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MANITOBA CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Dialogue on Older Workers in Manitoba

Manitoba businesses are in the midst of a workforce crisis. Their workers are growing older and it is increasingly difficult to recruit knowledgeable and experienced employees. As a result, firms, governments and communities are encouraging older workers to remain in the workforce or helping them return.

The Manitoba Chambers of Commerce (MCC) and the MB Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat have entered into an agreement to establish a partnership regarding the Age-Friendly Manitoba Initiative.

Over the coming months, MCC is undertaking a "dialogue" with business, older workers and Manitoba communities across the province. One goal is to engage businesses in the task of making Manitoba and its communities more age-friendly.

You can help make a difference.

We need your input whether you are an older worker, a Manitoba business, or a community leader or organization. Go to our Internet site now and complete one of the surveys: www.agefriendlymanitoba.ca

PLANNING BEGINS FOR MB. JOB FAIR FOR NEWCOMERS

Laurie Sawatzky, Executive Director for Settlement & Employment Services will soon be attending a planning meeting for the **Manitoba Job Fair for Newcomers**. The Job Fair will be held at the **Winnipeg Delta Hotel** on **Tuesday, September 29th** and is intended to promote jobs in rural communities to immigrants who are living in Winnipeg, but want to live and work in a rural community.

Laurie would appreciate some feedback from local employers: **What is your sense of the economic condition in this area?** and: **Would you be ready to participate?** Contact **325-4059 ext 2223**.

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:

May 27 – Recruitment & Selection; **May 28** – Starting a Business in Manitoba.

BR+E SURVEYS START

The *Morden and District Chamber of Commerce* is proudly sponsoring the **Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E)** project which is a community-based approach to business and economic development. Our goal is to support local business in the creation of effective and well-managed economic development that leads to increased opportunity and quality of life in our community. By helping the community learn about the issues and concerns of local business, priorities can be set for projects to address those objectives.

The *Chamber of Commerce* is training volunteers to conduct the **Business Retention & Expansion Survey** and the target businesses are now being contacted to arrange visits. We are mindful of busy schedules and appreciate one hour of your time for this important survey.

YOU KNOW IT'S SUMMER WHEN...

... The Morden Tourist Information Centre opens and the Corn & Apple Festival Administrative Assistant starts in the Chamber of Commerce office.

The *Morden & District Chamber of Commerce* has hired **Josh Banman** to coordinate the **Tourist Information Centre** for the summer. The Centre will be open Thursday to Sunday each week until the end of June and then the hours will be extended with the help of volunteers for the remainder of the summer. Anyone interested in volunteering to spend a good time meeting and greeting visitors to Morden please contact the Chamber office at **822-5630**.

The *Corn & Apple Festival* committee has hired **Kiera Sigurdson** as **Administrative Assistant**. Kiera started Tuesday, has completed orientation and has started working on Street Space applications. Hers will be the fresh, friendly voice answering the phone in the office for the rest of the summer.

COMING EVENTS

- 22-23 Danceworks Recital – Community Centre
- 25 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
- 28 **Farmers' Market Re-organization Meeting – Kin Room - Community Centre - 7:00 p.m**
- 30 Morden & Dist. United Way Day of Caring – Tourist Info Centre. Call Randy Penner at 822-4070
- Jun 4 Corn & Apple Festival Committee Meeting – Friendship Centre**
- 5 Heritage Day – Pemb Thresherman's Museum
- 6 Alzheimer Memory Walk – Tabor Home – 10 a.m.
- 6 Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Banquet – Community Centre
- 7 Back 40 Folk Festival – Morden Park
- 9 **Chamber of Commerce Executive Meeting - MMI**
- 13 Home Hazardous Waste Day – Firehall 10 am – 2 pm
- 14 Steps for Pets Walkathon – Morden Park 1:30 p.m.
- 15 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre

OF MEMBERS & MORE

The Morden Chamber is pleased to welcome our newest Member, **Penner Waste Inc**; who provides waste management services, garbage and recycling removal. Call **Barb Penner** at **331-4285**.

The **Service Canada Centre for Youth** is now open at **158 Stephen Street**. Call **Tim Knight** at **822-7383** for help to find the right young summer employee for your business.

The **Morden Chamber** is working on plans for a better, more exciting **Golf Tournament**. Soon **Carol Fehr** will be contacting Members with new opportunities for you to promote your business, service or products to other members at this event. For more information call **822-5630**.