

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



Provincial Point of View

September 11, 2018
Remembering those that lost
their lives 17 years ago

THINKING OF OUR AMERICAN NEIGHBOURS TODAY ON 9/11



Seventeen years ago today - a day the world will never forget. We mourn the lives lost on 9/11.

MOODY'S CONFIRMS SASKATCHEWAN'S

AAA CREDIT RATING

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- Moody's Investors Service, Sept 11, 2018

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Premier Scott Moe, "Moody's has just confirmed Saskatchewan has the highest possible credit rating from Moody's Investors Service: Aaa. We remain on track with our three year plan to balance the budget.

Moody's Investors Service today confirmed Saskatchewan's Aaa credit rating, the agency's highest rating for Canadian provinces.

"Moody's Aaa rating for our province is a further demonstration that our government's fiscal plan is on track," Finance Minister Donna Harpauer said. "We're heading in the right direction, reducing our deficit through careful management of our spending, keeping our economy strong and investing in priorities for Saskatchewan people. We're focused on returning the budget to balance by 2019-20."

In its update report, Moody's cites "very strong debt affordability, a health liquidity cushion and conservative fiscal and financial management practices."

Moody's goes on to state that "Saskatchewan's strong debt affordability and healthy cash levels position the province solidly against provincial peers and support its strong credit rating."

Saskatchewan and British Columbia are the only two provinces with Aaa ratings from Moody's. Saskatchewan continues to have the second-highest overall credit rating among provinces, behind only BC, when the ratings of the three major agencies (Moody's, Standard and Poor's and Dominion Bond Rating Services) are considered.

SEPTEMBER IS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



Premier Scott Moe, "September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and Mason's [Make-A-Wish Saskatchewan](#) story is an inspiration to all of us.

What he has left behind will bring joy and comfort to children who need it most for years to come.

Visit makeawish.ca/masonswish to learn more about Mason and the incredible gift he gave."

Rural and Remote Health Minister Greg Ottenbreit joined with parents and youth at a flag-raising ceremony at the Legislative Building this afternoon to mark Childhood and Youth Cancer Awareness Month in September.

"As the parent of a child lost to cancer, along with my own recent, personal experience fighting the disease, I know what the effects of this illness can be, not only on the patient, but also on family, friends, and loved ones," Ottenbreit said. "Recognizing September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is an important step in improving the quality of care for patients, and ultimately, finding a cure. I want to thank everyone, from health care professionals to advocates, who have championed this important cause." Continue reading this news release [here](#).

SASKATOON EVERGREEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 1



It is the time of year in our constituency when community associations are holding their annual general meetings. Last week I attended the Erindale Arbor Creek Community Association Meeting and the Willowgrove University Heights Community Association meeting.

The Evergreen Community Association Meeting will be held Monday, October 1 from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Evergreen Community Resource Room. The AGM is open to all residents within the neighbourhood who are members or who apply at the meeting to become members. There are several ECA executive board positions becoming vacant during the 2018-19 term that will be up for election during the AGM:

- President
- Vice President
- Program Co-coordinator
- Soccer Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator

Additional active positions that were filled mid-year will also be officially confirmed during the AGM. Proposed bylaws will also be under consideration during the AGM. Additional information regarding proposed bylaws changes will be forthcoming.

Other agenda items include approval of the 2018-19 fiscal year budget, a brief review of the past year's activities and plans for the coming seasons.

If you would like more information, or if you are interested in becoming involved in the Evergreen Community Association, please contact info@evergreencommunity.ca.

[GREAT TURNOUT AT THE WUHCA FUN DAY!](#)



Sunday, September 9th marked another successful Willowgrove University Heights Community Association Fun Day. A huge bouquet to the many volunteers who planned and executed a fun day for the families in our community.

Check out their [facebook page](#) for great photos of great pictures including Sarge, the police dog, the HulaHoopster, balloon fun and more. Everyone attending had a fabulous time in Willowgrove Square!

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT VOLUNTEERING ON ONE OF SASKATOON'S COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS?



Community associations are non-profit organizations made up of volunteers from your neighbourhood. Community Associations enhance the quality of life of the people within the neighbourhood by:

- Planning and organizing affordable sport, culture and recreational programs in the fall, winter and spring

- **Creating a community newsletter**
- **Operating the community rink**
- **Organizing community events, such as neighbourhood clean-ups, BBQs and special days in the park**

Interested in volunteering or learning more about your Community Association? Click [here](#) and find the link to the community association in the neighbourhood you live in.

SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY



Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant has proclaimed September 8 as International Literacy Day.

“We know that literacy is the foundation of learning and success in schools,” Wyant said. “Libraries and literacy organizations across our province are doing a terrific job promoting literacy by providing access to programming and materials to all Saskatchewan readers.”

The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to improving literacy of children and learners of all ages by providing \$1.5 million in continued funding to support Saskatchewan’s literacy programs. These include eight family literacy hubs across the province, the Saskatchewan Community Literacy Fund and 20 summer literacy camps across the province serving more than 1,200 students.

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

2,800 NEW FULL TIME JOBS YEAR-OVER-YEAR



September 7, Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey report shows that full-time employment in Saskatchewan increased by 2,800 jobs compared to August 2017. Year-over-year jobs were up by 1,500.

Employment increased by 1,400 jobs in Saskatchewan month-to-month (seasonally adjusted), compared to a loss of 51,600 jobs nationally. Saskatchewan's unemployment rate was 6.7 per cent (seasonally adjusted).

“Saskatchewan continues to grow, however we remain cautious of headwinds in the labour market created by the federal government,” Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “Our economic growth continues to be put at risk by trade disputes, the job-killing Trudeau carbon tax, and the federal government’s inability to get a pipeline project built that they now own.”

Other August highlights include:

- Major year-over-year sector job gains were reported for health care and social assistance up 4,000 jobs; business, building and other support services up 2,900 jobs; and educational services up 2,500 jobs.
- Employment in the private sector up 2,900 jobs year-over-year.
- Female employment up 2,800 jobs year-over-year.
- Youth employment up 800 jobs year-over-year.
- Off-reserve Aboriginal employment up 800 jobs for five consecutive months of year-over-year increases.

- **Aboriginal youth employment up 400 jobs for five consecutive months of year-over-year increases.**

SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES NATIONAL TRUCKING WEEK



The Government of Saskatchewan was pleased to recognize National Trucking Week from September 2 - 8.

“The provincial government understands how vital transportation is to our economy and quality of life,” Highways and Infrastructure Minister Lori Carr said. “This is why we are committed to doing everything we can to improve the safety, competitiveness and reliability of the transportation industry and continue to invest in the provincial highway network.”

Exports generate about two-thirds of all the economic activity in Saskatchewan, and just about everything produced moves by truck at some point. Since Saskatchewan is a land-locked province, it is heavily dependent on the trucking industry to transport products to market. Continue reading this news release [here](#).

CONSUMER ALERT - WANT TO SEE JACK WHITE IN REGINA OR PAUL BRANDT, HIGH VALLEY, JESS MOSKALUKE AND HUNTER BROTHERS IN REGINA / SASKATOON?



Tickets to Jack White's concert in November and Paul Brandt's concerts including High Valley, Jess Moskaluke and Hunter Brothers next February go on sale this Saturday, September 8, 2018. The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority wants to remind you if you're planning on buying a concert ticket within the first 48 hours of going on sale, make sure you buy from a primary seller such as Live Nation or Ticketmaster.

First Choice

Saskatchewan residents and surrounding jurisdictions have exclusive access to tickets for concerts held in this province in the first hour of sale to the general public. After this hour, the primary seller can sell tickets to areas outside of Saskatchewan and surrounding jurisdictions.

Advertising

In the first 48 hours of sale to the general public, only a primary seller can sell concert tickets. After 48 hours, resellers can advertise and resell tickets. If you buy from a resale site within the first 48 hours, tickets might be fake.

Signs that Tickets May Be Fake:

- listed for sale without specific seat numbers; and
- listed in U.S. dollar amounts for a Canadian show.

Protect Yourself – Buy with a Credit Card

If you buy from a resale site and get a fake ticket, it may be easier to get a refund by purchasing tickets with a credit card compared to cash or debit. Read the terms and conditions on the card to understand what protections are available.

Problem with a Recently Purchased Concert Ticket?

If consumers wish to file a formal complaint about ticket sales, they can contact the Consumer Protection Division toll free at 1-877-880-5550 or by email at consumerprotection@gov.sk.ca.

For more information about ticket sales, visit <http://fcaa.gov.sk.ca/consumers-investors-pension-plan-members/consumers/consumers-of-goods-and-services/ticket-sales>.

REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



Three months into the fiscal year and Saskatchewan's economy is showing signs of strengthening and our budget deficit smaller than first projected.

The first quarter update for this year's provincial budget shows that Saskatchewan is on track for a balanced budget by 2019-20.

There is still work to do and we will continue with our plan to control spending and invest in priority areas for Saskatchewan people.

Recently our government announced the next step in our made-in-Saskatchewan plan to address climate change, with emission reduction targets for industry.

We developed these standards working with industry, recognizing that many are trade-exposed, and allowing them flexibility to reduce emissions without a blanket carbon tax.

Our plan will recognize progress Saskatchewan people and businesses have already made in addressing emissions, and allow us to continue reducing them without damaging jobs in our province.

With a balanced, effective, made-in-Saskatchewan approach in place, it's time for the federal government abandon their one-size-fits-all carbon tax and support our plan.

Your government continues to look at innovative ways to address crime in Saskatchewan. Recently we marked the one-year anniversary of our Protection and Response Team (PRT) which is designed to help respond to and reduce crime in rural Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan's Protection and Response Team is a dedicated team of professionals including Highway Patrol and Conservation Officers who provide valuable support to the RCMP and municipal police services to help ensure Saskatchewan communities and families are safe.

The goal of the initiative is to improve police response to emergency calls for services including property crimes that are in progress; enhancing uniform visibility and presence in rural Saskatchewan; increasing the enforcement of drug trafficking on Saskatchewan roadways; and enhancing the safety of roads by reducing the number of serious collisions and fatalities.

PRT members have increased the presence of law enforcement across our province with members assisting the RCMP on several occasions by providing the initial response to in-progress, criminal code calls for service. Since its operational launch, Conservation Officers and Highway Patrol Officers have taken more than 400 PRT-related actions with approximately 60 of those being PRT 911 calls.

Examples of the work PRT members are doing to keep residents safe include a Conservation Officer who located a theft suspect that had fled from a rural property, and another Conservation Officer who responded to a call for help from RCMP in a successful high-risk takedown.

PRT vehicles are equipped with Automatic License Plate Readers. These automatically scan licence plates – up to one plate per second – and alert police if a nearby vehicle is unregistered, or associated with a driver who has been suspended for impaired driving or other reasons. They can be used to look out for a vehicle that has been reported stolen, or is connected to a crime or an Amber alert.

The safety and security of Saskatchewan people is a top priority of our government and we look forward to the continued positive impact this initiative will have as we move forward.

[14TH ANNUAL SWING AND WISH THIS WEEKEND!](#)



The 14th Annual Golf Tournament, featuring Jay Onrait and Dan O'Toole of TSN's Sports Centre. 18 holes of Texas Scramble style golf, where you will have the opportunity to meet Jay and Dan and maybe even get razzed for your skills! After your round, everyone will meet back at the Red Barn for the Banquet of Wishes where all guests will have an opportunity to hear the wish story of one family.

This is your opportunity to join them on Saturday September 15, 2018 at the Willows Golf and Country Club for the 14th Annual Swing and Wish Golf Tournament, featuring Jay Onrait and Dan O'Toole of TSN's Sports Centre.

Participants will start the day with a BBQ lunch before the 1pm shotgun start. You will play 18 holes of Texas scramble style golf where you will have the opportunity to meet Jay and Dan and maybe even get razzed for your skills.

After your round, we will meet back at the Red Barn for the Banquet of Wishes where all guests will have an opportunity to hear the wish story of one family.

This year will be like nothing we have hosted before so be sure to register early to secure your spot!

All funds raised on September 15 will go towards granting the most heartfelt wishes of Saskatchewan Children dealing with life-threatening illnesses.

Registration opens at 11:30 am

Lunch at 12:00 pm

Shotgun start at 1:00 pm

Banquet of Wishes to follow

Click [here](#) for additional information.

WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY WAS SEPTEMBER 10TH

World Suicide Prevention Day



Harvest is an especially stressful time. If feeling the symptoms of stress, please reach out for help:

Farm Stress Line (24/7): **1-800-667-4442**

Healthline (24/7): **811**

Harvest can be an especially stressful time of year. No matter where you are or what you're doing, if you feel the need, please reach out and get help. The Farm Stress line (1-800-667-4442) and Healthline (811) are available 24/7.

Protection and Response Team (PRT)

258 officers to address crime reduction



120 Police Officers
from RCMP & municipal police services



40 Highways CVEOs
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers
with expanded powers



98 Conservation Officers
from the Ministry of Environment

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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. I appreciate your feedback.



UNITED WAY KICK-OFF AND STUFF THE BUS

When: September 13, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Where: Civic Square in front of City Hall

Information: Click [here](#)



CAR SHOWS

Sept 15 NuFab Builders Annual Show & Shine, Saskatoon

*** All proceeds from NuFab Show & Shine going to Ronald McDonald House**

Sept 22 Kindersley 46th Annual Show & Shine, Kindersley

Sept 22 Dusty Wheels 30th Annual Car Show & Shine, Rosetown

Oct 6 Coachman Car Club Fall Roundup, Warman



For more information visit: autoevents.ca OR cruisecalendar.ca or contact:
Al Kirchgessner at alk-gwl@hotmail.ca

2ND ANNUAL SEABUCKTHORN DAYS

When: September 15 - 8 am - 2 pm, September 16 - 10 am - 3 pm

Where: Saskatoon Farmers' Market

Click [here](#) for details



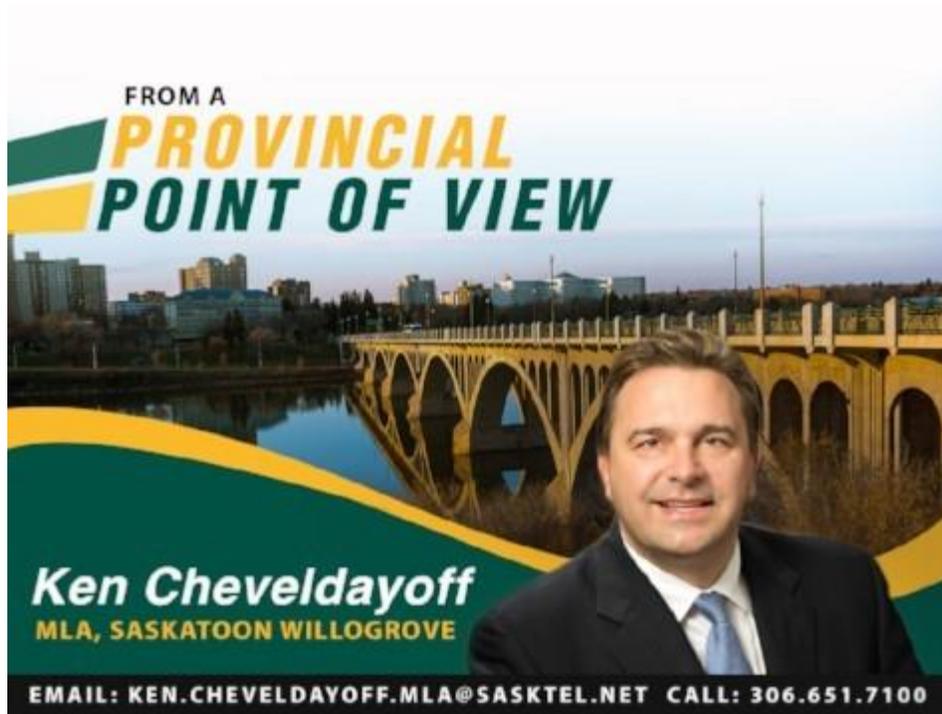
OKTOBERFEST DINNER & COMEDY NIGHT

When: October 19

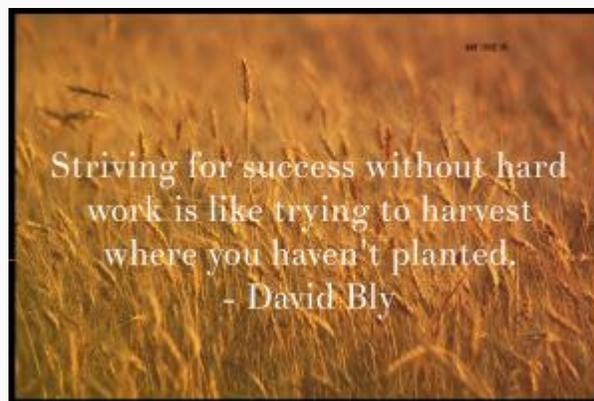
Where: German Cultural Centre, 160 Cartright St. E

Click [here](#) for information





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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