

Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce

2022 Review



Mission

The mission of the Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce shall be to promote an environment which fosters economic development, works in partnership with our civic agencies, and provides value to our members through education, networking and cultural interests thereby enhancing our region for work, play, raising families and doing business.



Hello Neighbour Welcome Kit

This new program was launched in 2022 as a package given to newcomers with information about products, services and resources in the region. Chamber members provided items and information to promote their businesses and organizations.



12 Days of Christmas Gift Card Program

The third annual campaign resulted in sales of gift cards to local businesses totalling \$15,000. Participating business owners donated a portion of sales, approximately \$1200, to the Vita Healing Garden at the Vita Health Centre - a much-loved local resource.



Library of Things

The Library of Things project hosted an open house showcasing the impressive array of equipment acquired this year. Next steps are to determine the lending structure so that local entrepreneurs will be able to use these resources to build their businesses.



Career Symposium

Pivoting our successful in-person career symposium to an online virtual symposium, we created a keynote speaker video and video series that outlined three possible career paths for youth in the region: direct to workforce, entrepreneurial, and post-secondary.



RM of Piney Christmas Hampers

The last two years we managed the Christmas hamper program, distributing 49 hampers in the RM of Piney in 2022. Thanks to our community for their support. The program is being transitioned to the Sprague Community Fellowship in 2023.



South East Community Services Cooperative

As one of the three founding partners, along with East Borderland Community Housing and the RM of Piney, the Chamber continued to move forward the vision of assisted living for seniors right here in our region. With funding from EBCH, the Cooperators Foundation and the Manitoba Cooperatives Association, we were able to make significant progress, launching a website, brochure, membership application and continuing to share the membership opportunity. The seed funding grant was submitted to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation late in 2022.



Expansion to RM of Stuartburn

The past year has seen interest from our neighbours to the west with businesses, individuals and the RM itself becoming members in the PRCC. We look forward to continued growth as we share the value of a regional chamber throughout SE Manitoba.



Canada Summer Jobs Grant

The Chamber again received a Canada Summer Jobs grant to hire a youth. Ashlyn Willan received valuable work experience and helped move a number of projects forward including member renewals, the Library of Things open house and the gift card program.



Municipal Candidate Meet & Greet

As the local voice of business, the Chamber hosted a well-attended Candidate Meet & Greet event for the RM of Piney municipal candidates. This event gave candidates standing for election and those who were acclaimed an opportunity to state their position on how they envisioned working with the Chamber to continue improving our region.

How can you get involved?

Become a member: Sign up as a full member or friend of the chamber

Volunteer: Talk to anyone on the executive about projects you care about

Join the visioneering committee: Help set the priorities for 2023

Spread the word: Like, share and comment on our social media posts

Shop local: Support local businesses by shopping, referring and sharing



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