

Welcome to October! Your Chamber of Commerce will be a hub of activity this month, and I look forward to connecting with many people in our business community over the next few weeks.

The federal election campaign is in full swing. As always, your Chamber is hosting an [Election Forum](#) for the candidates running in the Battle River-Crowfoot electoral district. Please join us on Thursday, October 3 at the Badlands Community Facility. Doors will open to the public at 6:30pm with the forum commencing at 7:00pm sharp. Candidates will each have the opportunity to introduce themselves and their party platform, followed by a question and answer period. The forum is a great opportunity to hear from the candidates who will be looking for your vote on Election Day – Monday, October 21st.

For business owners who are thinking about retirement, you are invited to a [Succession Planning Session](#) on Wednesday, October 9 from 1-4:30pm in the Large Multipurpose Room at the BCF. Speakers will include Alison Anderson (succession planning/matching professional), Jeff Hall (accountant – MNP), Jay Garbutt (estate planning – Sun Life Financial) and Colin Kloot (lawyer – Herman, Kloot and Company). Please call Lana at the Town of Drumheller (403-823-1324) to register.

From October 20-26th, your Chamber will be celebrating Small Business Week. This national event is focused on celebrating Canadian entrepreneurs. Did you know that there are over 1.1 million small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Canada? That's definitely worth celebrating!

Prospective members, new members or members who want to learn more about the Chamber are invited to attend [Chamber 101](#). This event will kick off at 8:30am on Tuesday, October 22 at the Badlands Community Facility – Large Multipurpose Room. Join us for coffee and goodies while you connect with others in the business community. Presentations from our Chamber of Commerce President – Jeff Hall, our Chambers Group Insurance Plan Advisor – Terry Blocksom and Chamber staff will follow at 9:00am. Call 403-823-8100 to register to attend.

On Thursday, October 24, ladies in the business community are invited to join us for our 8th Annual [Women in Business mixer](#) at the Canalta Cretaceous Centre from 5:30-7:30pm. We are excited to have Kimberley Lyall as our guest speaker this year. Kimberley's presentation is titled "Breaking Barriers: Unlock your Greatest Potential." Appetizers and refreshments will be available. Again pre-registration is required; tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for prospective members. Register online at drumhellerchamber.com or call us at 403-823-8100. Thank you to Telus and Canalta for sponsoring this great event!

And lastly during Small Business Week, watch out for Marley and I on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, as we have some surprises planned for our members!

Respectfully submitted,

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