



## From a Provincial Point of View

February 18, 2011

### Saskatchewan Celebrates Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week

Education Minister Donna Harpauer proclaimed this week as Teacher and Staff Appreciation week in Saskatchewan.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is recognized nationally by the Canadian Home and School Federation as a way to recognize the personal and professional contributions that teachers and school staff make to children and their education. This year, the Saskatchewan Association of School Councils will celebrate the theme, Hooked on Teaming, and communities throughout the province will be planning activities and events to celebrate.

I would like to take this time to recognize the many teachers and staff at the elementary and high schools in our constituency as well as throughout the city and province. Your tireless efforts do not go unnoticed. Trish and I appreciate the dedication and commitment to help our children advance their education.

### FSIN Winter Legislative Assembly



**Tribal Chief Eric Sylvestre of Meadow Lake Tribal Council**

I had the pleasure of joining Chiefs and Elders at the FSIN Winter Legislative Assembly at Dakota Dunes Thursday, February 17, 2011.

Our government takes great pride in working with the FSIN, Tribal Councils, Chiefs and communities to build a stronger Saskatchewan.

It is important that we work together to make positive progress on the common goals that we share – working towards a stronger, more prosperous future for all of Saskatchewan.



**With Officials from Pinehouse**

I also had the opportunity this past week to travel to Meadow Lake and Pinehouse to meet with First Nations Leaders. Their hospitality was incredible

## **Premier Wall Welcomes “Pledge to Saskatchewan” from PotashCorp**



I had the opportunity to join Premier Wall and Colleagues as he accepted detailed commitments of the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan’s “Pledge to Saskatchewan.”

In a letter to Premier Wall from its President and Chief Executive Officer Bill Doyle, PotashCorp outlined further details of its “Pledge to Saskatchewan” which was first announced last October.

The letter outlines specific targets for increasing the number of people working for PotashCorp in Saskatchewan, both at its Saskatoon head office and in its mines:

- 300 employees in the Saskatoon office by the end of 2013, up from 209 at the end of 2010;
- 11 of 14 senior executives working in Saskatoon by the end of this March, an increase of five; and
- 2,528 working at PotashCorp mines in Saskatchewan by 2015, up from 2,016 in 2010.

[To read more, click here...](#)

## **A New Face in the Saskatoon Silver Spring Constituency Office – Marilyn Kohuch**



I take great pleasure in welcoming Marilyn Kohuch as my new Constituency Assistant. Marilyn has a certificate in Business Administration and has worked many years in financial services. We are very fortunate to have her extensive administrative experience in our office. Marilyn is very excited for this opportunity and looking forward to helping the constituents of Saskatoon Silver Springs. Please feel free to contact Marilyn with any questions at 651-7100 or by email at [Cheveldayoff.mla.assistant@sasktel.net](mailto:Cheveldayoff.mla.assistant@sasktel.net).

As we welcome Marilyn to our Saskatoon Silversprings Constituency office, it is with regret we bid Travis Low farewell. Travis did a fantastic job and we are grateful to him for helping us out until we found a permanent Constituency Assistant. I’m sure we will continue to see Travis at various events as he resides in our constituency. Please join me in wishing Travis all the best in his future endeavors.

## **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Huskies Football Foundation Dogs’ Breakfast**



The Huskies Football Foundation announced Damon Allen as the guest speaker for the 11th Annual Dogs Breakfast set for Thursday, April 28.

Dogs Breakfast is at 7:30 a.m. at Prairieland Park. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased online at [www.huskiesfootballfoundation.com](http://www.huskiesfootballfoundation.com) or by calling 306-966-1002.

## **\$40 Million in Additional Funding to Improve Health Care in Saskatchewan**

Saskatchewan's government is providing more than \$40 million in additional funding for the Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative this year, so that more patients receive surgery sooner.

- More than 5,500 additional surgeries performed this year;
- More surgeons and anesthesiologists to perform the extra operations;
- More nurses in operating rooms; and
- A safer patient experience through improved surgical equipment and renovations to operating rooms and recovery ward.

Ultimately, the additional funding is about reducing surgical wait times for patients to less than 12 months by the end of 2012 and to no more than three months by 2014. Wait times have already dropped significantly. Since 2007, the number of patients waiting more than 12 months for surgery has dropped more than 27 per cent - the number of people waiting longer than 18 months is down by more than 50 per cent.

## **Blue Jays Baseball Online Registration is Open**

Online registration for the 2011 Baseball season is now available. Please go to our NEW website [www.saskatoonbluejays.com](http://www.saskatoonbluejays.com) to register your player(s) for the upcoming season.



Before registering, you must first create an account, which generally is done in one of the parents/guardians' name. Once your family account is created, you can proceed to register your baseball players. Please read all instructions carefully.

There will be one in-person registration night this year for those who do not wish to register online. It is Friday, March 4th at St Joseph high school from 6 pm to 10pm.

If you have any questions/concerns, please contact Kelly Coverett at [coverett@gmail.com](mailto:coverett@gmail.com).

## **An Accomplishment to be Proud Of**



I would like to take this time to congratulate a constituent of Saskatoon Silver Springs, Barry Remai. Barry was awarded with the Fellow Chartered Accountant (FCA) designation. The FCA is awarded to members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Saskatchewan (ICAS) who have rendered meritorious service to the Chartered Accountancy profession in Saskatchewan. What an honour Barry! Congratulations!

## Thought of the Day

*Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.* –  
Helen Keller

## Just The Headlines – [www.gov.sk.ca/news](http://www.gov.sk.ca/news)

Feb. 17, 2011 - SASKATCHEWAN WHOLESALE TRADE TOPS IN CANADA  
Feb. 16, 2011 - SASKATCHEWAN EXPORTS BILLIONS IN 2010  
Feb. 16, 2011 - PUBLIC SERVICE STUDENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM UNDERWAY FOR 2011  
Feb. 15, 2011 - NEW 25 SPACE CHILD CARE CENTRE OPENS IN NORTH BATTLEFORD  
Feb. 15, 2011 - DISCOUNTED BUS PASS PROGRAM RENEWED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2011  
Feb. 14, 2011 - PREMIER WELCOMES “PLEDGE TO SASKATCHEWAN” FROM POTASHCORP  
Feb. 14, 2011 - RECORD GOVERNMENT FUNDING TO INCREASE SURGICAL CAPACITY AND CUT WAIT TIMES  
Feb. 11, 2011 - SASKATCHEWAN EXPERIENCES HIGHEST NUMBER OF BIRTHS SINCE 1992  
Feb. 11, 2011 - SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

## Did You Know???

- January marked the ninth straight month of employment growth for First Nations and Métis people in Saskatchewan
- The Saskatoon and Regina census metropolitan areas (CMAs) are the fastest and third fastest growing in Canada.
- Saskatchewan has had 12 straight months of employment growth, the fastest population growth and fastest earnings growth in Canada.

## 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 to recognize anyone or have your event mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call me.



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