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## Provincial Point of View May 22, 2014



**When: June 19**

**Where: Forestry Farm Park and Zoo**

**When: 4 pm to 8 pm**

With the spring session now behind us, my colleagues and I get back to our home constituencies to focus on our most important work – listening to and representing our constituents. This feedback is essential as it helps to form our government's priorities moving forward.

I will continue to work on your behalf to improve the quality of life for everyone, as well as the communities we live in. Your input is appreciated and I invite you to contact my office if you have

any questions or concerns.

If you or a group you are involved in would like me to attend any of your functions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to visiting with you as I host the annual Picnic in the Park on June 19 at the Forestry Farm. I sincerely hope you and your family are able to attend!

### **DESIGN DETAILS ANNOUNCED FOR THE NEW STADIUM**



It was an exciting day for Regina and the entire province of Saskatchewan as the City of Regina, the Province of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Roughrider Football Club announced the design details for a new stadium as part of the Regina Revitalization Initiative.

I was thrilled to be in attendance for the unveiling of the design details of the new stadium.

The new facility will be named Mosaic Stadium and will have a standard capacity of 33,000, and will be expandable to 40,000. The stadium will be built by PCL Construction Management Inc.,

which includes HKS Sports & Entertainment, B+H Architects and TD Securities.

"This is a very exciting time for our community and marks a significant milestone for the Regina Revitalization Initiative. We are absolutely thrilled with the design of our new stadium. It's an iconic gathering place for our community and is just the start of a revitalization effort that will influence and shape our city for generations to come," commented Mayor Michael Fougere.

Construction of the stadium will begin in June 2014 with substantial completion expected in August of 2016. The first Rider game in the new stadium will be played in June 2017.

[Regina Revitalization Initiative - Stadium Project](#)

### **DR. JOHN G EGNATOFF SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT THEIR LEGISLATIVE BUILDING**



Tuesday, May 13, I had the pleasure to meet the Grade 8 class from the Dr. John G Egnatoff School.

I am always so pleased to have the opportunity to meet with students from our constituency at the Legislature.

I appreciate the efforts of the teachers and chaperones for making these visits possible. The students had the opportunity to tour the building followed by a visit. The students had some great questions and it was indeed a privilege to interact with such a fantastic group of kids.

I encourage all families to take the time to visit their legislature if you're visiting Regina.

Thanks again to the teachers and chaperones for organizing this class visit.

### **TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REACHED WITH PROVINCE'S TEACHERS**

The Government-Trustee Bargaining Committee and the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation (STF) have arrived at a tentative provincial collective bargaining agreement.

The offer includes a total compensation increase of 7.3 per cent over four years as well as a \$700 pro-rated payment in the first year. There will be funding for teachers in years three and four of the agreement in recognition of associated fees upon the establishment of a new teacher regulatory and disciplinary body in Saskatchewan.

"The Saskatchewan School Boards Association and government representatives have worked hard on this agreement with the STF," Government-Trustee Bargaining Committee spokesperson Connie Bailey said. "We are hopeful that this agreement will be ratified by the parties involved."

[Tentative Agreement Reached with Province's Teachers](#)

**TRISH CHEVELDAYOFF COMMUNICATIONS AND CONSULTING**



Carter, Paige and I were thrilled to support Trish at the launch of her new business, "Trish Cheveldayoff Communications and Consulting".

On behalf of Trish, thank you to our friends and the Saskatoon business community for attending the reception at the Rouge Gallery last week.

Trish has previously worked for 34 years in television and radio broadcasting and is looking forward to utilizing her many skills as she embarks on her new career. I am so proud Trish's enthusiasm and energy and wish her all the best in this new chapter in her life.

### **MANUFACTURERS SET A NEW RECORD FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH**

Manufacturers in Saskatchewan continue to impress, once again setting a new shipment record - this time for the month of March.

Manufacturing shipments in the province reached \$1.3 billion in March, an 8.6 per cent increase over March 2013. The substantial increase in shipments earned Saskatchewan second place among all provinces for year-over-year growth.

Among the sectors reported, the largest year-over-year increases were seen in fabricated metal

products, up 9.9 per cent; machinery, up 6.5 per cent; and chemical products, up 4.3 per cent.

“The continued growth and record-setting trend that our manufacturing sector has seen demonstrates how diverse our economy truly is,” Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. “This is a sector that is contributing billions of dollars annually to our economy, and it is a reflection of the growth and prosperity felt by many sectors across the province.”

[Manufacturers Set a New Record for the Month of March](#)

### **POTASHCORP ARK PHASE II OFFICIALLY OPENS AT SASKATOON FORESTRY FARM PARK & ZOO FEATURING PHOENIX THE RED PANDA**



Officials from the City of Saskatoon, PotashCorp, Saskatoon Zoo Foundation, and Saskatoon Zoo Society took part in the opening of the PotashCorp Ark Phase II enclosure at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo on May 20. Participating in the ceremony were His Worship Mayor Donald Atchison; Rhonda Speiss, Corporate Philanthropy for PotashCorp; Ivan Bergerman, Saskatoon Zoo Foundation President; and Claire Bullaro, Saskatoon Zoo Society President.

The PotashCorp Ark, located within the Zoo near the Affinity Learning Centre, was designed to feature animals never before seen in Saskatchewan. Phase I opened in 2004 and has since housed snow leopards, a Bengal tiger, a pair of white Bengal tigers, lions, cougars, and lemurs. Phase II is adjoined to the first phase to allow for the ability to create one large exhibit or two independent exhibits.

Funding to complete Phase II was made possible by the Saskatoon Zoo Foundation, and PotashCorp with a \$150,000 donation and many gifts in kind from local businesses.

“The Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo always has amazing displays and activities, and the completion of this new phase will allow the Zoo continue to showcase animals unique to our city and continue to put Saskatoon on the map,” said Mayor Donald Atchison. “We thank the Saskatoon Zoo Foundation, local business and PotashCorp for bringing this final phase to life.”

[PotashCorp Ark Phase II Officially Opens at Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo Featuring Phoenix the Red Panda](#)

### **RAISING HOMEOWNER AWARENESS DURING REAL ESTATE AND RENOVATION SEASON**

Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan (FCAA) wants to make sure people know what to look for and expect from home renovation contractors, mortgage brokers and real estate professionals.

“Asking the right questions can save you time and money,” FCAA Chair and CEO Dave Wild said. “We want to make sure home buyers know what to expect from realtors and mortgage brokers. Knowing how to find a reputable contractor is a key skill for homeowners during the summer renovation season.”

[Raising Homeowner Awareness during Real Estate and Renovation Season](#)

### **2014 SABEX BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS**



**Congratulations to the 2014 SABEX Business of the Year finalists and winners.**

**A great crowd attended the event sponsored by the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce on May 15. This was the 19th year of celebrating excellent with their 2014 Celebrate Success Awards Gala presented by PotashCorp.**

**As with all successful events, a dedicated and enthusiastic planning team is the foundation. I acknowledge the valuable contributions and support of the Success Team.**

**As well, I gratefully acknowledge all the outstanding businesses for making Saskatoon and our province the best in the country. Congratulations to all participants and winners.**

**A special thank you to all of the sponsors and volunteers who continue to make the SABEX Awards an incredible event.**

### **WHOLESALE TRADE INCREASES IN MARCH**

**The value of wholesale trade in Saskatchewan continues to climb, reaching more than \$2.1 billion (seasonally adjusted) for the month of March. According to a Statistics Canada report release today, this marks an increase of 3.4 per cent over February 2014.**

**Wholesale trade activity earned Saskatchewan second place among the provinces for month-to-month percentage growth; only 0.6 per cent behind the leader, Newfoundland and Labrador.**

**“Saskatchewan is seeing continuous growth in many sectors, and it is no surprise that wholesale trade in the province is following suit,” Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. “We couldn’t achieve this type of growth in wholesale trade, or any other sector, without our greatest resource, our people. Thanks to the men and women working hard in many industries across the province, we can proudly say we’re home to one of Canada’s most diverse and prosperous economies.”**

[Wholesale Trade Increases in March](#)

**DID YOU KNOW...**

... Continued monthly growth in manufacturing will put Saskatchewan on pace to break last year's manufacturing shipment record of \$15.7 billion.

... The Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure operates and maintains 26,000 km of provincial highways, 17 northern airports, 12 ferries and one barge. The ministry also regulates about 2,000 km of short line railways.

... Saskatchewan families can now apply for the Saskatchewan Advantage Grant for Education Savings.

... Since 2011, the Government of Saskatchewan has invested \$256 million to develop more than 4,500 units and repair more than 24,300 homes around the province.

### **JUST THE LINKS**

May 22, 2014 - [Weekly Provincial Highway Construction Update](#)

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### **COMING EVENTS**

#### **Coffee with Councillor Zach Jeffries**

**Date:** May 24

**Where:** Starbucks in Safeway on McOrmond Drive

**When:** 10 am - 12 pm

#### **Top of the Hops Grapes and Grains Festival**

**Date:** May 22 - 24

**Where:** Prairieland Park

**When:** 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm daily

#### **NatureCity Festival**

**Date:** May 25 - 31

**Where:** Throughout Saskatoon

**When:** [View Here](#)

**Junior Achievement of Saskatchewan Business Hall of Fame**

**Date:** May 28

**Where:** TCU Place

**When:** 6:30 pm [Tickets Here](#)

**Lows in Motion Commotion Cabaret**

**Date:** May 30

**Where:** The New Ens Toyota Dealership 627 Brand Court

**When:** 7 pm [Tickets Here](#)

**26th Annual PotashCorp Children's Festival**

**Date:** June 1 - 4

**Where:** Kiwanis Memorial Park

**When:** [View Here](#)

**Tim Horton's Annual Camp Day**

**Date:** June 4

**Where:** Every Tim Horton's

**When:** All Day

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

**“I suspect the truth is  
that we are waiting, all of us,  
against insurmountable odds,  
for something extraordinary to happen to us.”**

**~ Khaled Hosseini**

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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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