



Homegrown Success event to focus on talent attraction

With Regina’s economy reaching a vital juncture, the Regina & District Chamber of Commerce (RDCC) and Economic Development Regina (EDR), two of the region’s preeminent agencies, are joining forces to ensure businesses, investors, and workers have the information they need to grow their world in Regina.

On Tuesday, February 28, RDCC and EDR are pleased to co-host their first event, *Homegrown Success: The State of Labour in Regina*. With more than 4,000 employment opportunities in Regina, labour force chatter is everywhere. Together, the RDCC and EDR will unveil brand new labour force data while overlaying information about the incoming capital investment and sector growth projections for Regina.



Chris Lane

Tony Playter

Attendees will hear from economists, employers, HR specialists, as well as business and political leaders who will discuss the challenges and the opportunities in Regina’s labour market. Through a combination of presentations and panel discussions, the goal of this (and future events) is to fully define Regina’s labour market challenge and identify next steps to help us all seize the amazing economic opportunities Regina offers. As part of the conversation, EDR President and CEO Chris Lane will share insight on EDR’s upcoming talent attraction efforts.

“Regina’s economy is in a strong position to lead the nation coming out of the pandemic,” RDCC CEO Tony Playter said. “One of our region’s critical advantages is our ability to come together to do great things for our community. We’re proud to bring the voice of our members as business leaders to this important and timely partnership.”

“One of the most common concerns we hear about Regina’s economy is the availability of labour and talent,” Lane said. “If our city is going to reach its potential for growth, we need to understand through data and analytics where the challenges are – and more importantly where the opportunities are.”

Join the conversation and share your voice at this State of Labour event.

For more information or to register for the event, click [HERE](#).

UPCOMING REGINA CHAMBER EVENTS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

HOMEGROWN SUCCESS: THE STATE OF LABOUR IN REGINA

Presented in partnership with Economic Development Regina. Join the conversation and share your voice at this State of Labour event. Conference to include keynote speakers along with a moderated panel.

9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The Atlas Hotel

To register or for more information click [HERE](#).



THURSDAY, APRIL 6

23RD ANNUAL PARAGON AWARDS

Celebrating and honouring the achievements of the Regina Business Community

Delta Regina

Reception: 6 p.m.

Dinner & Awards to follow

If you know of deserving business, nominations can be made by calling 306-757-4648 or emailing jtonita@reginachamber.com

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"We acknowledge, with respect and truth, that we work and support the business community in Treaty 4 Territory and the traditional lands of the nêhiyawak (Cree), Anihšīnāpēk (Saulteaux), Dakota, Lakota, Nakoda, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation."

Regina Airport Authority continues to add flights

The Regina Airport Authority (RAA) announced on Feb. 13 that WestJet is adding direct flights from Regina (YQR) to Kelowna (YLW) twice per week this coming summer. Kelowna service will run on Thursdays and Sundays starting May 21st.



"We are thrilled to once again be increasing our service offerings from Regina with the introduction of new direct flights to Kelowna this summer," said John Weatherill, WestJet Chief Commercial Officer. "We are entering into an exciting chapter of growth at the WestJet Group and we are committed to providing vital domestic route options to support travel demand across the country."

With WestJet's recent announcement of 5,000 more seats per month into Calgary, WestJet's summer schedule at YQR will be offering the most flights with the most seats available since 2019. WestJet will have direct service to Vancouver, Kelowna, Calgary,

Edmonton, Winnipeg, and Toronto.

"We're looking forward to a very busy summer here at YQR with the best flight options we've had in many years." said Justin Reves, Manager of Customer Experience and Marketing, "Having more flights to more destinations means more competitive pricing and better options for connecting."

Air Canada has also recently released their YQR summer schedule which sees the return of daily flights to Montreal and increased capacity for Vancouver and Toronto, with each destination seeing up to 3 flights per day.

Between Air Canada and WestJet, YQR will be offering direct service to seven destinations this summer:

- Calgary (WestJet)
- Edmonton (WestJet)
- Kelowna (WestJet)
- Montreal (Air Canada)
- Toronto (Air Canada and WestJet)
- Vancouver (Air Canada and WestJet)
- Winnipeg (WestJet)



Event placing Indigenous economy in spotlight

The Max Bell Foundation, in collaboration with the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, is presenting The Future Of The Indigenous Economy on Thurs., Feb. 16 at the University of Regina.

The panel discussion, with a reception to follow, is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. Speakers for the event are Tabatha Bull, President and CEO of the Canadian Council For Aboriginal Business, and Chief Cadmus Delorme of the Cowessess First Nation.

The in-person event, which will also have a virtual option, will be moderated by Professor Ken Coates, the Canada Research Chair in Regional Innovation at the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan campus.

To register for the event click [HERE](#).

The Future of the Indigenous Economy

February 16, 2023 | 3:00-4:30 pm CDT; Reception to follow | In person at University of Regina & Livestream

Building from the core of self-determination, what capacity building, institutional innovation, governance frameworks, and financing arrangements can best enable the success of the Indigenous economy?



Ken Coates (moderator)

Canada Research Chair, Regional Innovation, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan campus



Tabatha Bull

President & CEO, Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business



Chief Cadmus Delorme

Chief of the Cowessess First Nation

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