

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

**HOLIDAY RECEPTION**

The Studio -- Cornwall Centre  
5 p.m. -- 7 p.m.



FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO

## A Healthy REAL Makes For A Healthy Business Community!

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Over the past few weeks, Regina has enjoyed some very positive news.

The Regina Airport Authority, lead by CEO James Bogusz, announced during the Canadian Western Agribition, that WestJet was adding a daily return flight between Regina and Minneapolis. This flight will provide a major boost to our local economy.

As well, Regina was recently ranked fourth in the Globe and Mail's top 100 list of Canada's most livable cities. The article highlighted how affordable it is to live in Regina, the ease of navigating our city, our dynamic economy and world-class amenities.

Last Friday at the Mayor's Annual Chamber Breakfast, Mayor Masters shared all the major accomplishments that helped put us near the top of the Globe & Mail's top 100 list.

To retain this high quality of life and continue to attract people to Regina we need to ensure that some of our key facilities, like REAL are maintained and upgraded.

We understand and acknowledge that something had to be done to make sure REAL's financial issues are addressed immediately.

It's important to take a minute and thank the former REAL Board, who was made up of community leaders with a wealth of experience and talents, for the positive and significant contributions they have made to our community.

REAL is now looking toward the future with the newly appointed interim board of directors. The board is comprised of talented individuals who have helped move our city forward. But as civic officials in City Hall with leadership roles, it's important that they ensure they have the capacity to oversee and find solutions needed to fix REAL.

Let's be clear, the REAL assets are owned by the city. Therefore, it is the City's responsibility to find an economical way to repair and upgrade these facilities.

REAL is a very important economic driver for Regina. Many visitors who attend concerts, special events, conferences or hockey tournaments also shop at our many stores, spend the night at a hotel and share a meal or two with family and friends at one of our local restaurants. A healthy REAL makes for a healthy business community.

At this critical point, we need to ensure that REAL receives the direction and guidance to start down the road to be a financially viable organization.

The Regina & District Chamber of Commerce is happy to play a role in supporting this new path of success.

## UPCOMING REGINA CHAMBER EVENTS

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For more information or to register for this outstanding Chamber event click [HERE](#)

*"We acknowledge, with respect and truth, that we work and support the business community in Treaty 4 Territory and the traditional lands of the Cree, Saulteaux, Dakota, Lakota, and on the homeland of the Metis Nation."*

## Light The Lights event scheduled for Dec. 5

Bundle up your family for the free annual Light the Lights outdoor celebration on Tuesday, December 5 at 6 p.m.

Join City Council in celebrating the winter season by lighting up City Hall and the Queen Elizabeth II Courtyard trees. Enjoy free winter fun including horse-drawn wagon rides, interactive ice creations, outdoor activities and games, local entertainment, free hot chocolate and treats, virtual colouring contest and, of course, a visit from Santa.



A full list of performances and activities is available at [Regina.ca/lights](http://Regina.ca/lights)



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Event includes raffles, silent auction & 50/50 draw. Costumes are encouraged!

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## Canadian Club of Regina event set for Dec. 6

The next event for the Canadian Club of Regina will be held on Wednesday, December 6 and feature Randy Brooks as guest speaker.

Set for the Conexus Arts Centre, the seasonal luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by Brooks's address at 12 noon. Brooks is a teacher, an Army reservist and President of the Last Post Fund.



Admission is \$15 for annual members, \$20 members, \$25 for non-members and for \$15 for students.

For more information or to register for the event, email [canadianclubofregina@gmail.com](mailto:canadianclubofregina@gmail.com).

In its 115th year in Regina, the Canadian Club of Regina provides a forum for speakers who are leaders in business, politics, academia and the arts.

## JSGS EDI Discussion Series event set for Dec. 6

The Johnson Shoyama Graduate School (JSGS) will host the next session of its EDI Discussion Series on Wednesday, December 6 from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

The topic of this free online session is "Creating Safe and Supportive Workplaces for Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Employees."

The event will feature Kiersten Mohr, founder and managing director of Terra Firma Transition Consulting, and Trudy Nicolle, Pride Alliance Network (PAN) ally / senior talent management consultant, Government of Saskatchewan.

The session will be of interest to those who are involved in HR, who work in EDI related fields, and those who have an interest in creating safe workspaces for all employees.

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

## Corteo ticket offer available to Chamber members

Cirque du Soleil is bringing "Corteo" to Regina in December and the world-renowned entertainment production company is extending ticket offers to members of the Regina &

District Chamber of Commerce.

This special offer allows individuals to purchase up to eight tickets with a 20 per cent discount. To take advantage of this opportunity, click [HERE](#).

Do you need 10 or more tickets? If so, you are eligible for an even deeper savings off tickets. Contact Sarah Hudson at [sarah.hudson@cirquedusoleil.com](mailto:sarah.hudson@cirquedusoleil.com) to go over seating options and pricing.

"Corteo" will be in Regina at the Brandt Centre from Thursday, December 14 through Sunday, December 17 with six shows over the four days.

"Corteo", which means "cortege" in Italian, is a joyous procession, a festive parade imagined by a clown.

The show brings together the passion of the actor with the grace and power of the acrobat to plunge the audience into a theatrical world of fun, comedy and spontaneity situated in a mysterious space between heaven and earth.



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