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## From a Provincial Point of View

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### YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE THRONE SPEECH – OCTOBER 25

The Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, the Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield, will formally open the Second Session of the Twenty-Seventh Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan in the Assembly Chamber at two o'clock p.m.

*I have a very limited number of tickets available.* If you would like to attend this event in Regina, please call my office at 306-651-7100 to request your ticket. Guests should be at the Legislature by 1:00 pm in order to be seated in time for the proceedings.

### MOOSE JAW SARCAN DEPOT CELEBRATES GRAND RE-OPENING

It was a pleasure to participate in the celebration of the grand re-opening of the SARCAN Moose Jaw depot yesterday. I was joined by colleagues Warren Michelson and Greg Lawrence.

Expansions like the SARCAN Moose Jaw demonstrate that Saskatchewan communities are continuing to grow and recycling has become a priority in homes across the province. With this growth comes the responsibility to protect our environment and quality of life that we have. Our Government is committed to working with communities to reduce the amount of waste that goes into landfills.

SARCAN facilities across Saskatchewan employ a number of people with disabilities and our province can boast the highest return rates in Canada thanks to the SARCAN system and the dedication of our residents to recycling.



### RANDELL MORRIS – A VISIONARY LEADER IN FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION

I join my colleagues as we pay tribute to the late Randell Morris, President and CEO of the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT).

"Randell was a leader and visionary within the post-secondary education system in Saskatchewan," Morgan said. "His success in building SIIT into a highly successful, culturally sensitive learning environment is a testament to his contributions to post-secondary education."

Mr. Morris had been with SIIT for 20 years and was President and CEO of the institution for the past five years.

"He will be remembered for his strong leadership in the education, training and workforce development of First Nations people in Saskatchewan," Morgan said. "Randell was instrumental in partnering with the provincial government in the expansion of SIIT's programs including the highly successful Construction Careers projects and the Aircraft Maintenance Engineering program."

Randell Morris will be dearly missed. He has left a profound legacy for generations to come. I want to extend my condolences to Randell's family, friends and colleagues.

## **COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO DRIVE DOWN SURGERY WAIT TIMES CONTINUES**

Updated wait time statistics show that 90 per cent of Saskatchewan surgical patients are receiving surgery within six months and 78 per cent within three months.

"Some patients are still waiting too long for their surgery, so we need to continue to drive down those numbers," Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. "The health system has performed 33,028 surgeries in the first five months of this fiscal year, but as we adopt innovative approaches, we know that we can do even better."

The number of people waiting more than six months as of August 31, 2012 was 4,695, down 56 per cent since November 2007.

[Collaborative Effort to Drive Down Surgery Wait Times Continues](#)

## **AUGUST WHOLESALE TRADE SECOND-BEST ON RECORD**

New wholesale figures for August were released today by Statistics Canada that show trade was up by 8.5 per cent over last August, the third highest growth rate among the provinces. Wholesale trade totaled \$1.8 billion in August 2012, the second highest on record for the month of August.

"Wholesale trade continues to show gains to support rising activity in most of our key sectors," Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. "The increases reported today show our economic activity continues to move forward at a healthy pace."

On the national front, wholesale trade was up 4.4 per cent.

[August Wholesale Trade Second-Best on Record](#)

## **29 STRAIGHT MONTHS OF FEWER PEOPLE ON REGULAR EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**

The number of Saskatchewan people collecting EI benefits dropped in August 2012 compared to August 2011. Seasonally adjusted, there were 9,890 beneficiaries receiving EI in August 2012, a decrease of 4.1 per cent from last year. This was the 29th consecutive month that there have been fewer regular EI beneficiaries on a year-over-year basis.

"Saskatchewan is fortunate to have one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country right now, as there is an abundance of jobs for both entry-level and skilled workers," Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. "We're in a better position than many of the other provinces, and are confident that this can only attract more people to Saskatchewan from Canada and around the world."

[29 Straight Months of Fewer People on Regular Employment Insurance](#)

## **GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS SMALL BUSINESS IN SASKATCHEWAN**

The Government of Saskatchewan added its voice to the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) in recognition of the remarkable contributions of small and medium business to economic growth in the province.

"Small business is really the backbone of our provincial economy," Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. "Strong support for our entrepreneurs and innovators is a key priority for this ministry and for our government as we put our plans for Saskatchewan's future growth into action."

Boyd also voiced his support for the Canadian Federation of Independent Business' Small Business Saturday on October 20, which encourages consumers to support their local businesses and entrepreneurs.

"Especially in rural Saskatchewan, small businesses are not just an avenue for getting goods and services, they are often our neighbours and friends and play important roles in our communities," Boyd said.

[Government Programs Benefit Small Business](#)

## **SASKATOON CIVIC ELECTION**

I encourage everyone to exercise your right to vote on October 24!

Good luck to all of the candidates!

For more information on the civic election click [here](#).

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

The Saskatchewan Plan for Growth has six components:

- Investing in Infrastructure
- Developing a skilled workforce
- Ensuring competitiveness
- Increasing export trade
- Advancing the province's natural resource strengths through innovation
- Maintaining sound fiscal management

## **JUST THE HEADLINES**

October 17, 2012 – [Saskatchewan's Non-Residential Construction Best in Canada](#)

## **SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN SASKATOON**

### **Civic Election**

Date: October 24

Where: Saskatoon

When: all-day

### **United Way Leadership Conference**

Date: October 26 to October 27

Where: TCU Place

When: 7:00 pm registration on October 26; 8:30 am start time on October 27

If you would like your event listed in **Provincial Point of View**, please contact me at [ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net](mailto:ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net)

### **THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

“Every man is his own ancestor and every man is his own heir. He devises his own future and inherits his own past.”

H.F. Hedge

### **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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