

Protecting Saskatchewan



I appreciate the many opportunities to make a positive difference in my constituency and our province. 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.

"From a Provincial Point of View" is a newsletter from Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Saskatoon Willowgrove. Your opinions are important and your letters, emails, and phone calls on any issues relating to the provincial government are welcomed.



STRONG AND STEADY HEALTH CARE RECRUITMENT PROGRESS CONTINUES IN SASKATCHEWAN



Saskatchewan's Health Human Resources (HHR) Action Plan continues to strengthen the province's health care workforce, supported by the focused efforts of the Saskatchewan Healthcare Recruitment Agency (SHRA), the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) and Saskatchewan Cancer Agency.

The ongoing work of SHRA, SHA and other health partner agencies is directly advancing the province's Patients First Health Care Plan to ensure residents have access to high quality care close to home.

Since the launch of the HHR Action Plan in 2022, Saskatchewan has made significant progress in recruiting, training, incentivizing and retaining health care professionals in a highly competitive national and global market. More than 7,500 doctors, nurses and other health care professionals have joined the provincial health care system in the past four years.

"Our government is proud to welcome these highly skilled physicians, nurses and allied health professionals from across Canada and the world to our great

province," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "I would like to thank the Saskatchewan Healthcare Recruitment Agency for all the work they have done to support our health care system. Through strong collaboration, we are steadily growing our health care workforce which puts patients first by ensuring the right care is available in the right place, at the right time."

[Strong and Steady Health Care Recruitment Progress Continues in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

Patients First Health Care Plan
Right Care. Right Place. Right Time.

We have been listening to Saskatchewan residents and the two main concerns we have heard are that people want access to a primary care provider, and they want diagnostics and surgeries in a timelier manner. That's what the Patients First Health Care Plan will do.

The Patients First Health Care Plan outlines over 50 actions; some of the key actions are:

- Increasing the number and expanding the scope of practice for all health care professionals;
- Expanding access to virtual care;
- Increasing the number of and access to Urgent Care Centres throughout the province including Saskatoon;
- Continuing to recruit, train and increase the number of doctors, nurses and nurse practitioners;
- Expansion of diagnostic services like MRI, CT and PET-CT scans.

The path forward is clear: reinforce what is working, fix what is not, and modernize care so it meets patients where they are.

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PROVINCE COVERS NEW CYSTIC FIBROSIS DRUG



People in Saskatchewan living with cystic fibrosis (CF) are now eligible for Alyftrek, a medication that improves lung function.

As of August 1st, coverage of Alyftrek is now available to CF patients ages six and older who meet the medical criteria. The drug is effective for patients who have one of 266 different rare genetic mutations causing CF.

“Our government is pleased to cover the cost of this new treatment for Saskatchewan patients with cystic fibrosis,” Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. “Alyftrek has been shown to improve quality of life in patients with CF, so expanding coverage puts CF patients first by helping them to lead healthier lives.”

[Province Covers New Cystic Fibrosis Drug | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

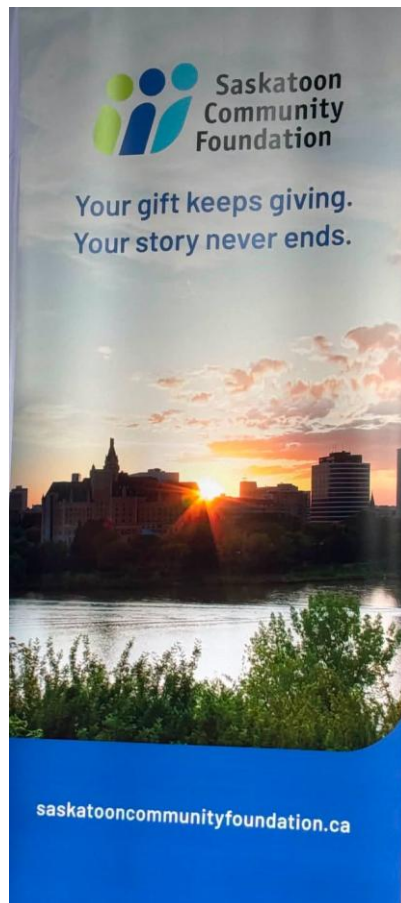
PLEASED TO PARTICIPATE IN SEVERAL EVENTS THIS PAST WEEK

MANY VOICES TOGETHER FILM FESTIVAL & IMPACT TRADESHOW



It was a pleasure to attend the Saskatoon Community Foundation's Many Voices Together Film Festival & Impact Tradeshow on behalf of Premier Scott Moe and the Government of Saskatchewan.

Our government is proud to support strong community partnerships that help create opportunities, strengthen families, and build a brighter future for Saskatchewan. The Saskatoon Community Foundation and the many organizations represented today are making a meaningful difference by supporting education, skills development, volunteerism, and services that help people succeed.



As Minister of Advanced Education, I see firsthand how these partnerships help remove barriers, empower individuals, and contribute to a stronger workforce and stronger communities.

Thank you to the Saskatoon Community Foundation and to everyone who gives their time, talent, and leadership to improve the lives of others. Together, we are building a stronger, more connected Saskatchewan.

SHAKESPEARE ON THE SASKATCHEWAN



Another wonderful evening in Saskatoon last week!

It was a pleasure to attend Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan this evening, one of the true cultural gems of our province. Arts and culture play an important role in building vibrant communities, bringing people together, and showcasing the incredible talent we have here in Saskatchewan.

Thank you to Terresa Strohan, Irene Seiferling, and Jerry Grandey for the warm welcome and for all you do to make this outstanding production possible.

We enjoyed a fantastic performance of Julius Caesar, presented by SaskTel. If you haven't experienced Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan this season, I encourage you to check it out.

I was honoured to bring greetings on behalf of Premier Scott Moe and Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Alana Ross, and to recognize the many volunteers, artists, sponsors, and supporters whose dedication continues to make this

beloved Saskatchewan tradition such a success.

SASKATOON MAMBA ADVANCE TO PLAYOFFS



Congratulations to the Saskatoon Mamba! 🎉 What an exciting victory at Merlis Belsher Centre last week. Now it's on to the playoffs in Winnipeg this Thursday (today)! Wishing the team the very best as they continue their incredible run.

It was a fantastic crowd, great basketball, and a reminder of what a tremendous asset the Mamba are to our city. 🏀

GLOBAL DEMAND FUELS SASKATCHEWAN EXPORT GROWTH



Province Ranks Second Among the Provinces for Year-to-Date Export Growth

Today, Statistics Canada figures show that Saskatchewan's merchandise exports increased 11.6 per cent in the first six months of 2026 compared to the same period in 2025.

"This strong growth is a testament to the hard work of Saskatchewan producers, manufacturers and exporters," Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding said. "Their success in international markets helps attract investment, create jobs and showcase our province as the reliable supplier the world depends on."

PROVINCE INCREASES SUPPORT THROUGH THE SASKATCHEWAN HOUSING BENEFIT

Saskatchewan Housing Benefit

The province is investing \$3.2 million to increase **Saskatchewan Housing Benefit** rates, to support



Households with low to moderate incomes



Individuals seeking safety from interpersonal violence



People living in supportive housing



As of July 1, 2026, more than 5,000 Saskatchewan households are receiving increased financial support through the Saskatchewan Housing Benefit (SHB), helping eligible renters better afford their shelter costs. The 2026-27 Provincial Budget invested \$3.2 million to increase monthly benefit rates to support

individuals seeking safety from interpersonal violence, people living in supportive housing and households with low to moderate incomes.

The Seeking Safety from Interpersonal Violence (Seeking Safety) Stream of the SHB program is receiving the largest increase in support. Monthly flat-rate benefits have doubled to help cover rent and utilities, with benefit amounts based on household size. Under the increased rates, singles receive \$450 per month, households with one dependant receive \$550 per month and households with two or more dependants receive \$650 per month.

[Province Increases Support Through the Saskatchewan Housing Benefit | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**SASKATCHEWAN INVESTS \$160,000 TO SUSTAIN HUMAN TRAFFICKING
RESPONDER PROGRAM IN SASKATOON**



On World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, the Government of Saskatchewan is investing \$160,000 to help the Saskatoon Police Service sustain its Human Trafficking Responder/Liaison positions. These specialized roles provide coordinated crisis support, advocacy and court navigation for victims and survivors of human trafficking.

"Human trafficking is a serious crime that can leave lasting impacts on victims, survivors and their families," Justice Minister and Attorney General Tim McLeod, K.C. said. "This funding will strengthen frontline supports for victims and survivors, improve coordination among service providers and help prevent

further exploitation as we continue working to create safer communities across Saskatchewan."

[Saskatchewan Invests \\$160,000 to Sustain Human Trafficking Responder Program in Saskatoon | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

YOUR LEGISLATIVE REPORT



Saskatchewan continues to build on its strong economic momentum as new data highlights growth across key sectors of our provincial economy. Recent Statistics Canada figures show Saskatchewan's retail trade increased by 2.9 per cent from April to May 2026, ranking first among provinces for month-over-month growth. This growth reflects confidence in Saskatchewan businesses and

communities, creating jobs and opportunities while helping sustain the programs and services that residents depend on.

Building on that success, Saskatchewan is also seeing strong results in international trade. Statistics Canada reports that merchandise exports increased by 11.6 per cent during the first six months of 2026 compared to the same period in 2025. This ranks Saskatchewan second among provinces for year-to-date export growth. International exports totaled \$24.4 billion from January to June, demonstrating the strength of our producers, manufacturers and exporters in markets around the world. These results reflect the success of Saskatchewan businesses and the efforts of Premier Scott Moe and our ministers who continue to lead trade missions and build relationships with international partners. By expanding access to global markets, we are helping attract investment, create more jobs and showcase Saskatchewan as a reliable supplier the world can count on.

Supporting a growing province also means strengthening access to health care. Saskatchewan's Health Human Resources Action Plan continues to deliver results through the efforts of the Saskatchewan Healthcare Recruitment Agency, Saskatchewan Health Authority and Saskatchewan Cancer Agency. Since 2022, more than 7,500 doctors, nurses and other health care professionals have joined Saskatchewan's health care system. These recruitment and retention efforts are helping ensure patients receive the right care in the right place at the right time.

Alongside health workforce growth, our government continues to improve access to innovative medical treatments. As of August 1, Saskatchewan residents living with cystic fibrosis who meet medical criteria are eligible for coverage of Alyftrek. This medication improves lung function and expands treatment options. With the addition of Alyftrek, more than 95 per cent of eligible Saskatchewan patients are now candidates for effective therapy.

Helping Saskatchewan residents access affordable housing remains another important priority. As of July 1, more than 5,000 households are receiving increased support through the Saskatchewan Housing Benefit. The 2026-27 Provincial Budget invested \$3.2 million to increase monthly benefits for low- and moderate-income households, individuals living in supportive housing and

those seeking safety from interpersonal violence. These enhancements strengthen housing stability and help more residents access safe and affordable housing.

At the same time, investments continue to make Saskatchewan communities safer. Through the Provincial Traffic Safety Fund, 67 projects in 66 communities will receive more than \$1.67 million in grants for local traffic safety improvements. Since 2019, proceeds from photo speed enforcement have supported over 1,000 projects across Saskatchewan. These investments help municipalities and First Nations improve safety for drivers, pedestrians and families throughout the province. Communities looking to advance their own traffic safety initiatives can now apply for the next intake of funding, with applications being accepted until September 30, 2026. More information is available on SGI's website.

Infrastructure improvements are also helping keep Saskatchewan connected and competitive. This construction season, more than \$77 million in recent, ongoing and planned transportation projects are underway in the Prince Albert region and northern Saskatchewan. These investments support safe travel, strengthen trade corridors and contribute to Saskatchewan's export-based economy. Drivers are encouraged to check the Highway Hotline before travelling for current road conditions and construction updates.

Looking ahead to the fall season, Saskatchewan residents and visitors can once again enjoy world-class hunting opportunities across our province. Hunting continues to play an important role in Saskatchewan's outdoor heritage while supporting local tourism and conservation efforts. Whether experienced hunters or newcomers to the sport, everyone is encouraged to plan ahead, follow regulations and help preserve wildlife populations for future generations. Information about hunting seasons, regulations and the 2026-27 Saskatchewan Hunters Guide is available at www.saskatchewan.ca/hunting.

Across Saskatchewan, we continue to see positive results from investments that support families, strengthen communities and create opportunities for future growth. I am proud of the progress taking place across our province and remain committed to representing our community and supporting residents in any way I

can. If you need assistance or have questions, my constituency office can be reached at 306.651.7100.

GEAR UP AND GET READY FOR HUNTING SEASON!

Get Ready for Hunting Season

Big Game Draw and regular hunting
licenses are available for purchase
beginning August 1.



As we get ready for another hunting season, the Government of Saskatchewan wants to remind hunters that there are a number of ways you can prepare for another season of world-class hunting opportunities across the province.

"Saskatchewan continues to offer outstanding hunting experiences for residents and visitors alike," Environment Minister Darlene Rowden said. "Whether you are a seasoned hunter or heading into the field for the first time, we encourage

everyone to plan ahead, know the rules and help conserve Saskatchewan's wildlife for future generations."

[Gear Up and Get Ready for Hunting Season!](#) | [News and Media](#) | [Government of Saskatchewan](#)



FAMILY FUN SASKATOON THIS WEEKEND



Check out these ideas!

★ **Celebrate the arts with the [25th Street Theatre's Saskatoon Fringe Festival](#) until**

August 8th!

 **Cirque Italia Water Circus Nautilus ends on August 10!**

 **Boomtown Heydays at [WDM Saskatoon](#) is a celebration of the people and traditions that make Saskatchewan unique and wonderful.**

Need some more ideas? Check out the full guide on our website. <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/weekend-guide/>

BRIGHTON COMMUNITY SCIENCE AND MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK



August 14th - Brighton Core Park - annual free Science and Movie Night in the Park 

Get there early for hands-on science experiments with [Saskatchewan Science Centre](#), bouncy castles, and food trucks before we settle in for a film under the stars!

When: Friday, August 14th at 6:30 PM

Where: Brighton Core Park

The Movie: Hoppers

THE FUN FACTORY SUMMER CAMP



Are you looking for a dream camp for your active children? Kids can sign up for a Fun Factory summer camp and stay every day of the week! Each week will have a different theme. You can choose your favourite, or book more than one if you can't pick the best one! Have you been to [The Fun Factory](#)? If you have, you'll know why your kids will love a camp there. If you haven't, the Fun Factory has more than 55 arcade games for all ages, plus 2850-square-foot ocean-themed play unit, including some giant slides. Kids will never run out of activities when they're visiting the Fun Factory. Find out how to register for a camp here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../fun-factory-summer-camp/>

30TH ANNUAL RAJ MANEK MEMORIAL BANQUET



Celebrating 30 years of mentorship and entrepreneurship!

This milestone evening will celebrate the lasting impact of mentorship while bringing together entrepreneurs, business leaders and community builders for meaningful connections and inspiration.

The evening will feature keynote speaker Harish Consul, Founder and CEO of Ocgrow Ventures, who will share insights from his experience building companies, investing in innovative ventures and helping entrepreneurs turn ambitious ideas into meaningful impact.

Seats are limited. Learn more and reserve your

tickets <https://manekmentorship.com/.../30th-annual-raj-manek.../>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CANADIAN COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS IN SASKATOON!



Country music's biggest night in Canada is getting even bigger - [Tenille Arts](#), [Dean Brody](#), [Hunter Brothers](#), [James Barker Band](#), [Kalsey Kulyk](#), [Jess Moskaluke](#), [The Reklaws](#), and [Owen Riegling](#) will take the stage at the 2026 CCMA Awards, live on CTV from Sasktel Centre in Saskatoon on September 19, 2026.

Tickets: <https://www.ticketmaster.ca/event/1100636CCD18BA2A>

READ ADDITIONAL NEWS RELEASES



[Crop Report July 28 to August 3, 2026 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Strengthening Access to Primary Care Services for Patients in Martensville | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan Monthly Construction Update July 2026 Edition | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Investor Alert: Impersonation Scam Falsely Suggests Association with the Global Investment Management Firm T. Rowe Price Group, Inc. | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Delivers More Than \\$1.6 Million In Grants to Saskatchewan Communities | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Structure Renamed Chief John Smith Bridge in Honour of Treaty 6 Anniversary | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

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A campaign graphic for Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA for Saskatoon Willowgrove. It features a portrait of Ken Cheveldayoff on the left, wearing a dark suit and blue tie. The background is a soft-focus image of yellow tulips. The text "Let's Stay Connected" is written in a green cursive font at the top right. Below it, "Here to serve you!" is in a bold, dark font. A paragraph follows: "If you have any concerns, inquiries or need assistance with a provincial program or service, please reach out". At the bottom left, contact information is listed: "1106A Central Ave | Saskatoon SK | S7N 2H1", "ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net | 306.651.7100". At the bottom right, the name "KEN CHEVELDAYOFF" is in large, bold, white letters, with "SASKATOON WILLOWGROVE MLA" underneath in smaller white letters. A yellow and green horizontal bar separates the contact info from the name.

Let's Stay Connected

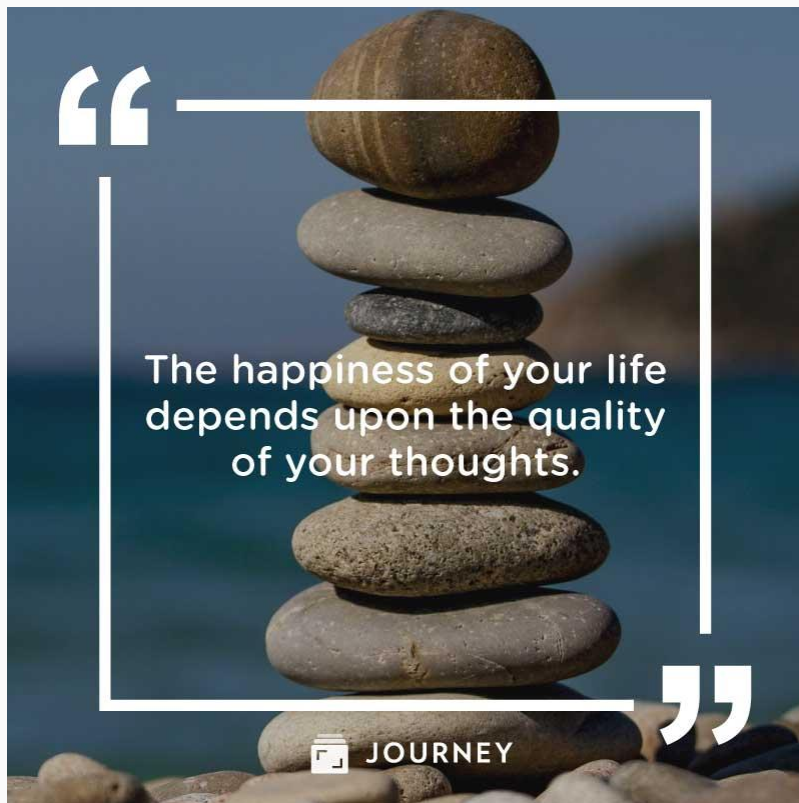
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THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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