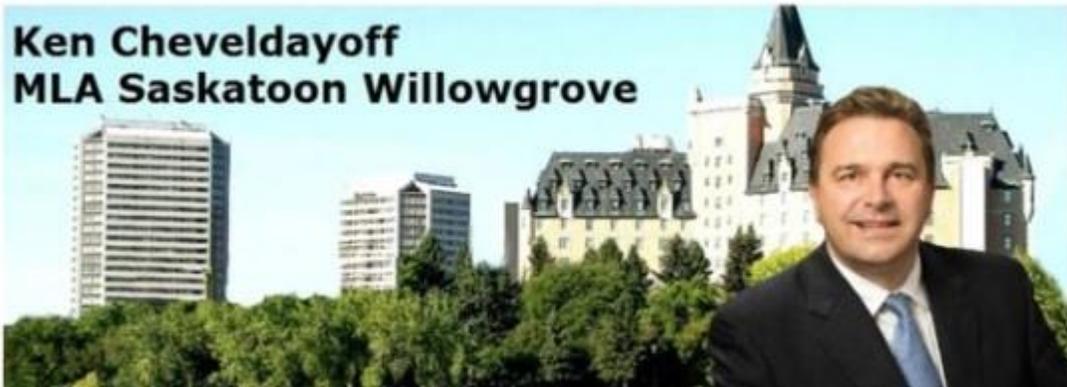


Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!

Ken Cheveldayoff
MLA Saskatoon Willowgrove



Hello December



Please be a good month and bring smiles and happiness to all of my family and friends.



PREMIER MOE CONCLUDES SUCCESSFUL TRADE MISSION TO INDIA



Pictured above with Premier Scott Moe is Tim Gitzel, President and Chief Executive Officer of Cameco.

They are shown having an important meeting with India's Department of Atomic Energy in Mumbai. Since Canada opened uranium sales to India in 2015, Saskatchewan has been providing a stable supply of clean, abundant energy for nuclear reactors in India. As India seeks to continue to further grow into Nuclear energy, our province has a great opportunity to supply that needed fuel.

Premier Scott Moe has returned from his first trade mission to India. During the trip, Premier Moe made stops in New Delhi and Mumbai and met with a number of Indian government and business leaders to advance Saskatchewan's trade interests.

"India is one of Saskatchewan's most important markets," Moe said. "This mission was an opportunity for me to meet with important Indian stakeholders and decision makers and to discuss ways to work together to advance our mutual prosperity."

During the mission, the Premier:

- met with a number of Indian government leaders, including the Minister of Commerce and Industry, the Minister of Food Processing Industries, a Minister of State for the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and the Chair of the Atomic Energy Commission of India;
- continued discussions around the challenges of tariffs on Saskatchewan pulse crops;
- met with major importers of Saskatchewan potash and pulse crops to encourage further development;
- met with area farmers and visited a market development project where Saskatchewan potash is used to enhance mustard crop yields;
- had meetings with a number of Indian business leaders to promote Saskatchewan as a place to invest and to identify potential partnerships in innovation and research;
- participated in roundtable discussions with Canadian and Indian business leaders on the current state of trade opportunities for future growth; and
- met with students and alumni of Saskatchewan Polytechnic and oversaw the signing of a memorandum of understanding between Saskatchewan Polytechnic, the University of Regina and the Emmanuel Hospital Foundation to facilitate exchanges in nursing education.

“While we continue to face significant challenges in India regarding tariffs and trade barriers, we know our relationship will continue to grow and develop,” Moe said. “With an export driven economy like Saskatchewan, we need to engage proactively with key markets like India to ensure we are creating wealth and opportunity for Saskatchewan people. That’s what trade missions like this are all about.”

India is the world’s second most populated country and is growing rapidly. Saskatchewan has been Canada’s top exporter to India for the past decade with exports valued at \$1.15 billion in 2017, which accounted for 27 per cent of Canada’s total exports to the region. Saskatchewan’s major exports to India include potash, uranium, lentils and peas. Approximately 4,550 Saskatchewan jobs rely on exports to India.

BUDGET AND ECONOMY ON TRACK AT MID-YEAR



*“We continue to manage spending carefully, invest in priorities for **Saskatchewan** people, shift from our reliance on volatile resource revenue and help keep our economy strong.”*

- Donna Harpauer, Minister of Finance

Saskatchewan’s 2018-19 Budget remains on track at mid-year, with a projected deficit of \$348.3 million, \$17 million less than what was projected on budget day.

“Saskatchewan’s financial and economic outlook have both improved somewhat compared to our original budget projections,” Finance Minister Donna Harpauer said. “Our government’s plan to return the province to balance by 2019-20 remains on track.”

Higher forecast revenue—up \$138.1 million from budget—has helped reduce the projected deficit. Revenue is forecast to be up due to higher projected resource revenue and higher net income from Government Business Enterprises, federal transfers and other own-source revenue, partially offset by lower personal income tax revenue.

Expense is forecast to be up \$121.1 million from budget. Nearly half of the increase is pension expense, reflecting changes in interest rates and actuarial assumptions. Increases at mid-year also reflect higher-than-budgeted expense for child and family services, health services and forest-fire operations.

Saskatchewan is showing modest improvement in economic activity in 2018, and Gross Domestic Product (GDP) forecasts remain consistent with budget projections. The current forecast projects cumulative GDP growth of 2.9 per cent for 2017 and 2018 (2.2 per cent in 2017 and 0.7 per cent in 2018), slightly higher than the budget forecast.

Public Debt at March 31, 2019 is forecast to be \$19.78 billion, which is \$251.6 million lower than budgeted, primarily due to decreased debt for Government Business Enterprises.

“Most of our public debt pertains to infrastructure, either through self-supporting Crown corporations or through the Saskatchewan Builds Capital Plan,” Harpauer said. “Our infrastructure needs are significant and support a growing economy.”

Saskatchewan recently had its triple-A credit rating confirmed by Moody’s Investors Service, and has the second-highest credit rating in Canada when ratings from the three major agencies are combined. Saskatchewan is also forecast to have the third-lowest net debt-to-GDP ratio in the country.

“While we are on course, there is still work to do,” Harpauer said. “We continue to manage spending carefully, invest in priorities for Saskatchewan people, shift from our reliance on volatile resource revenue and help keep our economy strong.”

HOPE FOR MALAWI



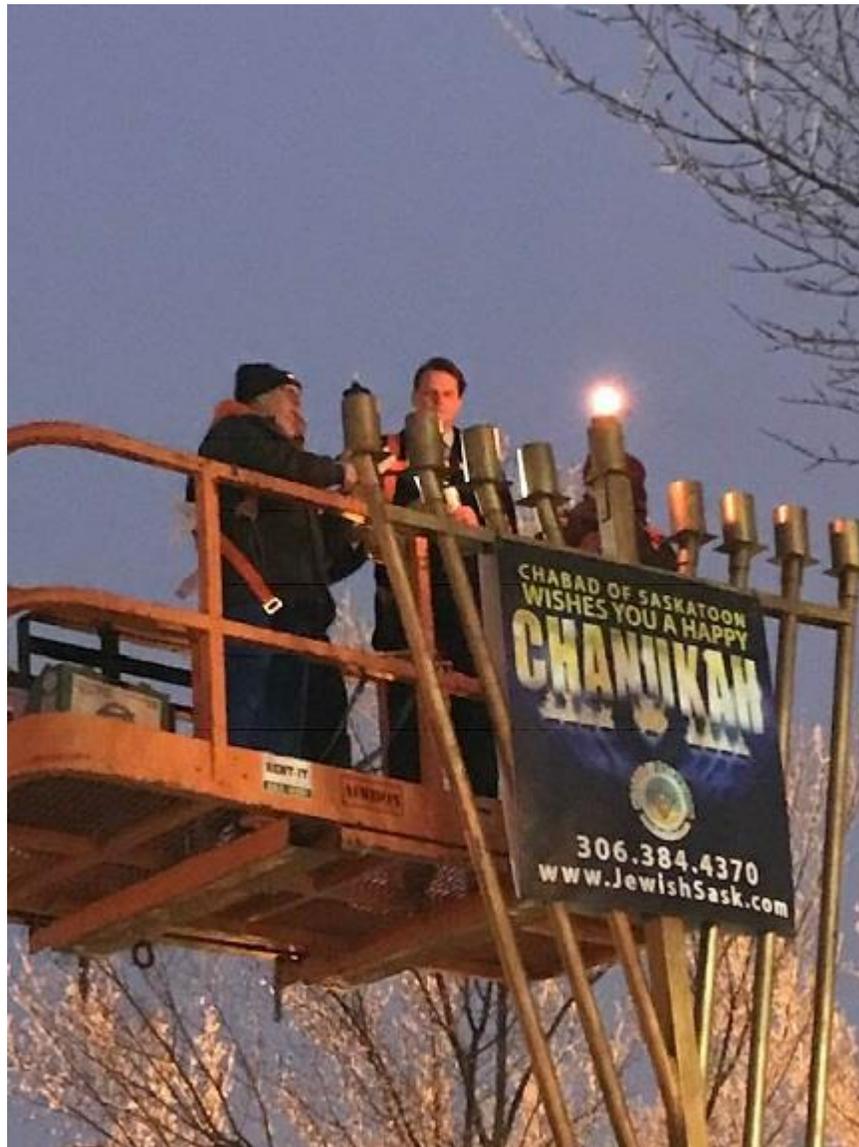
It was with honour and delight to have the opportunity to bring greetings at the Malawi Brunch hosted by Elaine and Peter Zakreski. Elaine and Peter continue to inspire us all by the work they do as founders of the Hope for Malawi Foundation. They have given hope to those without parents, without shelter and without food. In doing so they continue to inspire a sense of global social obligation and philanthropy.

Despite challenges, their efforts are building vibrant communities and spreading joy. The people of Malawi are expressing appreciation and excitement for the future. We've seen people of all ages in our province inspired to take action in their own way through generous donations and the collection of supplies destined for Malawi.

The impact is immeasurable. Elaine and Peter lead by example showing us that must never take for granted the spirit of community involvement, social responsibility and global awareness we see in Saskatchewan. The generosity and compassion behind this cause is truly something to celebrate.

Thank you Elaine and Peter and congratulations on making life better for many through your decisive action. Click [here](#) to read about Hope for Malawi.

8TH ANNUAL SASKATOON MENORAH LIGHTING CEREMONY HELD DECEMBER 2ND



The 8th annual Saskatoon Menorah Lighting Ceremony took place on Sunday, December 2nd, at 5:00 PM at the Saskatoon Farmers' Market.

While Chanukah is a Jewish celebration, this event has gained tremendous popularity and support beyond the Jewish community due to its reflection of the universal message of freedom – freedom of expression and freedom of religion. It is truly a *community celebration*! Joining Rabbi Raphael Kats, Director, Chabad of Saskatoon were the Honourable Don Morgan, MLA David Buckingham and several dignitaries, community leaders, and the community at large. The event was streamed live on facebook for those unable to attend. Click [here](#) to view the video.

Happy Chanukah to our Jewish community.

PROVINCE LAUNCHES CLIMATE RESILIENCY FRAMEWORK

Environment Minister Dustin Duncan announced a new Climate Resilience Measurement Framework to help measure resilience in the face of a changing global climate.

The framework is a first of its kind in Canada and a cornerstone commitment in Prairie Resilience, the made-in-Saskatchewan climate change strategy. This government-wide action plan includes 25 measures to monitor and enhance provincial resilience to climate change.

“Our government has made significant progress in the development of Prairie Resilience since it was announced nearly one year ago,” Duncan said. “This new resilience framework covers a broad and balanced set of measures that will help to ensure we are working to protect Saskatchewan people and communities from a changing climate. This is an important part of our comprehensive plan that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve better results than a singular carbon tax policy.”

Resilience is the ability to cope with, adapt to and recover from stress and change. This includes the ability of natural systems (land, water and forests), physical infrastructure, economic sustainability, community preparedness, and the well-being of people to adapt and thrive in a low-carbon economy and changing environmental conditions, such as extreme weather or flooding.

Examples of specific measures in the framework are:

- Percentage of agricultural land area with a nutrient stewardship plan, which matches the right source and rate of fertilizer to the right time and place of application;
- greenhouse gas emissions from government-owned buildings;
- Provincial forest harvest designs;
- Floodplain mapping for at-risk communities; and
- Wildfire fuel management work on Crown land.

The Climate Resilience Measurement Framework marks a significant commitment in the province’s Prairie Resilience strategy, which also includes emissions reductions in electricity, upstream oil and gas, and industrial facilities that emit more than 25,000 tonnes of emissions each year. These commitments will reduce annual greenhouse gas emissions by 12 million tonnes by 2030.

The Climate Resilience Measurement Framework and other components of the province’s comprehensive climate change strategy are available at www.saskatchewan.ca/climate-change.

WHAT A GREAT IDEA FOR US ALL!



Let me know if your family will consider participating in this reverse advent calendar and I'll let you know how many people I hear from! This is a great cause.

**SASKATCHEWAN INTRODUCING MANDATORY MINIMUM
TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL SEMI DRIVERS**



Starting March 15, 2019, drivers seeking a Class 1 commercial licence in Saskatchewan to drive semi trucks will be required to undergo a minimum of 121.5 hours of training.

The change was announced today by the Government of Saskatchewan to make Saskatchewan roads safer for commercial semi truck drivers and everyone who shares the road with them.

“Saskatchewan has been working to improve standards for training curriculum and driver testing for semi drivers since mid-2017,” Minister Responsible for SGI Joe Hargrave said. “Our ongoing consultations with other provinces have helped address gaps and inconsistencies when commercial drivers cross provincial borders. Stronger training requirements in Saskatchewan and across Canada will help make our province’s and our nation’s roads safer.”

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

BE SAFE ON THE ICE THIS WINTER



With the arrival of colder temperatures, the Government of Saskatchewan reminds everyone to make sure that ice is safe and thick enough before walking or driving on it.

Ice thickness depends on the particular waterbody and the local conditions. It does not freeze at a uniform thickness and ice strength can vary considerably from one area to another.

To be sure, check the ice thickness before you travel on it. As a guideline, you need at least 10 cm (four inches) of ice to walk on, 20 cm (eight inches) to drive a snowmobile or ATV on, 30 cm (12 inches) to drive a car or light truck on, and more than 30 cm (12 inches) to support a heavy truck. Be aware that any activity on ice has risks. Guidelines are provided to help individuals make a decision about whether to venture on to the ice. Thickness is just one consideration when evaluating ice safety. Clear, hard ice is the only ice recommended for travel.

Also avoid ice that:

- looks slushy;
- has thawed, then frozen again;
- is near moving water;
- is layered, caused by sudden temperature changes; or
- has structures on it, such as pressure ridges.

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

**MORE THAN \$1.5 MILLION IN CHARITABLE GAMING GRANTS
PAID OUT**

Groups and organizations across the province that conduct charitable gaming activities have received approximately \$1.5 million from the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority's charitable gaming grant program.

"The program provided more than 800 groups and organizations with funds that will help them to continue the important volunteer based programming they provide within their local communities," Minister Responsible for SLGA Gene Makowsky said. "These groups support minor sports programs, art and cultural activities, seniors, health care initiatives and so many other worthy causes." Continue reading this news release [here](#).

A "FRIENDLY" HOCKEY GAME WITH MEMBERS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE HOUSE AND FRIENDS!



Its always nice to get together outside of the legislature on a non partisan basis. A good time was had by all that participated in a friendly hockey game Sunday. Both sides of the house were well represented. They had a few more spectators to cheer them on, but we won the game!

PROVINCE ISSUES STATEMENT OF CLAIM AGAINST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO HONOUR COMMITMENT TO CLEAN UP URANIUM MINE IN NORTHERN SASKATCHEWAN



Photo provided courtesy of Woodland Aerial Photography

The Government of Saskatchewan has issued a statement of claim, which calls on the Government of Canada to contribute equally to the cost of cleaning up the Gunnar uranium mine.

The lawsuit, filed on Tuesday, comes after numerous, unsuccessful attempts by the provincial government to work collaboratively with the federal government on the clean-up of the abandoned mine site, located just west of Fond du Lac on the shores of Lake Athabasca.

“After repeated requests to the federal government to honour its joint obligations to the North, to northern and First Nations communities and to the environment, we are left with no choice,” Energy and Resources Minister Bronwyn Eyre said. “We implore the federal government to pay its fair share of continuing remediation work.”

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

HAVE A SAFE HUNT



Have a Safe Hunt

Did you know...

For everyone's safety, when being checked in the field by a conservation officer and they ask you to exit the vehicle, please leave your firearm behind. Do not bring the firearm with you or try and hand it to the officer through an open window. The safest and easiest way to check firearms is to leave them right where they are.

Stay safe out there!

saskatchewan.ca/hunting



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DID YOU KNOW



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- Saskatchewan's manufacturing shipments increased 54% between 2007 and 2017, totaling \$16 million last year alone

NOVEMBER 29TH REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



Two years ago, our government prepared a 3-year plan to balance the budget while keeping our investment climate competitive and ensuring long-term economic strength. While we still face challenges, our province is well-positioned to weather them and emerge even stronger.

The mid-year budget update shows that Saskatchewan's plan to get back to a balanced budget remains on track for next year. Our financial and economic outlook have both improved with this year's projected deficit \$17 million lower than expected.

While we are on course, there is still work to do.

We continue to manage spending carefully, invest in priorities for Saskatchewan people, shift from our reliance on volatile resource revenue and help keep our economy strong.

Saskatchewan's triple-A credit rating was recently confirmed by Moody's Investors Service. It is worth noting that when ratings from the three major agencies are combined, our province has the second-highest credit rating in Canada. Saskatchewan is also forecast to have the third-lowest net debt-to-GDP ratio in the country.

Saskatchewan is also seeing its strongest job growth in four years with 2,500 new jobs in October and nearly 10,000 new jobs since last year.

While our economy and finances are improving, we still have the threat of a damaging federal carbon tax, continued sanctions from the United States on our steel and uranium industries, and a deeply discounted price for our oil caused by a lack of pipelines.

Two years have now passed since the Trudeau government rejected the previously approved

Northern Gateway pipeline project and since they announced the approval of the Trans Mountain expansion. Fast-forward to today and we have no progress, no pipelines, a regulatory environment that is full of uncertainty, and an oil differential crisis.

Your Saskatchewan Party government will keep standing up for Saskatchewan workers and jobs by calling on the federal government to build Trans Mountain and withdraw Bill C-69 so we can get Canada's pipelines built and Saskatchewan's resources to market.

This week Premier Moe travelled to India to help grow market access for our exports, highlight Saskatchewan's attractive investment climate, and advance our post-secondary linkages with India – all of which are key to strengthening our economy and the province's finances.

India is one of our province's most important trading partners and holds enormous potential for growth. India's economy and population are booming and Saskatchewan has what India needs to support that growth.

Saskatchewan is a world leading producer of sustainable food, fuel and fertilizer, which gives us the unique ability to work with India to enhance its food and energy security.

Over the past decade, Saskatchewan has exported more than \$11 billion worth of goods to India, including \$1.15 billion in 2017, more than any other Canadian province or territory. Saskatchewan was India's largest supplier of lentils and peas. Potash and uranium are other important exports. Approximately 4,550 Saskatchewan jobs rely on exports to India.

At a time when Saskatchewan is on track to achieve a balanced budget in 2019-20, our government's focus is to continue our work to grow the economy and province, providing the quality programs and services Saskatchewan people expect and deserve.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A POSITION WITH SASKPARKS?



SaskParks is looking for innovative individuals who will greet our visitors with a smile, lead the public through transformative experiences, maintain our grounds and buildings, and keep our campers safe.

If you want to make a difference in a Saskatchewan Provincial Park this summer, visit saskparks.com for more information and to apply. Applications will be accepted until Sunday, January 6, 2019.

PROVINCE PROCLAIMS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Government of Saskatchewan has joined the world in recognizing December 3, 2018, as International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities was first proclaimed by the United Nations in 1992 to increase awareness and understanding of disability issues and trends, and to mobilize support for practical action by, with and for persons with disabilities. This year's theme is "empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality."

Continue reading the news release [here](#).

FUNDING AGREEMENT ENHANCES SASKATOON TRIBAL COUNCIL'S HARM REDUCTION PROGRAM



Harm reduction services in Saskatoon are getting a boost thanks to a multi-year funding agreement between the Saskatchewan Government, Indigenous Services Canada and the Saskatoon Tribal Council (STC).

The Ministry of Health, through the Saskatchewan Health Authority, and Indigenous Services Canada will each contribute a total of \$825,000 between October 2018 and April 2024 (\$75,000 in 2018-19 and \$150,000 in subsequent years) to STC's harm reduction program. Saskatoon Tribal Council will provide in-kind contributions of \$50,000 for 2018-19 and \$100,000 annually to March 2024.

“Our government is pleased to support the Saskatoon Tribal Council’s harm reduction program,” Health Minister Jim Reiter said. “Harm reduction is an important part of our approach to HIV, which also includes getting people tested and increasing access to treatment.”

Read more [here](#).

THOUGHTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON



COMING EVENTS

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO HIGHLIGHT IN THIS NEWSLETTER, PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Provincial Point of View is a great way to connect with our community. We appreciate the opportunity to share the successes we see in our constituency and highlight the many events happening in our community. If you have a suggestion for items you would like highlighted in this newsletter, please email: ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net



BHP Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour

When: Now - January 4th

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo

Click [here](#) for details



ERINDALE ALLIANCE CHURCH

When: Christmas Eve - 6:30 - Candlelight Service

December 30, 10:30 am - Family Service

Call 306.249.3393 for information



Saskatoon Evergreen Community Association Activity

When: Tuesdays from 10 am - 11 am

Where: Evergreen Community Resource Room

Click [here](#) for additional information.



Free Community Event - Erindale Alliance Church

When: every second and fourth Thursday from 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Now - December 6

Where: Erindale Alliance Church

For more information, call Tracy at 306.249.3393 or click [here..](#)





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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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