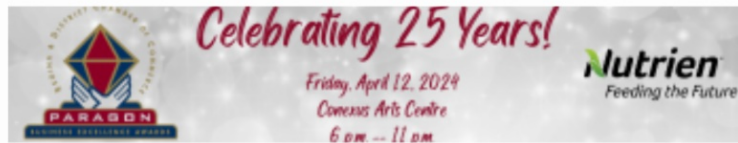


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Paragon Awards

Conexus Arts Centre

6 p.m. -- 11 p.m.



Protect your business property during the challenges of winter

FROM SGI CANADA

We've seen both extremes of winter in the first few weeks of 2024: the meek and the ferocious. Whatever comes our way, below zero temperatures will be a recurring theme for a while yet.

Your business can be affected by cold temperatures and other winter-related hazards like wind, snow, and ice. We've put together an inspection list that can help you think through the risks and make changes that will help ensure your business can handle anything this winter throws our way.

Weather-related risks that may affect your business

During the winter months, snow and ice can build up on your property. If you don't keep on top of it, you may have problems with:

- slippery sidewalks caused by ice, snow, or slush.
- water pooling and freezing during a thaw/freeze cycle.
- water draining into your foundation.
- structural issues for your roof or walls, caused by excessive snow load (beyond the engineering specs).
- a pile of snow suddenly sliding off your roof.
- **ice damming**.

The time it takes to fix problems could disrupt your business, and if someone is injured on your property – say, by slipping on an icy walkway – you could be found liable. By doing some winter maintenance and weatherproofing, you can protect your business from seasonal risks

Sidewalks and entrances

It's important to keep your business' sidewalks, stairs, footpaths, ramps, building entrances, and parking lots in good shape, so that it's easy for your customers, suppliers,

and partners to come and go safely on your property.

If you don't own the building, find out whether you or the building owners are responsible for clearing snow and ice. The lease or tenant agreement should provide that clarity.

If you're responsible for snow removal:

- Keep fire exits and lanes clear.
- Have snow/debris removal equipment, including snowblowers, leaf blowers, shovels, brooms, grit, and de-icer, on-site and accessible.
- Have your equipment serviced and ready to go at the start of the season.
- Maintain a snow clearing log so you have a record of what was done, when, and by whom.

Regardless of who's responsible for clearing snow, you'll need to:

- Watch for snow that has been tracked into the building and clean it up as soon as possible.
- Put up wet floor/ice signage.
- Put non-slip mats in high traffic areas.

Your heating and cooling systems

It's always hard when your heating system breaks down, but it's especially rough in the winter.

As part of your inspection:

- Clear snow and ice build-up from all chimneys and vent pipes on your property.
- Clean dust and debris from air registers/vents, dust ceiling fan blades, and bathroom fans.
- Contact an HVAC company to perform seasonal maintenance check-ups on your boiler or furnace.
- **Change your furnace filter.** (This should be done on a schedule throughout the winter.)
- Check that your pipes have adequate insulation and no leaks.
- Cover your air conditioning condenser unit to keep out debris, pests, snow, and cold air.

Whenever possible, avoid using portable heaters. If your building is regularly cold, talk with your landlord or professional heating contractor about installing an alternative source of permanent heat.

UPCOMING REGINA CHAMBER EVENTS

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

2024 LUNCHEON SERIES

Guest speaker: Corey Mace

Delta Hotel

11:30 a.m. -- 1 p.m.

2024 Luncheon Series

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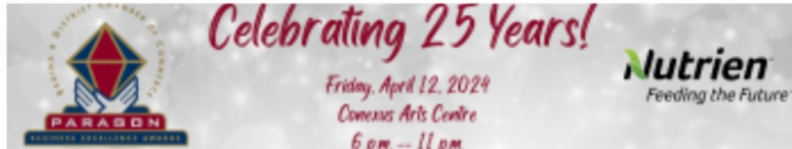
To register call 306-757-4648 or go to reginachamber.com

(A portrait of Corey Mace is shown on the right side of the banner.)

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THURSDAY, APRIL 25

BEER-AUCRACY

Networking event featuring
guest speaker: Mayor Sandra Masters
Regina Brewing
5 p.m. -- 7 p.m.



BEER-AUCRACY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

2024 LUNCHEON SERIES

Guest speaker:
RPS Chief Farooq Hassan Sheikh
Ramada Plaza
11:30 a.m. -- 1 p.m.



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

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CoBSMEs hosting networking event Feb. 16

The Coalition of Black SMEs (Small & Medium Enterprises) is hosting a Black Business Networking event on Friday, February 16 at the Conexus Arts Centre.

The theme of the event is The Role of Black Businesses In Contributing To Saskatchewan Economic Growth. An in-person gathering at the Conexus Arts Centre, the event will be a fantastic opportunity to connect and collaborate with fellow black entrepreneurs and professionals.



Whether you're a seasoned business owner or just starting out, this event offers a unique platform to expand your network and gain valuable insights from industry leaders. Prepare to be inspired by engaging discussions and informative presentations.

The event will provide the opportunity to exchange ideas, share experiences, and build meaningful relationships within the black business community. Discover potential partnerships, explore new ventures, and find mentors who can guide you on your entrepreneurial journey.

Featured speakers will include Regina Mayor Sandra Masters; Tony Playter, CEO of the Regina & District Chamber of Commerce; and, Ronke Shakirat Edoho, founder of Atare Foods. A panel discussion, chaired by Wura Dasyilva, is also on the agenda.

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



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