 of the target businesses have been surveyed.

The **Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E)** project is a community-based approach to economic development. The objectives are to demonstrate to local businesses that the community appreciates their contribution to the local economy, help them to solve problems, assist in finding programs to help them become more competitive and to build community capacity to sustain their growth & development.

Please make time to participate when you are contacted.

## FREE SEMINARS FROM COMMUNITY FUTURES HEARTLAND

**Community Futures Heartland** offers free video conferencing business seminars in the *Winkler Chamber* Board Room. To register call **1-877-472-7122**. Each seminar is described on their website: [www.cfheartland.ca](http://www.cfheartland.ca).

**July 20** – Search Engine Optimization; **July 21** – Preparing a Winning Business Plan; **July 22** – CRA – Small Business Tax Information Workshop/ Selling & Negotiating to Win; **July 23** – Effective Employee Orientations; **Aug 4** – CBSA Customs Workshop; **Aug 12** – PST: An Introduction/ GST Information Work-shop; **Aug 17** – Search Engine Marketing; **Aug 20** – How to Start a Business in Manitoba.

## COUNTERFEITERS TARGET SEASONAL WORKERS

Summer has arrived, which means that seasonal operations including festivals, museums, and concessions are setting up shop in anticipation of a profitable season.

Counterfeiters know that seasonal businesses handle lots of cash and can become easy targets for those who are looking for opportunities to slip fake bills to busy and sometimes inexperienced cash handlers.

Information on how to quickly check bills for security features and what to do with a suspected counterfeit bill are available at [www.bankofcanada.ca](http://www.bankofcanada.ca).

## TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR MOBC BARBEQUE BALL

The **Manitoba Open Barbeque Championship** organizers are selling tickets for their **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MOBC Barbeque Ball** to be held **Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** in the tent next to Giant Tiger. Tickets are **\$30** each and include a fantastic barbeque supper and entertainment by the Piano Catz from Winnipeg the MOBC Award presentations and door prizes including a Broil King Barbeque.

Organizer **Perry Hopkins** suggests that this would be a perfect corporate gift for employees or valued customers. Call him at **822-8090** before **July 31<sup>st</sup>** for tickets.

## CORN & APPLE FESTIVAL LOTTERY TICKETS AVAILABLE

The *Morden Corn & Apple Festival* **300 Club Lottery** tickets for 2009/10 are now available from the members of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Please generously support this important project that provides for the Festival's capital requirements.

## COMING EVENTS

- July 17- Mountain Man Rendezvous  
19 – Stanley Park  
19/26 Free Public Skating – 7 –  
8:30 p.m. – Comm. Centre  
20 Blood Donor Clinic –  
Community Centre  
20 Town Council Meeting –  
Civic Centre  
22-25 Poor Theatre Co presents  
"Playing Doctor" – Kenmor  
23 **Farmers' Market – 4 –  
6:30**  
24-26 International Golf Tourna-  
ment – Minnewasta GCC  
26 Cripple Creek Music  
Festival – S of Morden  
30 **Farmers' Market – 4 –  
6:30**  
Aug 6 **Corn & Apple Committee  
Meeting – Friendship Ctr**  
6 **Farmers' Market–4– 6:30**  
12 Window on the Arts – Arts  
Centre – 6-9 pm  
13 **Farmers' Market-4-6:30**  
21-23 **Morden Corn & Apple  
Festival**

## OF MEMBERS & MORE

The Morden Chamber welcomes our newest member **Lisa Dyck** **Massage Therapy** at **407 – 10<sup>th</sup> Street**. Call Lisa at **822-1227**.

The up-to-date list of **Morden Corn & Apple Festival** activities and events is now available on the Festival website [www.cornandapple.com](http://www.cornandapple.com).

The **Festival Event Brochure** is now at the printers and will be available for distribution soon.

Remember that the Festival will take place on the **4<sup>th</sup> Weekend of August**, that's **August 21, 22 and 23, 2009**.

The **Morden Community Services Dept** is excited about their sizzling rates for **Summer Ice Rentals**. With every booking qualify to win 2 hours of ice plus a Zamboni photo. Call **822-5431** or [www.mordenmb.com](http://www.mordenmb.com). Also Skate Free every Sunday in July from 7 to 8:30 p.m.