

## Assiniboia Chamber Welcomes New 2009-2010 Executive & Board of Directors

**A**t the 79th Annual General Meeting and Anniversary Dinner, held May 11, 2009 at the Terrace Fifty-Five Restaurant, the Assiniboia Chamber of Commerce installed its 2009-2010 Executive and Board of Directors. Peak of the Market President/CEO Larry McIntosh was the Guest Speaker and also administered the Oath to the new Executive and Board.

Gerry Glatz (Teledisc Systems Ltd.) was installed as Chair; Gail Shimonek (Red River College) is 1st Vice-Chair; Pierre Morier (Morier Benefits) is 2nd Vice-Chair; George Steciuk (GNG Nutritionals) is Past Chair; Jim Forestell (Rotary Club of Charleswood) is Secretary; Kathy Olson (RBC-Portage & Collegiate) is Treasurer. Ernie Nairn is Executive Director.

The Board of Directors include: Don Bain (Pinnacle Communications & Design Group); Brian Brglez (The Bridge Church); Bruce MacKay (General Manger- Holiday Inn Airport West); Ed Thompson (Money Concepts-Charleswood); Raunora Westcott (National Leasing); Andrew Earle (Chapel Lawn Funeral Home); Del Halliday (CMA); Ken Loxton (CDT Production Group); Jack McLaughlin (PAL Distribution Group); Eva Rempel (Winnipeg Airports Authority Inc.).

The Assiniboia Chamber of Commerce is proud to be celebrating its 79th year of providing service to and representing the 4000 businesses and over 100,000 citizens that operate businesses and live in West Winnipeg. The Assiniboia Chamber's boundaries include the federal constituency of Assiniboia, and the civic electoral wards of St. Charles, Charleswood -Tuxedo and St. James-Brooklands which includes the James Armstrong Richardson International airport area.



### 2009-2010 Executive Directors:

(L-R) George Steciuk (Past Chair), Larry McIntosh, Gerry Glatz (New Chair), Gail Shimonek (1st Vice Chair), Jim Forestell (Secretary), Pierre Morier (2nd Vice Chair).



### 2009-2010 Board of Directors:

(L-R) Front Row: Ed Thompson, Del Halliday, Larry McIntosh, Eva Rempel, Jack McLaughlin and Raunora Westcott. (L-R) Back Row: Andrew Earle, Bruce MacKay, Ken Loxton, Don Bain, and Brian Brglez (missing).



message  
from  
the Chair...

As the incoming Chair for the Assiniboia Chamber of Commerce, I would like to thank the new Executive and Board of Directors, installed at our 79th Annual General Meeting on May 11, 2009, for agreeing to serve during the fiscal year 2009-2010.

Your new Executive and Board of Directors are excited about the many great projects that are planned for our West Winnipeg Chamber area. The new Greyhound Bus Depot will be opening soon, and construction of the new James Armstrong Richardson International "state-of-the art" terminal is progressing well. We look forward to its Grand Opening in either the late summer or

fall of 2010.

We are also pleased to see over \$212 million in Centre Port Canada infrastructure money was recently approved by the Federal and Provincial Governments and the appointment of a new CEO to direct this major project will take place soon. The President of the Treasury Board, The Honourable Vic Toews will be the Guest Speaker at our October 15th luncheon.

Margaret Redmond, the newly appointed President/CEO for the Assiniboine Park Conservancy has now set a price tag of \$180 million for an ambitious makeover of the city's primary green space.

The plan is to complete this decade long transformation in stages, with 75% of the cost provided by the 3 levels of government and the rest of the funding coming from private donations and the corporate sector.

We look forward to having Ms. Redmond expand on these plans as the Guest Speaker at our September 17th luncheon.

Our Chamber membership numbers continue to grow. We hope all our members will continue to support and attend our fall and winter monthly luncheons and take advantage of these events and continue networking and do business with each other.

We are always pleased to hear your ideas or suggestions to improve business and employment opportunities in our Chamber area and encourage you to call the Chamber office at 774-4154 at any time.

*Gerry Glatz  
Chair, Assiniboia Chamber of  
Commerce*



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## Welcome New Chamber Members!

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Auto Gallery of Winnipeg Inc., 3777 Portage Ave.

A & S Homes, 101-990 Lorimer Blvd.

Canada's Canine Academy, Unit 12- 360 Keewatin St.

Chocolatier Constance Popp, 1853 Portage Ave.

Community Safety Program, 3240 Portage Ave.

Deer Lodge Centre Foundation, 2109 Portage Ave.

Fazes Hair Studio – 3514 Roblin Blvd.

Global Alternative Treats Ltd., 702 Park Blvd. South

GMD Fuel Ltd., Co-op Gas Bar, 332 Reg Wyatt Way

HomeDeals Financial Group, Suite 307, 1661 Portage Ave.

Kelly Galbecka Hairstyling, 2369 Ness Ave.

Marcel's Hair Design, 194 Lockwood St.

MESH Technologies Inc. 15-395 Berry St.

Military Family Resource Centre, 102 Comet St.

Simco Marketing, 937 Lemay Ave.

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# Assiniboia Chamber Members Receive Special Recognition

The Assiniboia Chamber is pleased to extend congratulations to the following members who have recently received special awards and reached milestone accomplishments.

On May 29, 2009, **Bison Transport**, a leader in North American Trucking Operations, celebrated 40 Years of Service to the Transportation Industry. Owned by Duncan M. Jessiman, Chairman of the Board, Bison Transport has become one of Canada's top transportation companies, with more than 1050 tractors, 3000 trailers and almost 1,600 professional drivers and transportation staff. Bison Transport operates terminals throughout Canada.

The Assiniboia Chamber of Commerce congratulates Bison Transport on their great achievements and significant growth over the past 40 years.

**Auto Gallery of Winnipeg Inc.** Co-owners Gord Pederson and Dan Gagnon, located at 3777 Portage Avenue, received their third Consumer's Choice Award in a row, in the used car dealer category for their level of service as chosen by the general public. Earlier this year, they also received a Top Choice Award in the used car category for the second year in a row.

**The Polo Park Shopping Centre** was recently awarded the Building Owners & Management Association of Manitoba 2009 Earth Award in the shopping centre category. The shopping centre achieved the highest assessment scores in its BOMA BEST certification. In October 2008, Polo Park was the first shopping centre in the province to achieve BOMA BEST accreditation. The property demonstrated strong programs and results in energy and water management, emissions and effluents, waste reduction, indoor environment and environmental management systems.

Congratulations to Deborah Green and the entire management team at Polo Park Shopping Centre on their 50th Anniversary Celebrations, that were held on Thursday, August 20, 2009.

## Industry Canada Announces Increase on Maximum Loan Size to Small Business Financing Program

Small businesses are an important part of Canada's economy, but face unique challenges when they look for financing. The Canada Small Business Financing Program can help you and your financial needs.

Under the program, the Government of Canada makes it easier for small business owners to get loans from financial institutions by sharing the risk with the lenders. The program's main objectives are to help new businesses get started and established firms make improvements and expand and also improve access to loans that would otherwise not be available to small businesses. On average, the program helps small business access 10,000 loans worth more than \$1 billion each year.

Small businesses operating for profit in Canada, with gross annual revenues of \$5 million or less are eligible. Up to a maximum of \$500,000 is available for any one business, of which no more than \$350,000 can be used for purchasing leasehold improvements or improve leased property and purchase or improve new or used equipment. Loans can be used for financing up to 90% of the cost.

Canadian financial institutions deliver this program. Industry Canada does not participate in making the decision to accept or refuse the loan application. All you need to do is discuss your business needs with a financial officer at any bank, caisse populaire, or credit union in Canada. The financial office will review your business proposal and make a decision on your loan application. Once the decision is made to offer financing under this program, the financial institution will register the loan with Industry Canada.

*Your comments are always welcome*

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## Winnipeg Airport Authority Announces Exciting Concessions for New Terminal

On July 7, the Winnipeg Airport Authority Inc. announced the exciting and new concessions that will operate in the new James Armstrong Richardson International airport terminal building. The new terminal is expected to see its official opening either in the late summer or early fall of 2010.

The Paradies Shops, named the Best Airport Retailer for the past 14 years, operates over 500 stores in more than 70 locations across the United States and Canada. They will oversee the national brands of **PGA Tour Shops, CNBC News, Rosetta Stone**, as well as two local Winnipeg businesses **McNally Robinson Booksellers** and **Toad Hall Toys**.

SSP Canada Food Services Inc. with over 60 years experience in the food services industry and 26,000 employees across 31 countries, serving millions of customers every week, will oversee the food and beverage brands. The brands available in the new terminal will include **TGIF Fridays, Upper Crust Bakery, Stella's Cafe & Bakery, Tim Horton's, Gondola Pizza, Salisbury House, Rice Tales** featuring traditional Japanese, Chinese, Thai and Filipino cuisine and **Starbucks**.

Construction of the new Greyhound Canada Bus Depot is almost completed. This new bus cargo facility is expected to have its official opening in late August and begin operations by September 1, 2009.

WAA campus tenant, Standard Aero recently signed a 15-year agreement for more than \$850 million to service engines powering West Jet's 737 next-generation aircraft. The Manitoba Government announced a reduction in aviation fuel tax for cargo flights from 3.2 cents per litre to 1.5 cents per litre as of July 1st, and expanded the tax exemption for international flights to include all cargo flights to and from the United States. In support of the proposed Centre Port Canada project, the Governments of Canada and Manitoba committed more than \$212 million in infrastructure funding.

For the six months ended June 30, 2009, approximately 1.7 million passengers passed through the airport terminal and represented a 4.9% decrease over the same period in 2008. Consolidate revenues were \$19.6 million for the second quarter, an increase of 6.6% over the same period in 2008. Operating costs were \$9.4 million for the quarter, also an increase of 7.8 % from the previous year. Earnings before interest, income taxes and amortization (EBITDA) were \$10.2 million for the quarter, an increase of 5.5% over 2008. Net income was \$7.3 million for the quarter (2008-\$6.7 million).

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Employment opportunities vary, depending upon personal preferences, ability and prior work experience. Many graduates have been accepted into management training program with banks, insurance companies and other financial institutions. Others have found rewarding careers in small business and some have gone on to start their own enterprises. Many graduates have gone on to executive positions in business and government.

Business Administration graduates qualify for admission into RRC's advanced diploma program in International Business and are articulated with the University of Manitoba, the University of Winnipeg, Brandon University, the Certified General Accountant and Certified Management Accountant programs and numerous other universities across Canada and the United States.

Please contact Gail Shimonek, Chair Applied Commerce & Management Education at 632-2423 for any additional information you may require on the program or information on how to register.

# Assiniboia Chamber Member Profiles

## Winnipeg Military Family Resource Centre

Military families are the strength behind the uniform, and the Winnipeg MFRC is here to help them. We are a provincially incorporated, non-profit registered charity. We are governed by a volunteer board of directors, comprised of a minimum 51 per cent of military spouses.

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For more information, or to find out how you can partner with us, please contact 833-2500 ext 4500, email [wpgmfrc@autobahn.mb.ca](mailto:wpgmfrc@autobahn.mb.ca) or visit [www.mfrc.mb.ca](http://www.mfrc.mb.ca).

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# Assiniboia Chamber Events Calendar

## September and October 2009

- Thursday, September 17, 2009 – **Member's Monthly Luncheon**, Victoria Inn & Convention Centre, 1808 Wellington Avenue, 12 Noon. Guest Speaker: Margaret Redmond, President & CEO Assiniboine Park Conservancy.
- Thursday, October 15, 2009 – **Member's Monthly Luncheon**, Greenwood Inn, 1775 Wellington Avenue, 12 Noon. Guest Speaker: The Hon. Vic Toews, President of the Treasury Board.

Saturday, October 17, 2009

### The Second Annual Assiniboia Chamber Lobster Fest Dinner

will be held at the Westdale Community Centre, 550 Dale Boulevard. (6:00 pm to 11:00 pm)

Tickets are \$40.00 per person (or) Corporate Tables of 8: \$300

(Save \$20.00 on a Corporate Table)

An Alternate Chicken Dinner choice is available for \$25.00 per person.

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There will also be featured Rainbow & Silent Auctions and a Music DJ and Dancing

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**All Assiniboia Chamber  
Members, their Guests and  
Non-Members are welcome  
to attend all of these events.**

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