



JUNE 2021

CHAMBER CHAT



NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I'd like to introduce myself to you as the new Executive Director of the Chamber, my name is Nicole Batty. I am very excited to be contributing to such an important organization in our community.

As I learn about the Chamber's past and ongoing projects, two things have become apparent to me: the passion of the organization's Board Members and the dedication of my predecessor. I would like to take a moment to thank Glen Hall for his years of service to the Chamber of Commerce and to Assiniboia's business district. Due to Glen's commitment and hard work, this Chamber grew to 130 members and offered the community many exceptional projects and events.

I look forward to continuing his work and to collaborating with our local businesses. While the Chamber will not be resuming regular operating hours, we can be reached by our new email address:

assiniboiadistrictchamber.sk@gmail.com

VIRTUAL MOOSE JAW MARKETPLACE

The City of Moose and the Moose Jaw District Chamber of Commerce have created a new marketplace where consumers can shop local businesses online. Businesses in Assiniboia and other communities can now join the 75+ businesses selling their products online at www.moosejawmarketplace.ca for no-cost.

Whether you have a bricks and mortar store or sell exclusively online, you can promote your goods and services by selling your products on the Marketplace. This innovative platform is helping businesses thrive by making it easier for customers to shop local during these challenging times. The marketplace allows shoppers to purchase items from multiple businesses by visiting one easy-to-use site.

It only takes a minute to sign-up and there are no fees to join. For more information visit moosejawmarketplace.ca or contact the administrators at moosejawmarketplace@gmail.com.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Monday, June 28, the Chamber of Commerce will host their 2021 Annual General Meeting. Chamber members and the community are invited to join the virtual event. The AGM will include the election of the Chamber's Board officials, presentation of the organization's reviewed financial statements, the appointment of auditors, as well as celebrating the past year of operations.

The meeting will begin at 12:00 pm with options for members to join in-person at the Assiniboia Canalta or virtually by visiting <http://bit.ly/ChamberAGM2021>. The virtual meeting option will be hosted through Zoom (Meeting ID 929 2825 3668 passcode: Chamber) Due to gathering restrictions the event will be open to the first 19 people in attendance. Please note that due to COVID-19 restrictions there will be no food or beverages provided at this year's event. We are looking forward to seeing you at the 2021 Annual General Meeting.



CHAMBER CHAT ADVERTISING

The Chamber will continue the monthly Chamber Chat newsletters. Moving forward, the newsletter will be emailed to our members and subscribers on the first business day of each month. With a new look, the newsletter will now provide brief articles updating our members and residents on upcoming events, changes at the Chambers, and beneficial info for business operators.

If there is interest from our local businesses, we will continue including the text-only ads in the Chamber Chat. Each member can have one ad per issue (no graphics or photos) for no cost. To have your ad included in a newsletter please email your message, at a maximum of 30 words, by the 20th to be included in the following month's newsletter.

Email your messages by the 20th of each month to assiniboiadistrictchamber.sk@gmail.com

The Chamber will also continue sending paid advertising to our email subscribers on behalf of members. You can have your message, ad or poster emailed to our subscribers at any time. Paid email advertising is only \$5.⁰⁰ for Chamber members, \$20.⁰⁰ for non-members.

RAPID COVID-19 TESTING

The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Saskatchewan Health Authority to help implement a rapid COVID-19 testing program for Saskatchewan businesses.

The COVID-19 Test to Protect Program is aimed at supporting healthy workplaces through the early detection of the COVID-19 virus.

The testing kits now available for Saskatchewan businesses are intended to help identify asymptomatic individuals to protect our workplaces and communities. According to the SHA website, “the Test to Protect Program is a COVID-19 screening tool (not used to diagnose) for staff, and in approved cases, client populations, through the use of a nasal swab and rapid test which provides a result in roughly 15 minutes.”

Rapid testing does not replace the need for personal protective equipment or following the established public safety measures.

The SHA has created a simple step-by-step process to register for the Test to Protect Program. All businesses and agencies are encouraged to apply.

For more information on registering your business to receive training and testing kits, visit: <http://bit.ly/SHArapidtesting>

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

The Assiniboia and District Chamber would like to hear your feedback on the organization’s events and services.

We’ve created a brief online survey and are kindly asking that you take a quick moment to fill it out. This survey is intended for Chamber members and non-members. The responses will be kept anonymous.

Your answers to this 5-question survey will help us evaluate the effectiveness of our Chamber of Commerce so we can improve our services and offer businesses the best value for their membership. Your feedback will help us decide which projects and services will generate more business activity for our district.

To complete the Google Forms survey go online and visit: bit.ly/assiniboiachambersurvey

If you would prefer to complete the survey questions over the phone, please feel free to call the Chamber at 306-642-5553.

We value the feedback and appreciate you taking the time to complete our quick survey.