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TOO LONG? TOO SHORT? JUST RIGHT?

Recently the subject of work week hours has been discussed. Manitoba's work week has been set at 40 hours for many years now – in today's business climate, is this still viable? Or should we consider changing it?

It seems that with some trades there is too much work to accomplish in 40 hours without increasing costs through overtime.

Is this a function of too much work; not enough staff; scheduling issues; or not enough hours in the day?

What do you think?

MORDEN CHAMBER NEWSLETTER ON MANITOBA CHAMBERS WEBSITE

The *Morden Chamber of Commerce* newsletter, published and circulated weekly and posted on our website is now available on the larger provincial stage, the **Manitoba Chambers of Commerce website**.

Issues and events of importance to Morden Chamber members have the advantage of a larger discussion group and the opportunity for more ideas and solutions.

In addition the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce website offers a large amount of information and a number of tools to benefit your business. Check it out at www.mbchamber.mb.ca.

FREE SEMINARS FROM COMMUNITY FUTURES HEARTLAND

Community Futures Heartland offers free video conferencing business seminars in the *Winkler Chamber* Board Room. All seminars are open to everyone whether you are just starting a business or have been in business for many years. The information provided in these ½ day events are topical and will give you tips and tools to improve the way you handle many different situations. To register call **1-877-472-7122**. Each seminar is described on their website: www.cfheartland.ca.

Nov 2 – Seven Business Questions for Artists; **Nov 3** – Opportunities & Pitfalls of High Risk Capital; **Nov 6** – How to Buy a Franchise; **Nov 9** – Time Management & Goal Setting; **Nov 10** – Developing Proposals; **Nov 12** – Comment lancer une entreprise au Manitoba; **Nov 13** – Financial Fitness for Self-Employed Entrepreneurs; **Nov 16** – Exporting Your Cultural Product or Service – Panel Discussion; **Nov 17** – GST Information Workshop/PST: An Introduction to Provincial Sales Tax; **Nov 18** – Networking Out Loud – Networking for Artist Entrepreneurs.

BR+E SURVEYS COMPLETED

The *Morden Chamber of Commerce* has now completed the survey portion of the **Business Retention & Expansion** Project and wishes to thank the 80 businesses that took the time to provide answers to our survey questions.

The data has been compiled and is now in the hands of our Consultant who is writing the final report and recommendations.

The report will be ready for presentation to community stakeholders on **Thursday November 19th at 12:00 noon** in the **Morden Friendship Centre**.

OLYMPIC TORCH WILL SHINE IN MORDEN

The **Olympic Torch** will be traveling through Morden on **Thursday January 7, 2010**. A local committee is already working to coordinate community, school and downtown activities for that day.

This committee is looking for ideas to involve businesses that are Olympics themed such as gold/silver/bronze sales, restaurant menu items, decorations, games, etc.

At the recent **Women in Business breakfast** co sponsored by the *Morden & District Chamber of Commerce* and *Manitoba Agriculture, Food & Rural Initiatives*, there was a great deal of interest in a "Retail Relay". Watch for more information on this.

Do you have any other ideas or do you wish to participate? Call the Chamber Office **822-5630**.

COMING EVENTS

- Nov 3-28 *Cool Summer Winds Photography Exhibition by Reg Braun – Art Gallery*
- 7 **Christmas Arts & Crafts Sale – Community Ctre**
- 8 *Remembrance Day Tea & Bake Sale - Legion*
- 9 & 30 *Town Council Meetings*
- 10 *Remembrance Day Banquet – Legion hall*
- 11 **Remembrance Day – Morden Community Ctr**
- 12-14 **H1N1 Immunization Clinic – Comm. Centre**
- 13 **Morden Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony – Kinsmen Suncatch Coffee House at Friendship Centre to follow**
- 14 *Country Lane Kennels Grand Opening & Open House. Call 822-3129.*
- 17 **Chamber of Commerce Executive Meeting**
- 19 **BR+E Stakeholders Meeting–Friendship Ctr**
- 29 Tom Jackson Concert "Singing for Supper" – Morden Alliance Church. – Tickets at Thornview Grocery

OF MEMBERS & MORE

There will be no *Chamber of Commerce* newsletter for the next two weeks due to Manager's vacation. **Donna Barnet** will be staffing the office, answering the phone and responding to inquiries during this time.

Planning continues for the annual **Christmas Lighting Ceremony** on **November 13th**. Are you interested in helping out? Call **Pat Plett** at **822-3555** or **James Steedsman** at **822-3298**.

Barb & Walter Petkau, Country Lane Kennels will be holding their **Grand Opening** on Saturday, **November 14th from 2 to 4 p.m.** From the RCMP Station, 2 mi North on 432, to Rd #15, turn West, ½ mile.