

Doerksen steps up as new Chamber president



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Outgoing Winkler Chamber president Betty Hiebert officially passed on the presidential gavel to Kenton Doerksen at the Chamber's annual general meeting on Feb. 23.

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Kenton Doerksen is the new president of the Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce.

Outgoing president Betty Hiebert, having finished her two-year term, officially passed on the presidential gavel to Doerksen at the Chamber's annual general meeting last week.

Doerksen, who works as a certified general accountant with Gislason Targownik Peters, has served as the Chamber's treasurer for the last several years.

He says he's eager to get to work helping the Chamber remain a strong voice for local businesses.

"I'd like to see us bring added value to the members," he said. "And just to continue fostering a strong business community."

Doerksen, a Gimli native who moved to Winkler nine years ago, said his involvement with the Chamber stems

from an interest in seeing the city continue to prosper.

"I've been excited to see the growth that has taken place over the last nine years that I've been here," he said.

For her part, Hiebert said her experience heading up the Chamber these last few years was a good one, and leaving the post is bittersweet.

"It was a great two years - there was lots and lots of stuff going on," she said.

Helping to guide the Chamber as it implemented some of the many recommendations that came out of the Business Retention and Expansion surveys was a real highlight, Hiebert said.

"Just bringing together some of the things that needed to happen," she said.

Hiebert said she's looking forward to continued involvement with the Chamber in the role of past-president.