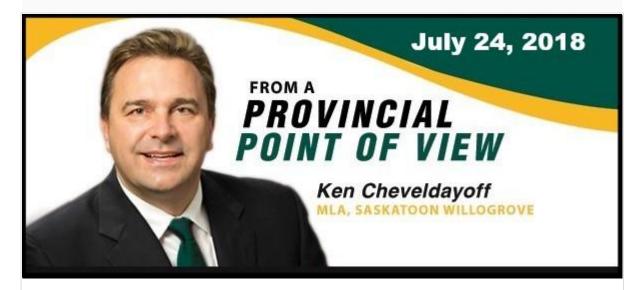
Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



# PREMIER DOUG FORD AND PREMIER SCOTT MOE AGREE TO FIGHT FEDERAL CARBON TAX



Photo credit CTV Regina

Premiers will work together to stop federal government from imposing an oppressive tax on the people of their provinces.

SAINT ANDREWS, NEW BRUNSWICK – Ontario Premier Doug Ford and Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe released a joint statement about their discussions at the summer meeting of the Council of the Federation: "We agreed today to join forces and use every single tool at our disposal to challenge the federal government's authority to arbitrarily impose a carbon tax on the people of Ontario and Saskatchewan.

Carbon taxes make life unaffordable for families, and put thousands of jobs at risk. This type of taxation does nothing for the environment and hits people in the wallet in order to fund big government initiatives.

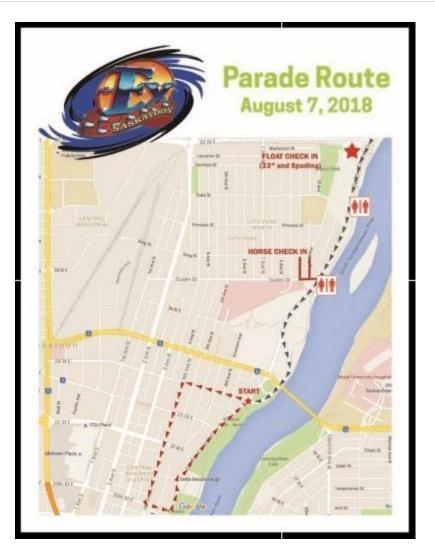
We agreed that, in a time of economic uncertainty, we need to put more money back in the pockets of families and businesses. A climate change strategy is critical, but a carbon tax would increase the price of virtually every product and service people need on a daily basis.

We will do everything in our power, including going to court, to prevent the federal government from imposing this punishing tax on hard-working people. That is why Ontario will be supporting Saskatchewan and intervening in the reference case Saskatchewan has launched with its Court of Appeal. Ontario and Saskatchewan agree that the federal government should not be able to impose a carbon tax on provinces. The federation needs to work more collaboratively.

We look forward to continuing to work together, and with our fellow premiers, to create good jobs and drive economic growth across the country."

Click <u>here</u> to see the video.

# REMINDER - PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOUR CHILDREN WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SASKATOON EXHIBITION DAY PARADE



The Exhibition Day Parade will be held Tuesday, August 7th at 10:00 am. Once again, Saskatoon Willowgrove will have an entry in the parade. We will be riding on an antique fire truck owned by Ken Sawatsky. I invite you to join me to ride on the firetruck!

Approximately 100 entries wind through downtown Saskatoon beginning at 10 am from 24th Street and Spadina Crescent East. The parade is always a lot of fun for the kids as they wave to the hundreds of people that line the streets.

If your children are interested in riding along with me, email ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net with your contact information and we'll get back to you with details. Please let me know as soon as possible as space is limited.

# CONSTRUCTION REMAINS ON SCHEDULE FOR \$60.6 MILLION OVERPASS PROJECT



The Government of Saskatchewan announced today the \$60.6 million overpass project at Martensville and Warman remains on schedule. The project is designed to improve safety for two of Saskatchewan's fastest-growing communities.

"The growth in Martensville and Warman is phenomenal, and we are pleased to see the overpass construction progressing so well," Highways and Infrastructure Minister David Marit said. "We are looking forward to getting this project completed to improve traffic flow and safety for people getting home or to work."

"The safety of motorists is important to us and we're reminding daily commuters that Main Street will be closed for a month," Martensville Mayor Kent Muench said. "This will allow for the completion of the east abutment, providing access to the new bridge."

With approximately 14,400 vehicles per day on Highway 12, the new interchange at Martensville will disperse traffic along Main Street and Centennial Drive, reducing congestion and providing safer access to current and future developments.

Read the entire news release here.

# PROVINCIAL PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT AGENCY MOVING TO SASKATCHEWAN HEALTH AUTHORITY



Saskatchewan is taking steps to ensure that access to physician services continues to be a high priority, particularly in rural and remote communities.

The Physician Recruitment Agency of Saskatchewan will transition to the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) on July 23. The agency focuses on recruitment and retention of physicians and health care professionals in Saskatchewan and uses the saskdocs and HealthCareersinSask websites as tools to connect them with current opportunities in the province.

This transition will build on saskdocs' good work, helping align recruitment efforts with the SHA's physician resource planning and ensure that physicians are practising in communities where they are most needed.

To facilitate continuity and ongoing connections with key partners, a number of current board members will have the opportunity to continue serving in an advisory capacity following the transfer - a further example of the province's commitment to recruitment and retention efforts.

"People in rural, northern, and urban communities throughout the province continue to have better access to physician care," Rural and Remote Health Minister Greg Ottenbreit said. "The efforts of saskdocs, along with other recruitment and retention initiatives introduced by our government, have resulted in 900 more licensed doctors and 3,700 more nurses in Saskatchewan than in 2007." Click here to read more.

# **REVIEW YOUR PENSION INVESTMENTS**



The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority (FCAA) wants to remind people who contribute to a defined contribution (DC) pension plan to review their pension investments in a DC plan, employees typically decide how their money is invested, so it's important to stay informed and make suitable investment choices.

"Be comfortable with your investment decisions and the level of risk involved," Director of FCAA's Pensions Division Leah Fichter said. "Choose the investment strategy that is best for you, since retirement income is impacted by how well your investments perform."

Pension Investment Tips:

- 1. Review your pension investments periodically. Your pension statement will let you know which funds your money is invested in and how well they are doing through investment earnings.
- 2. Make sure they are the right fit for you. Make sure you are comfortable with your pension investments. Many plans offer a selection of funds, so it's important to know your options. Consider the length of time to your retirement to choose the most suitable investment option for you. Some plans have funds which automatically adjust investments to safer investments as you age; this option might be ideal for some people.

3. Talk to your pension plan administrator. If you are unsure and have questions, contact your plan administrator who will help you find the resources you need.

For more pension information, visit: <a href="http://www.fcaa.gov.sk.ca/consumers-investors-pension-plan-members/pension-plan-members">www.fcaa.gov.sk.ca/consumers-investors-pension-plan-members</a>. Watch the video here to see three investment tips.

# SUMMER LITERACY CAMPS TEACH A LIFE-LONG LOVE OF READING IN STUDENTS



Summer literacy camps are well underway for more than 1,200 students across the province. These camps encourage students to continue reading over the summer months while having fun and interactive learning experiences."These camps instill a life-long love of reading in children with a focus on First Nations and Métis students," Deputy Premier and Minister of Education Gordon Wyant said. "The camps maintain and enhance the literacy skills students learned during the school year and help prepare them for classes in the fall."

The camps are meant to be culturally relevant and have visits from parents and Elders to lead activities and support a community-based approach to learning. At the end of the camp, students are encouraged to further develop their literacy skills by taking home the books they read to continue building a love of reading.

Read the entire news release here.

# ADDITIONAL GRANTS FOR ADULT LEARNERS ENROLLING IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION



Students enrolling in post-secondary studies after several years away from school are eligible to access all student loan and grant programs through the Canada-Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan program. There are new features to the program that help eligible adult learners pay for post-secondary education.

These include:

- \$200 per month in additional grant money for full-time students who have been out of high school for at least 10 years;
- A person who has lost their job or experienced a drop in income may qualify for additional assistance and may have their current income used to assess Canada Student Grant eligibility; and
- Ability to request grants-only funding and decline the loans portion.

"Our government understands that returning to post-secondary education after several years away can be challenging," Advanced Education Minister Tina Beaudry-Mellor said. "We hope that these additional grants and features will make it easier for adult learners to pursue postsecondary education."

There are also additional features to the Canada-Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan program to benefit adult learners with dependants.

- Full-time or part-time students with dependant children may be eligible for monthly living allowances based on their income and the number and age of their children, which will include a monthly allowance for daycare. These students may also receive additional grants for being students with dependants; and
- Students with children do not have to make the fixed student contribution.

Students can now submit their student financial assistance applications for the 2018-19 student loan year for academic programs beginning on or after August 1, 2018. Students are encouraged to apply early.

More information on Saskatchewan Student Loans can be found at www.saskatchewan.ca/studentloans or by calling 1-800-597-8278.

## YEAR -END ACTUALS SHOW SASKATCHEWAN'S FINANCES ARE CONTINUING TO IMPROVE

Deficit Drops by \$393 Million in 2017-18 Public Accounts Compared to 2017-18 Budget

The final results for the 2017-18 fiscal year show a significant drop in Saskatchewan's deficit. The province finished the year with revenue of \$14.02 billion and total expense of \$14.32 billion—leaving a deficit of \$303 million.

"Our government's plan to return the province to balance by 2019-20 remains on track," Finance Minister Donna Harpauer said. "Our economy is growing and the province's fiscal position continues to improve, with an actual deficit of \$303 million in 2017-18, \$393 million less than what was projected in the 2017-18 Budget."

Revenue in 2017-18 was down \$146 million, or one per cent, from the budget. The decrease was primarily due to lower-than-expected tax revenue and transfers from the federal government, offset by higher net income from government business enterprises, other own-source revenue and non-renewable resource revenue.

Continue reading the news release here.

# STATS CANADA NUMBERS SHOW STRONG TOUISM GROWTH IN SASKATCHEWAN



Saskatchewan's tourism sector made significant gains in 2017.

Visits to and within the province by Canadians increased by 9.4 per cent from 2016, placing Saskatchewan well ahead of Canada's overall growth rate of 2.1 per cent. Visitor expenditures showed even higher growth, with a jump of 10.4 per cent. Canadian visitors, including Saskatchewan residents travelling within the province, spent \$1.88 billion in 2017.

"We are delighted by the growth in the province's tourism sector in the domestic market," Minister Responsible for Tourism Saskatchewan Gene Makowsky said. "Saskatchewan has an abundance of attractions and beautiful natural scenery, and it is good to see visitors from Canada discovering what we in Saskatchewan have always known."

Read the entire news release here.

### SASKATCHEWAN'S 2018 COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION LITERACY AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED



Judy Craig of the Regina Public Library is Saskatchewan's recipient of the 2018 Council of the Federation Literacy Award (COFLA).

"On behalf of Premier Scott Moe and the Government of Saskatchewan, I want to congratulate Judy for this well-deserved honour," Deputy Premier and Minister of Education Gordon Wyant said. "Judy's leadership in developing family literacy in our province has been invaluable. I look forward to officially presenting this prestigious accolade to Judy during a formal event in the fall."

Read the entire news release here.

# **NUTRIEN FRINGE FESTIVAL AUGUST 2 - 11**



Get ready to celebrate the arts at a 10 day community festival in the heart of the Broadway District of Saskatoon. There is so much planned for this years festival ... 6 venues, 10 days, 33 plays, 231 performances. The 2018 Nutrien Fringe Theatre Festival delivers summer fun for the whole family! Click here for additional information.

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2018 BILL HOLDER MEMBERIAL SHOW'N'SHINE

# Kenaston August Long Weekend Extravaganza

Sunday, August 5th & Monday, August 6th At the Kenaston Pool Grounds 400 Block 5th Avenue

> Pancake Breakfast Sunday & Monday 8:00 to 11:00

endor Tradeshow & Annual Antique & Collectible Flea Marke Sunday & Monday 9:00 to 5:00



Bill Holder Memorial Show 'n' Shine Monday Only 10:00 to 4:00

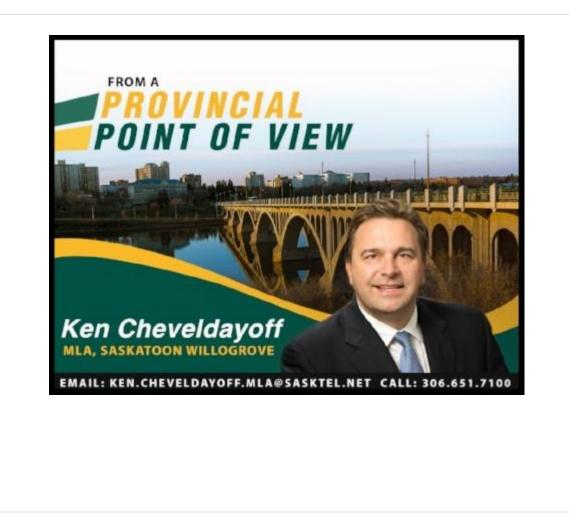
Free Swimming Sun & Mon 9:00 to 5:00 Kid's Bike Parade Monday Only 9:30 AM

Beer Gardens Sun & Mon 12:00 to 5:00

**BBQ Lunch Both Days!** 

Proceeds going to the Kenaston Recreation Board info on the Show'n' Shine or Flea Market, contact: Tammy @ (306)252-12 For info on other events, contact: Elaina @ (306)222-7856

The Bill Holder Memorial Show'n' Shine will be held Sunday, August 5th and Monday, August 6th. Mark your calendars and plan to attend another great car show!





# IF YOUR GROUP OF ORGANIZATION HAS AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE INCLUDED, PLEASE LET ME KNOW!

### SUM Theatre in the Park

When: throughout the summer Where: Various locations across the city Click <u>here</u> for the schedule



### Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan

When: Now through August 19 Click <u>here</u> for information



### Upcoming Car Shows

July 28 - Rosthern Show & Shine, Rosthern

July 28 - Watrous Annual Show & Shine /Manitou Fun Run, Watrous

July 29 - Bruno Show & Shine/ Tractor Pulls/ Rides in the " Rush Truck", Bruno

July 29 - Radisson Annual Show & Shine, Radisson

Check the upcoming show in Kenaston the August long weekend featured in this edition above!

For more information visit: <u>autoevents.ca</u> OR <u>cruisecalendar.ca</u> or contact: AI Kirchgessner at alk-gwl@hotmail.ca



### Railway Heritage Day

When: Monday, August 6 Where: Saskatchewan Railway Museum For more information please contact the museum at 306-382-9855. Visit our website at www.saskrailmuseum.org



#### 2018 Saskatoon Exhibition

When: August 7 - August 12 Where: Prairieland Park, Saskatoon Click <u>here</u> for details



# Dairy Queen Miracle Treat Day in support of Jim Pattison Children's

<u>Hospital</u>

When: August 9

Where: Dairy Queen Locations across the province



Burgers to Beat MS When: August 16



**Old Wives Festival** 

When: August 10-11 Where: Golf Clubhouse, Mossbank



### Folkfest 2018 in Saskatoon

When: August 16 - 18 Where: Locations around Saskatoon Click <u>here</u> for information

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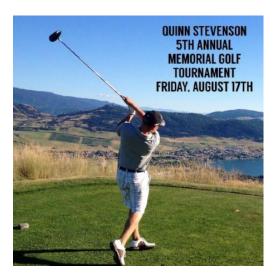
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# Folkfest '18 ~ August 16 ~ 18



Register now for the 5th Annual Quinn Stevenson Memorial Golf Tournament

When: Friday, August 17th @ the Willows Contact: qs16golf@gmail.com or call 306-290-8278



<u>CP Women's Open Golf</u> When: August 20 - 26 Where: Regina, Wascana Country Club If you would like to volunteer or get more information: <u>www.cpwomensopen.com or call 1-866-571-5742</u>



### THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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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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