



# JUST THE FAX

Newsletter of the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce

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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. It is increasingly difficult to recruit knowledgeable and experienced employees. Given these challenges, firms, governments and communities are turning to older workers to get them to remain in the workforce or help them return.

The Manitoba Chambers of Commerce (MCC) and the Manitoba 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 Manitoba 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](http://www.agefriendlymanitoba.ca)

On a local note the **Morden Friendship Centre** is spearheading a committee to look at ways to make Morden more Age Friendly – whether that is working with business people to discuss ways to make their stores more accessible, promoting "senior scooter parking spots", lighter entrance doors, larger print on brochures, flyers, etc. or whatever. The committee is holding their first meeting at the **Friendship Centre** on **Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** and they welcome more members and ideas. Call Pat Plett at 822-3555 for more information.

## FREE SEMINARS FROM HEARTLAND COMMUNITY FUTURES

**Heartland Community Futures Development Corp** 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):

**May 14** – Survey Design for Customer Research; **May 20** – Tax Tips for Small Business; **May 27** – Recruitment & Selection; **May 28** – Starting a Business in Manitoba.

## BR+E SURVEYS START SOON

The Chamber of Commerce is now preparing to train volunteers to conduct the **Business Retention & Expansion Surveys** with Morden businesses. The selected businesses will be contacted soon to arrange visits. We request one hour of your time for this important program.

## MANITOBA HOMECOMING 2010

### Last Chance to Vote for Morden

**MORDEN** has been chosen as one of the five finalists competing to be the host community for the **Manitoba Day** celebration on **May 12, 2010**. We have been told that there are less than 300 votes separating 1<sup>st</sup> and last place so we really have to work hard to get all our friends & family near and far to cast their votes for Morden by **TODAY** on the Homecoming website:

[www.manitobahomecoming2010.com](http://www.manitobahomecoming2010.com)

*Click on "Vote" then go to the bottom of the page and choose "Morden".*

## LET THE PASSPORT ADVENTURES BEGIN

In 2008 four local Museums, Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre, Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame, Pembina Thresherman's and Darlingford School Museums banded together and created a Passport Adventure to promote their attractions to a larger number of potential visitors. That worked so well that nine other attractions located between La Riviere and Morris have jumped onto the bandwagon.

On **Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** those attractions invite all to attend the **Official Launch of the "Pembina Valley Passport Adventure 2009"** at the **Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum** located at the **Morden Community Centre**; Displays and Refreshments at 5:00 and Official Program at 5:30 sharp.

Call **325-7497** or email [info@threshermuseum.com](mailto:info@threshermuseum.com) to R.S.V.P.

## COMING EVENTS

- 7-9 Library Book Sale – Community Centre
- 8-9 Morden & Dist. Horticultural Society Plant Sale – 2 to 5 pm - Morden Co-op
- 9 Big Brothers/Big Sisters Fundraising BBQ 11 – 2 – Canadian Tire Parking Lot
- 11 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
- 12 **MANITOBA DAY**
- 12 **Chamber of Commerce Executive Meeting - MMI**
- 12 Ladies Night Out – St. Paul's United Church. Call 822-4508 for information
- 12 Age Friendly Manitoba Meeting – Friendship Centre
- 14 Ecole Morden Middle School Jazz Concert – Comm. Centre
- 14 Pembina Valley Passport Adventure 2009 – MB Baseball Hall of Fame – Community Centre
- 21 Grade 5 Musical – Comm. Centre
- 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

## OF MEMBERS & MORE

The **Morden Corn & Apple Festival Committee** welcomes two new Chairpersons: **Duncan Patterson** taking over **Parade Luncheon** and **Monica Friesen** of the Pembina Hills Art Gallery who will be responsible for registering **Buskers** during the Festival.

Co-Chairpersons **Carol Fehr** and **Doug Jones** are still looking for a volunteer to chair the **Free Corn Committee** for 2009. Anyone interested is asked to call the **Chamber Office** at **822-5630**.