

CHAMBER INSIGHT

From the desk of the CEO

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It's critical for businesses to participate in federal pre-budget consultations

The Liberal government is currently preparing for the next federal budget and is offering Canadians the chance to participate in pre-budget consultations.

This is an opportunity for businesses in Regina to express their concerns and priorities regarding the Canadian economy. By participating in this platform, local businesses can take part in shaping the economic landscape and ensuring that local interests are considered in national economic planning.

Canada is currently dealing with several economic challenges including inflation, looming U.S. tariffs, soaring food prices and the rising costs of goods and services. By being proactive, local businesses will demonstrate that they are responsible and invested in their community. Engagement with the government indicates the commitment and determination by local business to play a role in overcoming the current financial obstacles.

Pre-budget Consultations
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For Budget 2025, it's important that the government recognizes the significance of fiscal sustainability and commitment to long-term economic growth and job creation. By collecting data through the pre-budget consultations, the government will be able to respond to concerns of Canadians, getting direction on the shape of Budget 2025.

The consultation is now open until Monday, March 10. Canadians can participate in the process by completing an online questionnaire or by sending in a formal submission. The online questionnaire can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#).

The input from the pre-budget consultations will be shared with the Minister of Finance

UPCOMING REGINA CHAMBER EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

ALL-NATIONS CAREER FAIR

DoubleTree by Hilton

1 p.m. -- 5 p.m.



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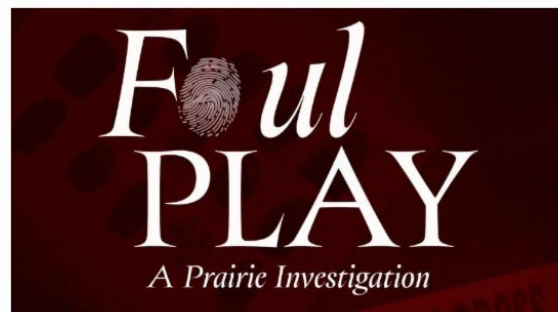
THURSDAY, MARCH 13

FOUL PLAY: A PRAIRIE INVESTIGATION

Dinner & Interactive Crime Solving Experience

RCMP Heritage Centre

6 p.m. -- 10 p.m.



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."



**FRIDAY
MARCH 21, 2025**

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CoBSMEs event scheduled for Feb. 21

The Coalition of Black Small and Medium Businesses (CoBSMEs) will hold its 2025 Black Business Networking Event on Friday, February 21 at the Conexus Arts Centre.

The event is an annual gathering dedicated to fostering connections, sharing knowledge, and promoting the growth of Black-owned businesses. This year's theme, "Corporate Efforts to Enhance Diversity Procurement for Black-Owned Businesses," focuses on the critical role of corporate procurement strategies in supporting and scaling Black-owned enterprises.

The event will include keynote speakers, panel discussions and networking opportunities.

Speakers for the event include David Akinmade, founder, Laroye AI, and the Hon. Jamie Martens, MLA, Martensville-Blairmore. Panelists include Dan Irvine, Director of Procurement and Contracts, SaskPower; Jessica Pegg, Program and Growth Manager, Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan; and, Mike Tate, CEO, Regina & District Chamber of Commerce.



Wura Dasyilva of Miller Thomson LLP will host the panel discussion while Vibya Natana will serve as the event MC.

The event will run from 4:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. To register for the event, click [HERE](#).

COBSMEs is a dynamic and innovative non-governmental organization (NGO) dedicated to supporting and empowering Black businesses, entrepreneurs, and professionals.



Indigenous procurement event set for Feb. 25

The City of Regina is hosting an Indigenous Procurement Business Gathering for City leaders and Indigenous vendors to network and learn more about City projects, services and business needs, as well as the City's procurement processes relating to tenders and contracts.

The Business Gathering takes place Tuesday, February 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include a procurement presentation, a panel discussion with City leaders, and keynote speaker, Terry Bird.



This event is open to Indigenous businesses from Regina and area. It's free to register; however, seating is limited.

The City is committed to supporting Indigenous entrepreneurship, business, and economic development through the Indigenous Procurement Policy. The goal of the policy is to break down systemic barriers for Indigenous vendors to enter the competitive municipal procurement environment. The City has generated a verified Indigenous vendor list that has more than 200 vendors on it and of those, 14 have been awarded municipal contracts. In 2023, the City's Indigenous procurement spend was \$2.9 million.

Visit Regina.ca/BusinessGathering to register today!

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