



From the desk of the CEO

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Regina needs a new aquatic centre

It goes without saying, but I am going to say it anyway: a new aquatic centre would be a welcome addition to Regina's aging recreation facilities. A modern facility would provide our residents with a well-deserved new home for leisure and fitness activities.

The economic spinoff a facility of this magnitude would provide is significant. We would also see temporary job creation from the design and construction phases to full-time positions needed to run the centre on a daily basis.

Regina is known for its ability to host local, national and international events. A new aquatic centre would open a new lane to profile and host competitive water sports such national water polo or synchronized swimming.

Hosting events of this stature will provide an ongoing positive economic impact for our local hotels, restaurants and retail sector.

As a first step we strongly believe that building a new and innovative aquatic centre is an investment in Regina's future growth and prosperity, but it needs to be done strategically.

We believe that the funding model needs to incorporate a combination of federal and provincial money as well as corporate sponsorships. This would not only ease the personal impact but also reduce the actual amount being borrowed by the city to fund the build.

Make no mistake, the funding needs to be in place prior to the first shovel going into the ground, to reduce any risk to taxpayers and the City.

We already stated that we endorse the overall vision and direction suggested by the Catalyst committee. This fits their recommendations because government money is currently available.

As well, there are innovative plans to incorporate geothermal technology to heat the pool. It's this type of strategic thinking and key partnership development that highlights Regina's get it done spirit.

The Chamber recognizes the importance of developing a more vibrant and healthier community.

A new premiere aquatic centre would be a strong stroke in ensuring Regina continues to be a competitive and desirable community to live, work and play.

UPCOMING REGINA CHAMBER EVENTS

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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THURSDAY, APRIL 20

2023 Luncheon Series

Craig Reynolds

President & CEO, Saskatchewan Roughriders

Queensbury Convention Centre

Registration: 11:30 a.m.

Lunch: 12 noon

Presentation: 12:20 p.m.

Q&A session to follow



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

TAKE A BREAK LUNCHEON

Conexus Arts Centre

Registration: 11 a.m.

Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.



MONDAY, JUNE 26

NETWORKING ON THE GREEN

2023 Annual Golf Tournament
1 p.m.
Royal Regina Golf Club



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AGM scheduled for March 31

The Regina & District Chamber of Commerce is hosting its Annual General Meeting on Fri., March 31 at 12 noon.

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. To register for the event, email info@reginachamber.com.



PCSR online meeting scheduled for March 9



Dr. Francisco J. Garcia will present "Prostate Cancer: A Partner's Disease" at the Prostate Cancer Support Regina group meeting on Thurs., March 9.

Dr. Garcia is a Urologist and Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery, Saskatchewan Health Authority and University of Saskatchewan, and is located in Swift Current. A

member of the Sexual Medicine Society of North America, Dr. Garcia has a passion for the quality of life for his patients. He treats men diagnosed with prostate cancer and advocates that this is one population that can be better served with post-treatment intervention.

The online meeting will include a Q&A session after the presentation, followed by peer-to-peer sharing. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and participants are asked to log in 10 minutes before the start time.

Additional information is available on the PCSR [website](#).

March 9 deadline for Canada Post Community Foundation program

Canada Post recently announced that the application process for its [Canada Post Community Foundation](#) is now open and accepting grant applications for 2023.



Canadian charities, schools and community organizations that provide programming for

children and youth (up to age 21) can apply for the grants, which range in value up to \$25,000. In addition, up to four \$50,000-Signature Grants are also available, including the Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation Signature Grant (which was first introduced last year).

Applications for the grants will highlight youth outreach services, programs supporting Indigenous youth, gender diversity programs, literacy and language programs, and much more.

The Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation Signature Grant will also focus on enhancing the understanding of Indigenous culture and support First Nations, Métis, Inuit or Urban Indigenous Peoples by fostering meaningful conversations across the country.

The deadline to submit applications is **March 9th at noon** (Eastern Time) through the [Community Foundation website](#), with the chosen recipients announced in August 2023.

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