

Safe, strong communities

From a Provincial Point of View



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**PREMIER SCOTT MOE ANNOUNCES PRELIMINARY
AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS BETWEEN CANADA AND CHINA**



It was a pleasure to attend Premier Moe's news conference outlining a summary of his historic trip to China alongside Prime Minister Carney. The briefing highlighted the significance of the visit and the opportunities it created for Saskatchewan on the global stage.

The news conference brought together a distinguished group of participants, including the Honourable David Marit, the Honourable Warren Kaeding, University of Saskatchewan President Vince Brunni Bossio, and agriculture leaders from across Saskatchewan and Canada. The event was held at the College of Agriculture building on the University of Saskatchewan campus in Saskatoon, underscoring the central role of agriculture and innovation in the

province's future.



This visit stands as an unprecedented example of leadership by our Premier, demonstrating a clear commitment to advancing the interests of Saskatchewan and delivering benefits for people across our province.

PREMIER RETURNS TO SASKATCHEWAN WITH CANADA-CHINA TRADE DEAL

New Agreement on Tariffs is Critical as Producers Finalize 2026 Crop Seeding Plans

Premier Scott Moe was pleased to join Prime Minister Mark Carney in China last week to strengthen diplomatic and economic ties and move forward on a path toward resolution of tariffs. The delegation reached a preliminary agreement between the two countries that will remove all tariffs from canola meal and peas. It will also see tariffs on canola seed reduced to 15 per cent.

"The Canada-China trade deal is great news for Canada and Saskatchewan," Moe said. "This is a very positive signal that will restore existing trade

volumes and open avenues for further opportunities for Canadians."

Strengthening Trade



**Premier returns to Saskatchewan
with Canada-China trade deal**



The changes within this agreement are expected to take effect by March 1, 2026.

Saskatchewan has long been a champion for free and fair trade, which is more important than ever as businesses continue to see uncertainty across the globe. The Government of Saskatchewan will continue to work with its federal counterparts to strengthen relations with all of our trading partners, including further work with China to ease market access for other sectors, like canola oil and pork.

"This progress also demonstrates the importance of foreign trade missions and shows what can be achieved when the federal and provincial governments and our export industries work together to strengthen our trade relationships," Moe said.

"Saskatchewan Pulse Growers is very pleased with the recent announcement of the elimination of tariffs on Canadian peas to China," Saskatchewan Pulse Growers Board of Directors Chair Stuart Lawrence said. "It is reassuring to see a high level of cooperation between federal and provincial governments and industry to achieve important results for farmers. In particular, we appreciate the leadership of Premier Moe and the Government of Saskatchewan in an essential role to restore access to our largest market."

“SARM recognizes that the proposed reductions in canola tariffs will improve access to the Chinese market, an announcement producers have been waiting months to hear,” SARM President Bill Huber said. “We are greatly encouraged by the efforts of Premier Moe, Prime Minister Carney, and other federal ministers who traveled to Beijing to meet in person with Chinese officials. SARM looks forward to building on this progress through future trade agreements with China that include beef, pork, and other key commodities.”

“Reopening trade with China under Premier Moe’s leadership is a very positive step towards market stability for Saskatchewan’s producers,” Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan President Bill Prybylski said. “While there is more work to be done, this renewed connection sets a strong foundation for future growth and certainty in our agricultural sector.”

“Premier Moe’s involvement brought an important additional dimension to efforts to address and resolve the trade issues we are facing,” Canola Council of Canada President and CEO Chris Davidon said. “Among other things, he represents the largest canola producing province and the province with the most canola processing capacity. His ongoing advocacy and collaboration with the federal government brought additional credibility and urgency to our collective efforts in pursuit of a resolution to these issues.”

"The reduction of Chinese tariffs on Canadian canola seed is a significant win for Saskatchewan farmers and the entire value chain,” Sask Oilseeds Board of Directors Chair Dean Roberts said. “It demonstrates the impact of our ongoing advocacy and government leadership to help secure stable markets and support free, open trade for canola."

As an export-based economy, trading relationships are crucial to Saskatchewan's economic prosperity, which is why the province continues to focus its efforts on market diversification. Prioritization of international engagement has proven invaluable as the province's exports now reach over 160 countries.

Saskatchewan's China Office is the province's longest standing international office. The Government of Saskatchewan has built a network of nine international trade and investment offices to prioritize strengthening existing

trade relationships while exploring new markets. These offices help make the province more resilient to market risks such as tariffs and regulatory trade barriers.

NUTRIEN COMMITS \$4 MILLION TO STARS!



Last week, we celebrated a milestone partnership! Nutrien has committed \$4 million to STARS, bringing their total support to over \$30 million - a powerful investment in the safety of rural and agricultural communities across

Western Canada.

I was very pleased to join STARS President and CEO Dr. John Froh, Nutrien President and CEO Ken Seitz, leaders, staff and board members from both STARS and Nutrien today for a wonderful announcement that will benefit Saskatchewan residents all across the province in accessing critical emergency care. Joining me as well was the Honourable Sean Wilson. It was a pleasure to speak on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan and Premier Scott Moe to thank this group for their dedication to Saskatchewan patients and their families.

It was great to have the opportunity to mention the incredible contribution of former Cabinet Minister, the Honourable Rod Gantefoer who worked hard to bring STARS to our province.

STARS have provided exceptional care to the thousands of patients over the past 40 years. The addition of helicopter emergency medical services has been a valuable lifeline for patients across the province. Quick access to critical care paramedics, critical care nurses and – when required – physician oversight is a tremendous benefit to our residents, especially those in rural and remote communities.

Since STARS was first introduced to our province in 2012, the Government of Saskatchewan has been a strong supporter and investor, providing nearly \$12 million annually to STARS. Keeping STARS flying in Saskatchewan is a collaborative effort that requires government funding along with the generous support of donors.

Congratulations to STARS on marking 40 years of exceptional service. Their work matters to everyone here in our great province. The unwavering commitment to delivering lifesaving care has touched countless lives and families across Western Canada.

SASKATOON RANKED CANADA'S TOP CITY TO RAISE A FAMILY



According to a recent Canada's Best Cities for Wealth-Life Balance study released on January 12, 2026, Saskatoon was named the #1 city in Canada to raise a family! The report highlights our city's work-life balance, affordability, strong sense of community, and family-friendly lifestyle — all reasons why so many of us love calling Saskatoon home. From safe neighbourhoods and great parks to community events and accessible services, it's clear Saskatoon stands out across the country.

Let's celebrate what makes our city and this great province such a special place to live, work and raise a family.

CONGRATULATIONS DR. KURTIS BOYER



It was a pleasure to join Lieutenant Governor Bernadette McIntyre to honour Dr. Kurtis Boyer with a Lieutenant Governor's Post-Secondary Teaching Award in the Indigenous Teaching Excellence category.

Dr. Boyer, "I'm honoured to receive this recognition, which reflects the shared effort to strengthen Métis self-government through education. I'm so very grateful for the students, Elders, and our communities who make that work possible."

SASKATCHEWAN DOUBLES LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT MORE STUDENTS



Graduate and post-graduate students now have access to \$80,000 in scholarship funding to support their studies and research. The Government of Saskatchewan is increasing the number of Lieutenant Governor Scholarships, expanding support for Saskatchewan students.

Each year, two Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Scholarships and two Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Indigenous Scholarships will be awarded, valued at \$20,000 each.

"I am grateful to the Government of Saskatchewan for increasing this valuable support, which enables students to focus on their research," Lieutenant Governor Bernadette McIntyre said. "Scholarship recipients are researching diverse subjects and this research has the potential to improve the quality of life for people in Saskatchewan and around the world!"

These scholarships are awarded annually based on academic excellence in any field of study. The addition of two new awards will support more applicants and create dedicated opportunities for students at both of the province's universities.

"Doubling these scholarships enables more Saskatchewan students to pursue research opportunities right here in the province," Advanced Education Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "This increase reflects our ongoing commitment to developing top talent at home while supporting students in their efforts to strengthen our communities."

Nearly \$1 million has been awarded through 63 scholarships to date.

For more information on the Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Scholarship or Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Indigenous Scholarship, visit: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/scholarships-bursaries-grants/scholarships-and-bursaries/scholarships-and-bursaries-for-post-secondary-education>.

**ALWAYS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH
LEADERS IN OUR PROVINCE AND COUNTRY**



As Minister of Advanced Education, I along with Brad Crassweller, MLA for White City-Qu'Appelle met last week at Edwards School of Business.

Special thanks to Dean - Keith Willoughby, Associate Dean of Strategy and Professional Programs - Mark Klassen, Director of Executive Education - Bobbie Spicer, and the Associate Vice President of Government Relations - Sara Daniels for taking the time to have a very informative meeting with us.

We are very fortunate to have this world class business school that provides outstanding education to students in our Province.



It was a pleasure to join the Federal Health Minister, the Honourable Marjorie Michel, Saskatchewan Minister of Health, the Honourable Jeremy Cockrill, and the Honourable Buckley Belanger, Secretary of State (Rural Development) at Saskatchewan Polytechnic in Saskatoon.

It was a wonderful opportunity to tour Saskatchewan Polytechnic and outline the wonderful facility that serves so many students as they develop and earn their certificate, diploma, or degree through the many programs available.

PROVINCE AWARDS GRANTS TO SUPPORT SUICIDE PREVENTION

Helping Save Lives



53 Grants Awarded to Community Partners in Support of Suicide Prevention



The Government of Saskatchewan is awarding 53 grants to support suicide prevention initiatives across the province as part of *Pillars for Life: The Saskatchewan Suicide Prevention Plan*. Funding totals close to \$480,000, with each successful applicant receiving up to \$10,000.

Announced in September 2025, the Suicide Prevention Grant Program encourages community partners to develop creative ways to support suicide prevention, with a focus on developing leadership, reducing risks of suicide, increasing awareness of resources, reducing stigma and promoting healthy lifestyles.

"I am thrilled with the tremendous response from groups across the province to the Suicide Prevention Grant Program," Mental Health and Addictions

Minister Lori Carr said. "Suicide is a serious issue that affects many families and communities. Our government is committed to addressing self-harm and suicide by continuing our collaborative work with partners to support the mental health of Saskatchewan residents."

Applications were accepted from groups such as community-based organizations, Indigenous organizations, school divisions and municipalities.

"On Father's Day last year Debbie and I lost our son, Lincoln West, to suicide," grant recipient Rick West said. "As you can imagine, our priorities in life have shifted and Debbie and I are determined to turn our pain into purpose. In October 2024, we formed the Lincoln's Life Mattered Foundation with the goal of shifting from a culture of silence and stigma to one of openness, understanding, and support. The grant provided by the Ministry of Health is critical in helping our newly formed foundation achieve this goal."

[Province Awards Grants to Support Suicide Prevention | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

IMPORTANT REMINDER - BELL'S ANNUAL LET'S TALK DAY TAKES PLACE JANUARY 21, 2026

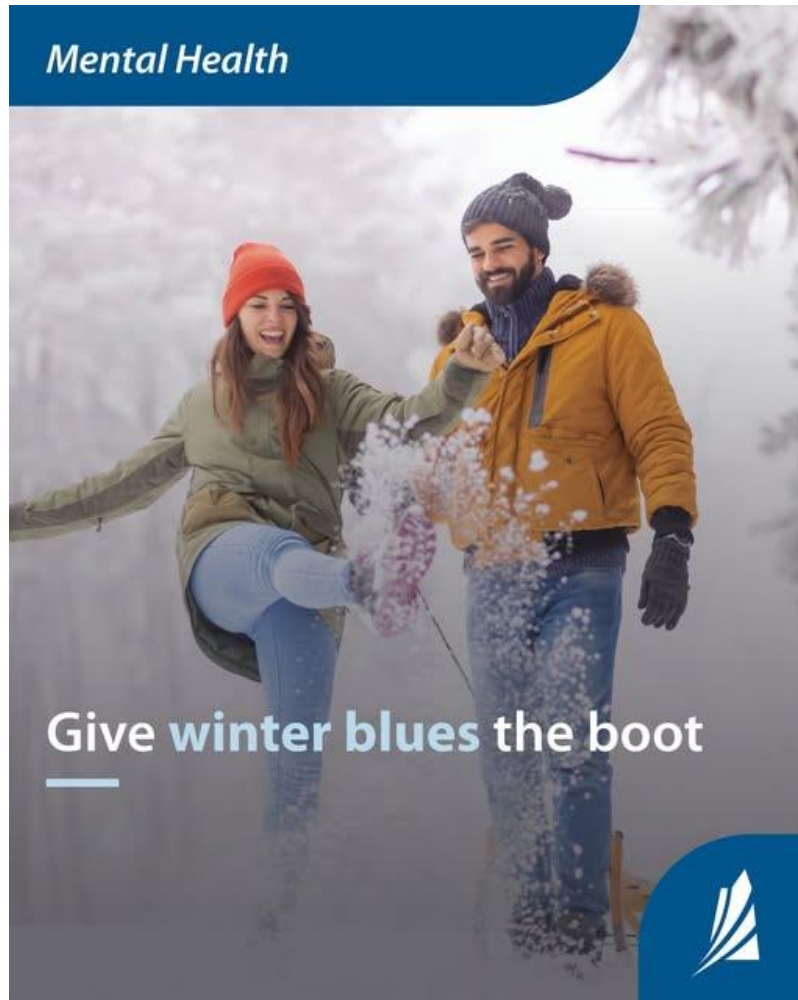


Bell Let's Talk Day is January 21! For 16 years, Canadians have come together to make mental health a priority.

This year, Bell is investing \$10 million in Canadian mental health initiatives, increasing its total support to \$194 million since 2010.

Give mental health the moment it deserves. Join us on Bell Let's Talk Day in taking a moment for mental health. Learn more at bell.ca/letstalk

Mental Health



Give winter blues the boot

Winter is a great time to recharge, focus on your wellbeing and set the tone for the year ahead.

Kick the winter blues with these tips:

- ✅ Stay connected: reach out to friends and family
- ✅ Set realistic goals: small steps lead to big progress
- ✅ Remember: you've got this!

Your mental health matters today and every day.

Find supports at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../mental-health-services>.

SASKATCHEWAN SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH UNITED ARAB EMIRATES ON NUCLEAR PROGRAM



The Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC) and the Global Institute for Energy, Minerals and Society Inc (GIEMS), have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Emirates Nuclear Energy Company (ENEC).

The MOU is for the organizations to collaborate on the development of a nuclear energy program in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). It will include evaluation of technologies related to small modular reactors and microreactors, nuclear plant efficiency and reliability.

"With our vast uranium deposits, skilled workforce, and cluster of experts, Saskatchewan is the best region in the world to partner with on nuclear innovation," Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding said. "The UAE shares many energy transition goals with us, and our international trade and investment office in Dubai paired with our investment attraction efforts have been instrumental in forging this partnership. I look forward to seeing how this new MOU will advance technologies that benefit both our regions."

[Saskatchewan Signs Memorandum of Understanding with United Arab Emirates on Nuclear Program](#) | [News and Media](#) | [Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SASKATCHEWAN WHOLESALE TRADE TOPS THE CHARTS



Figures released January 15 by Statistics Canada show that Saskatchewan's wholesale trade (excluding petroleum, petroleum products, and other hydrocarbons and excluding Oilseed and grain) rose 15.3 per cent from November 2024 to November 2025, ranking first among the provinces in year-over-year growth.



"It is good news for our economy when we see such significant growth in wholesale trade as it shows consumer confidence," Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding said. "We continue to work hard to ensure producers can reach the markets they need, as it means more resources flowing into our provincial economy."

[Saskatchewan Wholesale Trade Tops the Charts | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**INNOVATION SASKATCHEWAN INVESTS \$26,000 IN USASK
SASKATCHEWAN INNOVATION GROWTH & MARKET
ACCELERATION PROGRAM TO ACCELERATE STUDENT LED
TECH COMPANIES**



Innovation Saskatchewan is investing \$26,300 in the University of Saskatchewan (USask) Saskatchewan Innovation Growth & Market Acceleration (SIGMA) program to help engineering students turn innovative ideas into startups and strengthen the province's innovation ecosystem.

Integrated within the USask College of Engineering, SIGMA embeds technological innovation and entrepreneurship into its program, providing students with a unique opportunity to develop their product for the right market and customer and determine their next career steps.

The funding supports SIGMA's venture accelerator and community events through Spring 2026, including hackathons focused on key industries like mining, energy and agriculture. These core pathways highlight opportunities beyond traditional engineering roles, build essential entrepreneurial skills and help students more effectively move from engineer to founder.

"SIGMA strengthens Saskatchewan's innovation pipeline and gives students the tools and connections to succeed," Minister Responsible for Innovation Saskatchewan Warren Kaeding said. "By investing in training and skill-building for future leaders, we are fueling innovation, creating jobs and

building a stronger tech sector that drives Saskatchewan's economic growth."

[Innovation Saskatchewan Invests \\$26,000 in Usask Saskatchewan Innovation Growth & Market Acceleration Program to Accelerate Student Led Tech Companies | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)







WINTER STORM RECOVERY




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What you do after a snowstorm matters. Make smart choices after the storm.

-  Clear and salt sidewalks and walkways to prevent slips and falls.
-  Watch for flooding as snow melts, especially near basements and drains.
-  Check your pipes. Frozen pipes can burst and cause hidden damage.
-  After thawing, look for water damage and mould in affected areas.

Small actions now can prevent big problems later. Take a few minutes to check your home and surroundings.

 **For more details, visit the Government of Canada Winter Storms page:** <https://www.canada.ca/.../hazards.../winter-storms.html>

YOUR RECAP



Saskatchewan leads again

[Saskatchewan remains #1 in the nation for year-over-year wholesale trade growth.](#)



Saskatchewan saw a 15.3% increase – reflecting our strong and stable economy.

This is a credit to the resilience of Saskatchewan people and businesses.

While much uncertainty remains in the global trade environment, Saskatchewan continues to be a reliable partner, providing the food and energy security that a growing world needs.

Supporting Saskatchewan innovation

[Investing in Saskatchewan innovators to help turn big ideas into real-world solutions.](#)



Earlier this week, Minister responsible for Innovation Saskatchewan, Warren Kaeding was pleased to meet with the latest cohort of Agtech Growth Fund (AGF) and Saskatchewan Advantage Innovation Fund (SAIF) recipients.

From agriculture and mining to energy and health care, these nine companies are building made-in-Saskatchewan technologies that create jobs, grow our economy, and compete on the world stage.

Keeping Saskatchewan strong, innovative, and ready for the future.

Supporting community rinks

We know local rinks are the heart of our communities in the winter, that's why we are committed to help offset the costs of operation.



As promised, we are doubling the program funding to support even more Saskatchewan communities.

Standing up for livestock producers

We were pleased to see CFIA amendments to livestock traceability regulations paused this week.

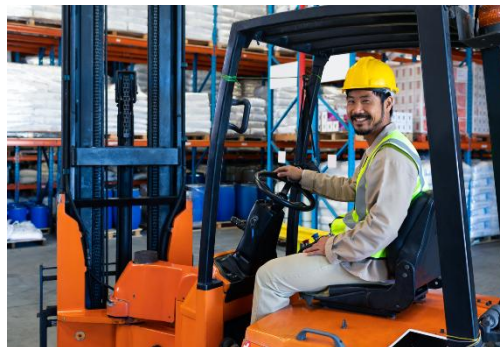


As Premier Moe said, our livestock producers definitely do not need more red tape.

We are proud to support our livestock producers and all producers across Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan economy strong and resilient heading into 2026

Saskatchewan continues to have a strong and resilient economy.



We had the lowest unemployment rate in the country and second highest rate of job growth in 2025.

Thanks to all of the Saskatchewan businesses and workers who make our province great!

LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN UPCOMING EVENT!

UPCOMING EVENTS

WONDERHUB PRESCHOOL



It's not too late to join Wonderhub Preschool for the rest of the school year. It has the perfect child-led and play-based program for your little learner. Located at [Nutrien Wonderhub](#) – Saskatchewan's only children's museum in Saskatoon, Wonderhub Preschool will keep your child engaged and active while cultivating their curiosity and fostering a love of learning through play!

WINTERRUPTION



Winterruption returns to the Bridge City January 21st-25th to celebrate 10 years of the festival with a flurry of music, dance, theatre, drag, and so much more!

With 23 shows spread across Saskatoon's Broadway, Downtown, and Riversdale districts, Winterruption is here to warm things up this winter.

Looking for family friendly frosty fun?! Winterruption Outdoor returns to the W.E. Graham Park (behind Ecole Victoria) and the Cosmo Hall on Jan. 24 & 25th from 11AM-5PM for two days of FREE family friendly fun!

INDOOR PLAY



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If you're looking for a way to give your kids some fun AND burn off some energy, we've got a list of some indoor play areas in Saskatoon. There is no shortage of places to get active AND stay warm! Check out the Saskatoon Family Fun guide here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../indoor-play-areas-in.../>

SWINGING WITH THE STARS



Based on TV's Dancing with the Stars, the event pairs local celebrities with professional dance instructors. Dancers compete for two trophies – Crowd

Favourite, decided by fans, and Judges Choice, decided by a celebrity panel. It's also a charity event – while rehearsing and competing, celebrities raise money. Funds are also raised through ticket and beverage sales, as well as online and in-person voting.

In the past six years, Swinging with the Stars has raised more than \$1,000,000 for hospital departments such as the Breast Health Centre, Physical Rehab and Medicine, and the Operating Room.

The 2026 Supplement World Swinging with the Stars will take place on Saturday, January 31.

Learn more and get your tickets at <https://swtsyxe.com/>

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSES



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Are you looking into Kindergarten for your children in 2026? The Kindergarten open houses start this week and continue into February. We've got a list of some to check out at schools across Saskatoon, Martensville and Warman.

These are the schools you can visit this week: King George, W.P. Bate, Willowgrove, Colette Bourgonje, Queen Elizabeth, and Sutherland. You can find out more here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../kindergarten-open.../>

GREATER SASKATOON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



5K RUN OR 3K WALK TUESDAYS AT 12:10 PM

We will continue throughout the winter season!
as long as the temperature is -25°C or warmer.

ALL LEVELS WELCOME

Starts at YWCA, Ample parking available, shower facilities available

**WINTER PROGRAMS NOW OPEN - CHECK OUT YOUR COMMUNITY
FACEBOOK PAGES!**



[Facebook](#) - BRIGHTON

[Facebook](#) - ERINDALE ARBOR CREEK

[Facebook](#) - WILLOWGROVE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

NSBA SASKATOON



Join NSBA for their first Sustainability Series event of 2026!

Alison Joutsu and Prabh Banga will deliver presentations followed by a fireside-style conversation, unpacking what sustainability reporting looks like in practice, what's coming down the pipeline, and how SMEs can get ready. Stay ahead of the curve and register today using the link below:

<https://www.nsbask.com/.../sustainability-as-a-value.../>



ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES - JUST THE LINKS

[Saskatchewan Removes Administrative Hurdles for Service Rig Operators | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Innovation & Science Fund Expansion Strengthens Saskatchewan Research Excellence | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Amendments Modernize Pesticide Application and Enhance Compliance | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan Responds to Federal Firearms Buyback Program Launch | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



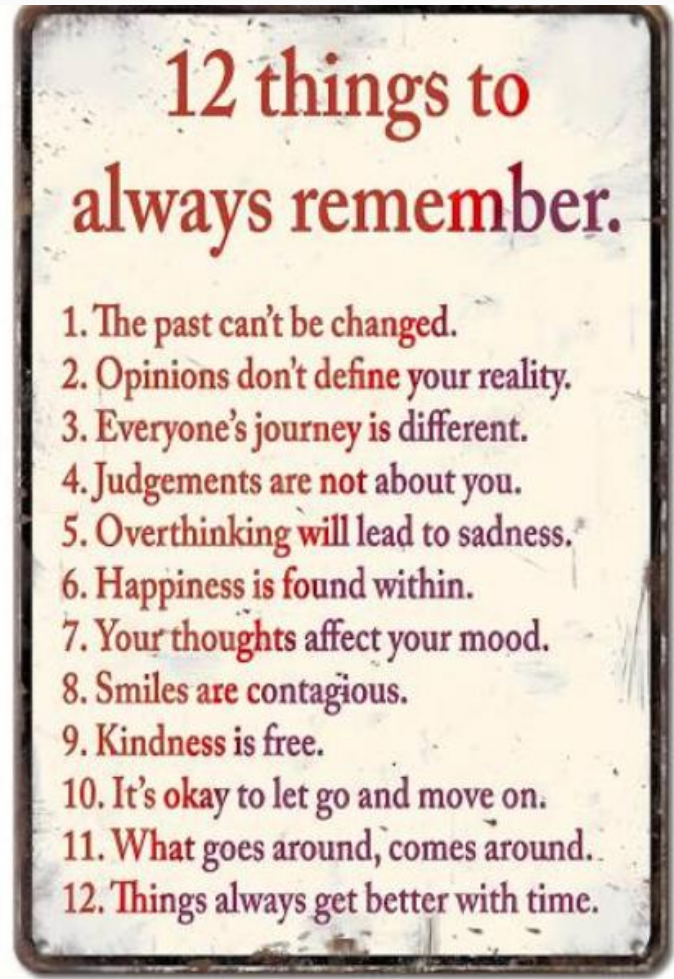
[Saskatchewan Animal Enforcement Agency to Take Over Animal Welfare Services | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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