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Provincial Point of View

April 20, 2017

Listening and responding to the needs of my constituents is very important to me

APRIL EXCITEMENT AT THE ROYAL SASKATCHEWAN MUSEUM



April is an exciting month at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum (RSM). The museum was recognized with a special award, visitation has hit record highs, and there are many great events and programs just around the corner.

On April 5, the RSM was awarded the Saskatchewan Tourism Awards of Excellence Gil Carduner Marketing Award for the Saskatchewan Fossil Campaign. This campaign, which led to the selection of the T. rex as a new provincial emblem, successfully reached a number of target markets and resulted in an increase in visitation, website traffic and social media engagement. The RSM saw 139,122 visitors in 2016/17, a 19 per cent increase over 2015/16 and a 28 per cent increase over the ten year average. In fact, this is the highest visitation the museum has seen in 20 years.

“I am so proud of the achievements the Royal Saskatchewan Museum has made over the past year,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. “I know that the talented staff at the museum will build on the momentum and continue to positively contribute to the quality of life here in Saskatchewan.”

Read the entire news release [here](#).

REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



There are many areas of Saskatchewan's already diverse economy that are strong and getting stronger. For example, new numbers show manufacturing sales in Saskatchewan are up nearly 23% over last year. Building permits are up 10%, housing starts are up 50%, and Saskatchewan's population continues to grow at a pace our province hasn't seen in 90 years.

Saskatchewan had Canada's best job creation record in February, followed by another strong month in March. Our retail sales and new vehicle sales growth is second-best in the country with our capital investment growth third best in all of Canada. The oil industry is even showing signs of recovery. New well drilling doubled in the first quarter of this year compared with last year.

As we work to meet the challenge of persistently low commodity prices, our economy is growing stronger. You can learn more about our three-year plan to balance the budget, maintain the Saskatchewan Advantage and keep our economy strong at saskatchewan.ca/budget.

Saskatchewan has long championed a Canadian market that is open and transparent and which allows our businesses to compete fairly and freely across the country. The new Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) is going to level the playing field for Saskatchewan.

The agreement replaces the existing Agreement on Internal Trade, which has been in place since 1995. The new agreement establishes free trade rules that apply across the Canadian economy, unlike the old agreement which covered only 11 sectors of the economy.

Taking effect July 1st, the new CFTA will greatly reduce barriers to trade, investment and worker mobility, benefiting businesses, workers and consumers by expanding procurement opportunities in other parts of the country and by ensuring labour mobility for our workers.

While there is still some more work to do in areas like alcoholic beverages and financial services, we have reached a balanced agreement that serves us well by cutting red tape and barriers to trade. The result will be more opportunities for Saskatchewan's economy to diversify and grow.

We want to ensure that victims of violent crime and their family members receive the supports they need. That is why our government has introduced and passed legislation to support individuals fleeing interpersonal violence and families of victims of crime.

Changes to The Victims of Interpersonal Violence Act and The Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 allow a tenant to end a fixed-term rental agreement with 28 days' notice if they or their family members are being abused by another resident or former resident.

The fact that an individual has signed, for example, a year-long lease will no longer factor into their decision to leave a violent domestic situation.

Amendments to *The Victims of Crime Act, 1995* also expand compensation for counselling costs.

Previously, the legislation limited compensation for counselling to the spouse or children of an adult victim and the parent or sibling of a child victim. It now includes parents, siblings, and adult children of adult victims who have died as a result of violent crime.

Recognizing that Saskatchewan has the highest rate of domestic violence in Canada, we will continue to explore options to help address this serious issue.

Our government has also introduced and passed legislation improving safety for tow truck operators. *The Traffic Safety (Tow Trucks) Amendment Act, 2017* allows for blue lights to be used in conjunction with amber lights on tow trucks.

Passed with unanimous support the day it was introduced, the legislation comes after tow truck operator Courtney Schaefer was killed in a March 7, 2017 collision along the roadside in the Gerald area during blizzard conditions.

Saskatchewan is the first jurisdiction in Canada to introduce a two-colour lighting combination for tow trucks. The addition of blue lights isn't mandatory but adding them will increase visibility, heighten awareness and increase safety.

Tow truck operators will be able to install blue lights once the bill receives royal assent and is proclaimed later this spring. SGI will be undertaking public awareness efforts to educate the public about blue lights on tow trucks.

It's the law to slow to 60 km/h when passing tow trucks and any emergency vehicles on the highway when flashing lights are engaged.

GOVERNMENT, SARCAN AND SASKMILK REMIND RESIDENTS TO RECYCLE MILK CONTAINERS



Environment Minister Scott Moe joined representatives from SARCAN and SaskMilk at the East Regina SARCAN depot today to remind Saskatchewan residents that milk containers are now included in the provincial recycling program.

As of April 1, residents can return 'ready-to-serve' milk containers to any of SARCAN's 72 depots to receive a refund of the deposit paid at the point of purchase.

"SARCAN does a great job of running the beverage container recycling program, and through their efforts more than 80 per cent of containers are returned," Moe said. "We have a great partnership with SARCAN and we are pleased to add milk containers to this important program."

The new refundable deposits for milk containers are:

- \$0.10 for plastic milk containers, paper milk cartons or tetra boxes, between one and 999 ml.
- \$0.25 for plastic milk containers, paper milk cartons or tetra boxes, one litre or more.

Read the entire news release [here](#).

REMINDER - WUHCA EARTH CLEAN UP DAY and SILVERSPRING COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION IS THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 22



There are two community Earth Clean Up Days in our area this Saturday. Get your families involved by participating in the WUHCA Earth Day Clean or the Silverspring Community Association Neighbour Clean up!

- WUHCA Earth Day clean up is planned for Saturday, April 22nd. Home base will be Willowgrove Square from 10 am-2 pm. The community association will provide large garbage bags, gloves, a sharps disposal, and a place to drop off collected garbage (and hopefully some snacks). You can also grab a plastic bag and pick up trash as you head out around your neighborhood and the parks. Take your kids, or walk your dog!

Areas are not assigned. Volunteers are just asked to pick up trash wherever they see it, and simply dispose of what you find in your city bin if you don't make it to the square.

- The Silverspring Community Association will be also be holding a neighborhood clean-up on Saturday, April 22nd coinciding with Earth Day!

They invite you to bring the family out for some fresh air, exercise and a good old fashion spring clean in our community. The Silverspring Community Association will have a table set up outside of the Silverspring School from 10-2pm. They invite you to stop by and grab some bags, gloves and a sharps container. All materials have been donated by Jeff Lindsay, SCA Board Member.

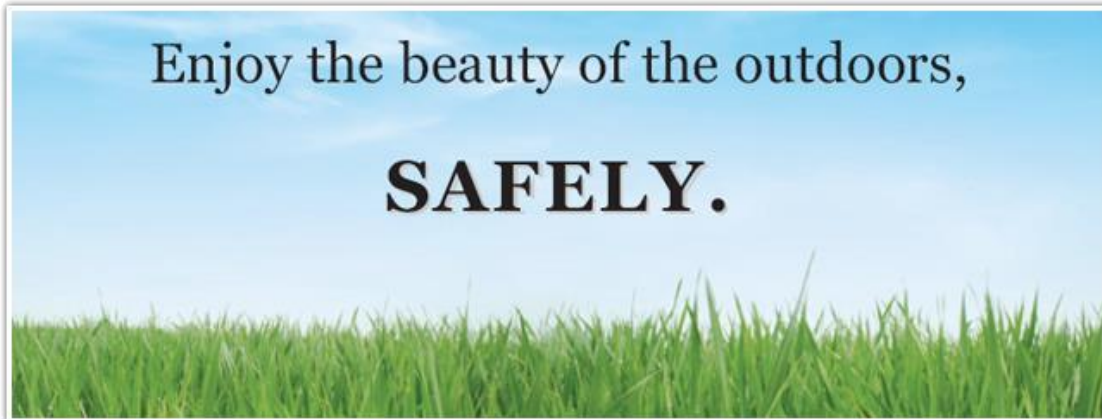
Each year these Community Associations and the many volunteers make a huge difference in the appearance of our community by participating in the Earth Day Clean up.

I am always amazed when I check the community websites and see the many programs and activities that volunteers in our community work so hard at. Special thanks to the entire committee for all they do to make our community a better place. Please take some time and help these dedicated volunteers who put so much effort in to organizing these community events.

Check out the WUHCA events [here](#)

Check out the Silverspring Community Association programs [here](#)

SPRING YARD SAFETY



Spring is the perfect time and perfect weather to spend outside getting your yard and outdoor spaces in tip-top shape. But before you head outside, read some simple precautions that can ensure your spring-spruce up is disaster free.

- 1- **Know your equipment.** Before operating a new lawn mower read the owner's manual and all of the safety information. Ditto for your weed trimmer. Check with the manufacturer of your tools to make sure there haven't been any safety recalls.
- 2- **Practice Ladder Safety.** You've heard it again and again, but always check to make sure your ladder is firmly set on a level surface. Never set ladders on boxes or other objects to make the ladder reach higher areas. Lock or barricade any doors that may open toward ladders. Also, never stand on the top rung or step of a ladder – your balance could be jeopardized.
- 3- **Watch your children.** Every year, thousands of children nationwide are injured by lawn-care tools. That's why it is recommended keeping small children inside while you're mowing or trimming. At a minimum, do not allow children younger than 12 to operate a push lawn mower and anyone under the age of 16 to operate a driving lawn mower. Do not take children on rides with a riding mower.
- 4- **Check your extension cords.** Before use, check your extension cords for cracks and seal them with electrical tape. If you find any frayed wires, replace the cord. And remember, never run extension cords through puddles.
- 5- **Protect your body.** This one is simple: wear protective gear. We all know that lawnmowers hit rocks, sticks and other items that can be turned into flying projectiles. Wear long pants to protect your legs from flying objects and wear non-slip, closed toe shoes instead of sandals. Don't forget your eyes and ears! Sunglasses will protect you from sun and earplugs can eliminate loud noises from machinery that could cause a substantial amount of hearing loss.

6- Store tools and materials in safe places. A range of injury can be caused by stepping on, landing on or being hit with garden tools like shovels, rakes and trowels. Do not use these tools when in close proximity to children. When not in use, store them in safe, enclosed areas. If you have small children or pets, weed killer or lawn fertilizer can be deadly. Seal bags and store at heights where small children cannot get in to potentially harmful materials.

7- Don't dig without approval. Check with your local utility companies before you dig trenches, holes or any other cavity in your yard. You do not want to be responsible for accidentally hitting gas, electrical or sewer lines – the results of which can be extremely hazardous, not to mention expensive.

8- Be conscious of electricity. Don't leave electrical tools plugged in while not in use. When ready to use a tool, make sure equipment is in the off position before you plug it in. And, as is obvious, always turn equipment off and unplug it from an outlet before you attempt to fix the machinery.

9- Get green smart. Before you or your children do any "hands on" weed removal, be sure you know how to identify poison ivy, sumac, oak and similar toxic plants. Find out ahead of time how to treat the rashes they cause to reduce the irritation.

SASKATCHEWAN RECORDS STRONG MANUFACTURING SALES GROWTH



Manufacturing sales in Saskatchewan increased by 22.7 per cent in February 2017, compared to the previous year (seasonally adjusted). This was the second highest percentage increase among the provinces—significantly higher than the national average of 6.8 per cent.

“Once again, Saskatchewan has experienced strong growth in manufacturing sales, leading the west and well above Canada’s average,” Economy Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “These numbers point to a manufacturing sector that is strong and resilient, offering a diversity of high quality products to markets across Canada and the world.”

On a monthly basis, Saskatchewan’s manufacturing sales were up by 0.4 per cent, compared to January 2017 (seasonally adjusted). The province ranked second in percentage growth in western Canada and third among all provinces.

Areas with major gains on an annual basis (seasonally adjusted) were chemical manufacturing, food manufacturing and wood manufacturing, with increases of 21.7 per cent, 19.1 per cent, and 16.9 per cent respectively.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON MARTENSVILLE AND WARMAN OVERPASSES

People living in Martensville and Warman are one step closer to safer highway access to their communities. Construction is now underway on a \$60.6 million project to build overpasses on Highway 11 near Warman and Highway 12 at Martensville.

“Strategic infrastructure investments help address congestion and bottlenecks along vital transportation corridors, and around hubs and ports,” said Ralph Goodale, federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness on behalf of Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities. “Investing in projects such as these interchanges in Martensville and Warman will help shorten travel times and improve access to world markets, bolstering economic growth and the prosperity of the middle class and all those working hard to get there.”

“Investing in infrastructure is a priority for the Government of Saskatchewan,” Highways and Infrastructure Minister David Marit said. “Warman and Martensville are Saskatchewan’s fastest growing communities, and we believe the improved safety and efficiency the new overpasses provide will help this region continue to grow and thrive into the future.”

Read more about the overpass [here](#).

SASKATOON WILLOWGROVE CONSTITUENT BRINGS HOME A BRONZE MEDAL!



Saskatchewan Mens and Ladies were the only province to have two medal-winning teams at the the Championships held in Guelph, Ontario recently. This Canadian event features Masters Men & Women curlers competing to earn the prestigious title of 'Canadian Champions'. Athletes from all across Canada qualify for the Hy-Grade Steel Roofing Canadian Masters Curling Championships by winning their respective Provincial or Territorial Championships. Like the Brier and the Scotties these Champions wear their provincial colours as they compete against the rest of Canada.

Dale Kohlenberg, a Saskatoon Willowgrove constituent brought home a well deserved Bronze medal after beating the P.E.I team in a tight, extra-end battle by a score of 6 - 5. Congratulations! Dale played second on the team that represented the Unity Curling Club in this event. Their team included Skip Jim Wilson, Saskatoon, Colin Coben, Delisle and lead Daryl Eddigfield, Cutknife.

The Women brought home a gold medal! The team representing the Wadena Curling Club included Delores Syrota Skip, Bev Krasowski Vice-skip, Donna Liebrecht Second and Sylvia Broad Lead. Congratulations ladies!



**WILLOWGROVE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE!**

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Are you ready for another fun and successful garage sale? All that spring cleaning has got the WUHCA thinking it's time!

Their annual community garage sale will be May 11 from 5-9 pm, May 12 & 13 from 9 am to 5 pm (these are just a guide for buyers, you are free to set up when works for your family)....

The WUHCA will advertise the community garage sale for everyone's benefit through our WUHCA website directory, magnetic signs in the community, and on Kijiji. WUHCA members are welcome to register for the sale by contacting media.coordinator@wuhca.ca. Your address will be added to our directory & pdf map listed on our website for no additional charge.

Don't have a membership? They can fix that. Contact membership.coordinator@wuhca.ca to get one for \$15. After the sale, you can contact community living and arrange for them to come get what is left.

Keep up to date with all of our events at Willowgrove University Heights Community Association Facebook page or on their website at www.wuhca.ca. Happy organizing!

**THANK YOU TO ONE OF OUR READERS FOR SENDING THE
FOLLOWING POSITIVE MESSAGE TO US TO SHARE IN OUR
NEWSLETTER!**



1. Do good things for other people.
2. Appreciate the world around you.
3. Develop and bolster relationships.
4. Establish goals that can be accomplished.
5. Learn something new.

**SAVE THE DATE: THE ANNUAL CITY WIDE FOOD DRIVE WILL
TAKE PLACE MAY 6TH**



I look forward to participating in the Annual City Wide Food Drive Saturday, May 6th.

Join the entire city of Saskatoon in donating nutritious non-perishable food items to the Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Centre. Watch your mailbox for a City Wide Food Drive donation bag, pack it with nutritious items and have it on your door step by 10 am on Saturday, May 6th. Members of the faith community will be going door to door to collect these items. If you live in a condo/ apartment, or your bag is accidentally missed, please drop off your bag at the nearest grocery store.

Most wanted items:

- **Baby food & formula**
- **Canned protein**
- **Canned fruit & vegetables**
- **Whole grain cereal**
- **Whole grain pasta**
- **Hearty soups & stews**
- **100% fruit juice**

This is such a great cause. I encourage you to show your support.

THE SASKATCHEWAN ADVANTAGE SCHOLARSHIP - DID YOU KNOW?



- In 2017-18, the Government of Saskatchewan will provide over \$9M for the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship.
- In 2016-17, the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship program helped over 20,000 Saskatchewan students reduce their tuition costs.
- Since its inception in 2012, the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship has provided over 67,000 scholarships, to approximately 31,900 students, totalling almost \$33M.
- Close to 5,500 students have received the full \$2K in scholarships.
- Our government is committed to keeping post-secondary education accessible and affordable for students.

Click [here](#) to learn more information.

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

WUHCA Earth Day Clean Up

When: April 22, 10 am - 2 pm

Where: Willowgrove Square

Click [here](#) for information



Silverspring Community Association Neighbourhood Clean-up Day

When: Saturday, April 22

Where: Silverspring School

For additional information, click [here](#)



Saskatoon Prayer Breakfast

When: Saturday, April 29

Where: Prairieland Park

Click [here](#) for details



Huskie Dogs' Breakfast

When: May 4

Where: Prairieland Park

Click [here](#) for Ticket Information



Holy Family 2nd Annual Bingo

When: Friday, May 5

Where: Holy Family School Gym

Please email hfsfundraising@hotmail.com for more information.



City Wide Food Drive

When: Saturday, May 6th

Where: all across the city

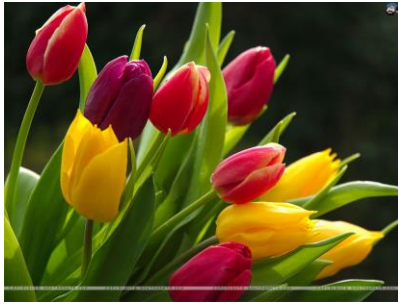
Click [here](#) to volunteer or for additional details

Evergreen Community Association Spring Trade Show

When: Saturday, May 13

Evergreen Community Association is seeking vendors, volunteer and entertainment

For more information contact Helen at hel_125@hotmail.com



The Edwards School of Business Leadership Conference

When: May 18

Where: TCU Place

Click [here](#) for information



Race for Kids

When: Saturday, May 27

Where: Rotary Park, 10 am start

"Support of Boys and Girls Clubs"

Click [here](#) for details



The Teddy Bear Picnic 2017

When: May 27

Where: Deifenbaker Park

Click [here](#) for details



Team Naomi Get Well Now 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Save the Date!

When: June 3

Where: Greenbryre Golf and Country Club

For information contact teamnaomigetwellnow@gmail.com and watch this newsletter for more details



20th Annual Zoogala - Save the Date

When: June 16

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm and Zoo

Click [here](#) for information on sponsorship and tickets



Canadian Country Music Association Awards

When: September 10

Tickets on Sale Now, click [here](#) for details



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THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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KEEP IN TOUCH

I appreciate the many opportunities to make a positive difference in my constituency. Your phone calls, letters, and emails make a big difference in keeping me informed on the issues that matter to you.

If you would like me to recognize anyone or have your event mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

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