



Membership Information Package 2023

Battlefords & District Chamber of Commerce

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Why join the Battlefords & District Chamber of Commerce?

1. Build your Network

- The Chamber hosts a number of great networking events every year to help get you connected with other business owners around the Battlefords.
- Join a Chamber Committee to meet people and help make a difference in our community.

2. Build your Visibility

- People looking for local information come to the Chamber of Commerce either by calling or utilizing our business directory or website.
- Advertising with the Chamber (exclusive to chamber members) is a cost-effective and highly visible way to get your business noticed.
- Customers are at least 63% more likely to work with a business that is a chamber of commerce member (Source: Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives).

3. Build your Bottom Line

- The strength of many members means exclusive and low cost group insurance and merchant services programs to save you money, improving your bottom line.
- Other services such as export documentation (certificates of origin), discounted UPS rates, fuel programs, and more just for members of the Battlefords & District Chamber of Commerce.

4. Build your Knowledge

- Training seminars and workshops give you valuable skills to take your business success to the next level.

5. Build our Economy

- As the oldest and largest business advocacy group in the Battlefords, the Chamber works hard to promote and advocate for business-friendly policies within all levels of government.
- The Chamber works with our partners to encourage strong economic development in the region, bringing jobs, investment, and growth.



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Chair's Message-

The Chamber of Commerce has always played a pivotal role for business advocacy and development in and around the Battlefords. Your investment allows the Chamber to continue to SERVE, PROMOTE and PROTECT business and organization members like you in the community. The **"voice"** of business in the Battlefords is stronger with you.

Your Chamber board of directors and staff will continue to work on your behalf in 2022. There are several exciting projects and programs that will be rolled out in 2022 for your benefit. We look forward to growing our business relationships in the Battlefords, with and on behalf of our members!

Please visit our website at www.battlefordschamber.com to find business updates and information on services and upcoming events.

Derek Schmidt
Chair of the Board, 2022



Chief Operating Officer's Message-

It is my distinct pleasure to serve as Chief Operating Officer of Battlefords & District Chamber of Commerce. The business community in the Battlefords is second to none, in their community spirit, their level of engagement and participation, and in their willingness to support all parts of the community.

Two-thirds of consumers believe that companies that are active in a local Chamber of Commerce use good business practices, are reputable, care about their customers, and are involved in the community.

Each day I have an opportunity to work with the best and brightest leaders and hope you will consider joining the Chamber to invest in this business community and the Battlefords as a whole.

As the **"voice"** of business in the Battlefords, the Battlefords & District Chamber of Commerce has a long and storied history of serving the business community and advocating for policy in their best interests. That voice is stronger when we all work together.

Linda Machniak
Chief Operating Officer



Battlefords & District Chamber of Commerce Member Exclusive



Get affordable group health insurance plans and rates for businesses as small as one-person operations. The best plan for small business.

<http://www.ChamberPlan.ca/Number1>



We have partnered with UPS to offer Chamber members 30% off of shipments within Canada and to the U.S. and Worldwide, and 25% off imports into Canada.

[Battlefords Chamber of Commerce - Members Only Program from UPS Canada \(membersbenefitprogram.com\)](http://membersbenefitprogram.com)



Boost your bottom line and help save your hard-earned cash through our wide range of savings programs. [Savings Programs - Canadian Chamber of Commerce](#)



Constant Contact and Chambers are working together to help you market your business better! As a Chamber Member, receive great benefits from our partnership with Constant Contact, including a special savings of up to 25% off email marketing. [Email Marketing Software | Constant Contact](#)



The Saskatchewan Chamber has partnered with Hudson Energy and JustEnergy to offer members reduced energy rates on your corporate natural gas bill. As a member of the Sask. Chamber, the Battlefords Chamber is able to offer this benefit to its members.

[Saskatchewan-Chamber-Spring-2020-Hudson-Energy-Offer.pdf \(saskchamber.com\)](#)



The Esso Business Card Program for Chamber members can save you 3.5 cents per litre on new fleet card accounts. [Esso and Mobil Business Fleet Card | Esso and Mobil Fleet & Fuel Cards for Business \(essobusinesscards.ca\)](#)



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Investment Schedule



BATTLEFORDS & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2023 Membership Fee (Dues) Schedule

Number of Employees	Fee	GST	TOTAL Fee
1 to 2	\$ 319.45	\$ 15.97	\$ 335.42
3 to 5	\$ 406.73	\$ 20.34	\$ 427.07
6 to 10	\$ 476.27	\$ 23.81	\$ 500.08
11 to 15	\$ 564.11	\$ 28.21	\$ 592.32
16 to 20	\$ 657.77	\$ 32.89	\$ 690.66
21 to 30	\$ 761.38	\$ 38.07	\$ 799.45
31 to 50	\$ 913.22	\$ 45.66	\$ 958.88
Over 51	\$ 1,016.20	\$ 50.81	\$ 1,067.01
Other Rates			
Farm	\$ 189.25	\$ 9.46	\$ 198.71
Non-Profit Organization	55% of Employee Count (as above)		\$ -
Home-Based Business	\$ 279.63	\$ 13.98	\$ 293.61
Individual	\$ 189.25	\$ 9.46	\$ 198.71
Seasonal Business	\$ 279.63	\$ 13.98	\$ 293.61
Out of Region	\$ 319.45	\$ 15.97	\$ 335.42

Updated December 7th, 2022

Corporate Memberships are also available—Call to Inquire

Ready to Join?

New members can sign up online using this link:

[Member \(battlefordschamber.com\)](https://battlefordschamber.com)

Or fill out the following application and email or fax it in.



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Involvement

The Battlefords & District Chamber of Commerce Committee System offers business members numerous and varied opportunities to become involved in keeping on top of special events and issues in all areas that affect business economics, practises, and finance.

- **Policy & Advocacy Committee-**

2023 Priorities: Advocacy, Shop the Battlefords campaign (including Canada Shop Local project), and community reputation.

- **Connectivity Committee-**

2023 Priorities: Membership Recruitment and Development, Events and Forums, Communications, Website redevelopment project.

- **Sustainability Committee-**

2023 Priorities: Organizational Sustainability, Accreditation, Membership Analysis (updating business database), Governance, and TEN Labour Market project.

- **BBEX Committee-**

2023 Priorities: Plan and execute a 29th Annual Battlefords Business Excellence Awards program and event.

The Following Committees are exclusive to members of the Current Board of Directors

- **Executive Committee-**

-Composed of the Executive Officers of the Chamber

-2 main functions include:

- A) it shall be their duty to advise on any matters referred to them by the Board or the full Chamber
- B) They shall be authorized to act in emergencies, subject to approval of the Board at the next meeting.

- **ADHOC—Nominations Committee (1 month) -**

- This is an internally restricted committee and serves for approximately 1 month in the fall of each year.

- The board shall annually appoint this committee on or before October 1st. They shall consist of not fewer than three and not more than seven directors.

- Their sole purpose is to request member support in preparing a slate on nominees to run in election to serve on the board of the Battlefords Chamber of Commerce for the next two-year term.

Networking

- **Chairs Banquet (or Luncheon) / Annual General Meeting-**

Celebrating our past and dreaming big for the future. This is our thank you to the Chair and the administration of oaths for the incoming Chair and executive officers. Must be held prior to the 15th of February each year. The Annual General Meeting is where we conduct the official business of the corporation for its year end. These events are typically two events, but they have been combined on occasion.



- **Chamber on Business Luncheons-**

Membership luncheons are held on a regular basis with keynote speakers addressing a variety of issues of importance to the business community. Luncheons are informative and a great networking opportunity.

- **The Power Hour-**

This is a fairly new event on the Business Luncheon calendar but is a key event for the Chamber. At the inaugural event, 6 local and regional elected officials were on stage at one time, taking questions from the business community. The guests included: the Mayor of the City of North Battleford, the Mayor of the Town of Battleford, the MLA of the Battlefords, the M.P. for the Battlefords-Lloydminster, and two regional First Nations Chief's representing both the BATC and the BTC.



- **Chamber on Tap-**

Join us for a beverage and a snack and listen to a free “pint-sized” chat with business leaders the 1st Thursday of the month—5 times per year (Typically February, April, June, September, and November).



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- **Chamber Business Golf Challenge-**

The Chamber Business Golf Challenge is held annually early in the golf season (has typically been the Friday following the May long weekend). The tournament has a shotgun start and includes several fun and special event holes throughout the golf course. Members attend to “Host-a-hole” and introduce themselves to golfers on the course. There have been lots of fun activities including: a Duck Hunt; a Marshmallow Drive; and so much more. In 2023, we will be featuring “The Fastest Hole in Golf” relay contest.



- **BBEX—Battlefords Business Excellence Awards**

Each year the Chamber celebrates excellence in the business community at the BBEX Awards held annually in the fall. Categories have included: New Business Venture, Customer Service, Micro Business, Marketing, Heritage, Battlefords’ Best Employer, Business of the Year, and more. Always the highlight event on the business community calendar.



- **Holly & Heels- A Celebration of Women in Business-**

A specialty event hosted by the Chamber acknowledging the contributions of successful women entrepreneurs. Held around the Christmas season, a British High Tea lunch has been a highlight of each event. Women entrepreneurs make up an ever growing number of new business start-ups, and with this event, we wish to bring forward their stories of their start, their challenges, their successes, and their accomplishments. (Not held during COVID)

