# VIRDEN COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### VIRDEN DOWNTOWN RODEO

Less than two weeks away and the community of Virden is already buzzing with the excitement of the Virden Indoor Rodeo and Wild West Daze 25th Anniversary. The Virden Community Chamber of Commerce helps the rodeo committee kick off this weekend with the Downtown Rodeo Event which takes place August 15th from 5 to 9pm. This is one of the Chambers largest events and many volunteer hours go into this to ensure our businesses and residents enjoy themselves. Stores are encouraged to keep their businesses open a little later this evening in hopes to attract some of the individuals filling the streets. Activities and entertainment is offered for all ages during this time and slowly this event is growing larger and larger. Giving everyone a taste for what to expect that evening, Corex Resources hosts a FREE BBQ at Victoria Park from 11 until 2 that day with a half hour magic show. For more information on this fun-filled weekend visit our website at www.virdenchamber.ca and www.virdenrodeo.ca. Obviously this whole weekend could not succeed without its faithful and generous sponsors. Our business community continues to grow and continues to give. On behalf of the Virden Community Chamber of Commerce..... THANK YOU!!!

#### **CP STATION**

If you are looking for a beautiful place to have pictures taken, whether it is for a wedding, anniversary, grad or family photos, stop by the beautiful gardens surrounding the CP Station and put this location on your list!!!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

August 5th - Civic Holiday

August 6th - Chamber Board of Directors Meeting

August 15th – Virden Downtown Rodeo Events

August 16-18<sup>th</sup> – Virden Indoor Rodeo & Wild West Daze

## SETTLEMENT SERVICES BBQ

On July 24th the Virden & District Settlement Services and the Virden Community Chamber of Commerce held a tour and BBQ at the CP Station. The tour was done by Kel Smith and included history on our community and some of its sites. Approximately 16 people took part in this and returned with many positive The evening ended with a free BBQ comments. sponsored by the Settlement Service office at the CP Station. With 40 people attending this portion of the event, it was deemed a great success. This allowed newcomers and residents of Virden to meet each other and interact over a hot dog or hamburger. There were individuals from roughly 13 different countries in attendance. Over the years the Settlement Services office in Virden has become busier and busier and the future does not look like it will be slowing down anytime soon! So if you haven't had chance to meet Beatrice Norton, feel free to stop by her office upstairs at the CP Station anytime between 12:30 - 4:30, Monday to Friday.