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*Have a Super Saskatchewan Summer!*

**Provincial Point of View**

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**WISHING EVERYONE A GREAT START TO SUMMER!**



**Summer is a great time for being active. Even if you live where it gets hot or humid, there are ways you can stay active and stay safe.**

**If the temperature is lower than 27°C (80°F), you usually can be active outside without taking extra precautions. It depends on how active you already are and how used to hot weather you are. But anytime you exercise, it's a good idea to take these normal precautions.**



- **Drink plenty of water.**

**You lose fluid when you are active. If you lose too much, it can result in dehydration, muscle cramps, or even heat exhaustion. In hot weather, drink plenty of fluids before, during, and after activity.**

**For longer exercise periods, sports drinks contain carbohydrates and minerals called electrolytes that may help prevent dehydration.**

- **Don't exercise as hard when it's hot.**

**Take rest breaks. Exercise more slowly than usual or for a shorter time.**

- **Stay in the shade when you can.**
- **Wear light-coloured, breathable clothes.**
  - **Always wear sunscreen.**
- **Watch for signs of dehydration and heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion and heatstroke.**

**Signs of [dehydration](#) include having a dry mouth and eyes and feeling dizzy.**

**If you are overweight, have health problems, take medicines, or use alcohol, you may be at a higher risk for heat-related illness. You may also have trouble if you are not used to exercising in warmer weather.**

**Older adults and children are at a higher risk for heat-related illness and should be extra cautious. Remind children to drink plenty of fluids before, during, and after activity.**

**When it's hot and humid out, take extra precautions when you're active. This might mean you change your activity or when you choose to do it. Here are some ideas you can try.**

- **Take morning or evening walks.**

**Walking the dog or walking with a partner helps you make it part of your routine.**

- **Go for a bike ride.**

**Find shaded areas, and ride during cooler times of day.**

**CANADA DAY IN SASKATOON - A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE!**

**What a wonderful day in Saskatoon July 1st. Congratulations to everyone that organized and participated in the many activities around our great city. From Cultural performances to the fireworks, it certainly was a day to celebrate Canada's birthday.**



**It was an honour to join the Ahmaddiyyan community at the Baitur Rahman Mosque today as we celebrated their love and contributions to Saskatoon and Canada.**

**Love for all and hatred for none**



**It was a privilege to participate in a Canadian citizenship ceremony this evening at Saskatoon's River Landing. Alongside Member of Parliament Brad Redekop and Mayor Cynthia Block, I had the honour of welcoming 49 new Canadians as they officially began this exciting new chapter.**

**Congratulations and welcome to Canada! Wishing you every success and happiness as you build your future in this incredible country. Happy Canada Day!**

**YOUR LEGISLATIVE REPORT**



**As we move through the summer, Saskatchewan continues to build on its strengths by growing our economy, supporting workers and students, investing in health care, and improving the infrastructure that connects our communities.**

**Recent figures from Statistics Canada highlight the strength of Saskatchewan's economy. Merchandise exports increased by 36.4 per cent in May 2026 compared to May 2025, demonstrating continued global demand for the quality**

food, energy and manufacturing products produced in our province. Thanks to our producers, businesses and skilled workforce, Saskatchewan remains an essential supplier to markets around the world. Strong export growth helps create jobs, attract investment and generate the revenue needed to support important programs and services for Saskatchewan people.

A strong economy also creates opportunities for workers. To help Saskatchewan remain an affordable place to live, work and raise a family while supporting business growth, minimum wage will increase to \$15.70 per hour on October 1, 2026. Since 2008, Saskatchewan's minimum wage has increased by more than 90 per cent. Our government continues to focus on balancing support for workers with maintaining a competitive environment that encourages job creation and economic growth.

Supporting Saskatchewan's future workforce remains another important priority. Skilled tradespeople are in high demand and play a critical role in building and maintaining the infrastructure and industries that drive our economy. This year, 110 high school students from 68 communities across the province received *Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship (SYA) Industry Scholarships*. Since the initiative began in 2009, more than 1,500 scholarships have been awarded. Today, over 2,500 students are enrolled in SYA, helping prepare the next generation for rewarding careers in the skilled trades. Additional information is available at [www.saskapprenticeship.ca/sask-youth-apprenticeship](http://www.saskapprenticeship.ca/sask-youth-apprenticeship).

## Investing in Young Trade Professionals

*The SYA Industry Scholarship* provides a \$1,000 award supporting students' journey into apprenticeship and the skilled trades.

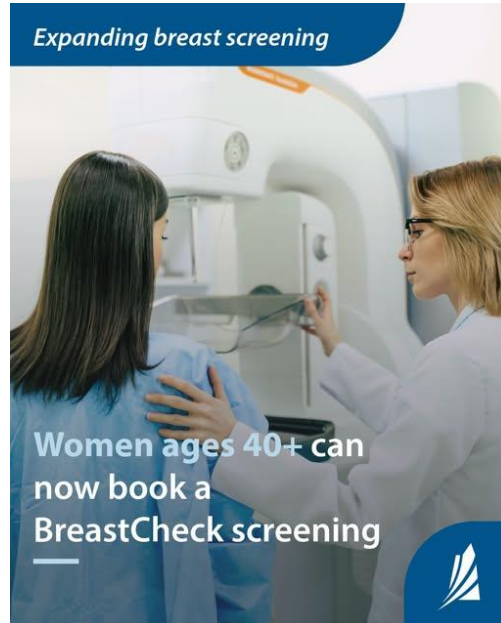


Investing in education and training goes beyond the skilled trades. Applications are now available for *Saskatchewan Student Aid* for the 2026-27 academic year. More than 24,000 students are expected to benefit from over \$119.3 million in loans, grants, scholarships, tax credits and other forms of assistance. Student aid helps ensure Saskatchewan students can access the education and training they need to build successful careers and contribute to the continued growth of our province. More information, including details on how to apply, is available at [www.saskatchewan.ca/student-aid](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/student-aid).



Our government is also continuing to deliver on its commitment to strengthen health care services and improve access to preventive care. Saskatchewan has now reached the fourth and final phase of lowering the eligibility age for routine breast screening. As of July 1, women aged 40 and older can book a screening mammogram through the *BreastCheck* program. This expansion will provide approximately 76,000 more women with access to important screening services and supports earlier detection, which can lead to better health outcomes. Ensuring patients receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time

remains a key priority. To book a screening mammogram, call 1-855-584-8228. For more information, please visit [www.saskcancer.ca/BreastCheck](http://www.saskcancer.ca/BreastCheck).



Alongside investments in people and services, our government continues to invest in the infrastructure that keeps Saskatchewan moving. Highway construction projects are underway across the province, including major highway improvements, bridge work, resurfacing projects and culvert replacements. To help residents stay informed, the Ministry of Highways has launched bi-weekly construction updates that will be released every second Friday. Drivers are encouraged to check the *Highway Hotline* online at [www.saskatchewan.ca/highwayhotline](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/highwayhotline) or by calling 511 before travelling to access current information on road conditions, construction zones and delays.



By supporting economic growth, investing in education and health care, and improving critical infrastructure, our government is working to build a stronger Saskatchewan today and for future generations. It is an honour to serve as your MLA and represent our community. I am proud of the work being done across Saskatchewan and grateful for the opportunity to continue listening to your ideas, concerns and priorities. My constituency office is always here to assist with questions about government programs and services or help connect you with the resources you need. You can contact my constituency office.



#### SASKATCHEWAN DEVELOPS NEW CONTINUING CARE STRATEGY



**The Government of Saskatchewan has developed a new Continuing Care Strategy. The goal of the strategy is to support more residents to live independently at home and in their communities for longer. Once community-based supports can no longer meet their needs, high quality and safe options continue to be available.**

***“Developing a new Continuing Care Strategy is a significant step forward in protecting the health of our residents,” Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health Minister Lori Carr said. “We will continue to ensure safe, high quality options are through community-based supports, home care services, and for residents of long-term and personal care homes.”***

[Saskatchewan Develops New Continuing Care Strategy | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**SASKATCHEWAN EXPANDS BREAST SCREENING ELIGIBILITY TO 76,000 WOMEN**



### **Women Aged 40+ Now Eligible for BreastCheck Screening Mammograms**

**Saskatchewan has reached the fourth and final phase of lowering the eligibility age for routine breast screening. As of July 1, 2026, women aged 40 and older can now book a screening mammogram through the BreastCheck program.**



***"Our government is delivering on our commitment to expand mammogram eligibility by offering approximately 76,000 more women the ability to access vital breast health screening services," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "The lowering of the screening age from 50 to 40 years of age over the past 18 months is putting patients first by ensuring more women across Saskatchewan can receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time."***

[Saskatchewan Expands Breast Screening Eligibility to 76,000 Women | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**2026 IS A HEALTH CARD RENEWAL YEAR**

# Don't get stuck without your sticker.

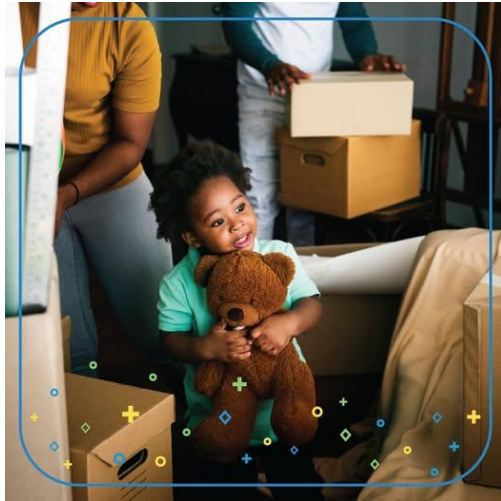
**Has your address changed?** Make sure your health card renewal sticker is sent to the right place to keep your health coverage current.



**If you've moved since you received your health card or current sticker – remember to update your address with eHealth!**

**2026 is a health card renewal year.**

**If you moved in the last 3 years and you haven't updated your address directly with us or through Express Address, now is the time. An updated address keeps your health coverage current.**



**More information:** <https://bit.ly/updatehealthcard>

**WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR SASKATOON WILLOWGROVE BUSINESS FEATURED IN  
THIS NEWSLETTER?**





**We would like to feature a different business in our newsletter each week. If you'd like me to stop by your business and feature it in our newsletter, please contact our office at 306.651.7100 or email us at [ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net](mailto:ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net).**



**If you're interested, we will make arrangements. Its a great way to create more awareness of your business. I look forward to hearing from you.**

**DID YOU KNOW?**



**All animals, including pets, can scratch and bite. All bites and scratches should be taken seriously.**

**Call HealthLine 811 and seek medical attention.**

**SASKATCHEWAN MERCHANDISE EXPORTS ON THE RISE**



***Province's year-over-year growth ranks second among the provinces***

**Statistics Canada released figures indicating that Saskatchewan's merchandise exports increased 36.4 per cent from May 2025 compared to May 2026.**



***"Saskatchewan products continue to reach markets all over the world," Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding said. "Thanks to our many producers and strong labour force, this province is an essential supplier of the high-quality food, energy and manufacturing products the world needs. Their work continues to bring more dollars into the province, which makes it possible for us to invest in more programs and services, and protect Saskatchewan people."***

[Saskatchewan Merchandise Exports on the Rise | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**TIM HORTONS CAMP DAY JULY 15**



**Tim Hortons Foundation Camps is committed to helping youth from underserved communities achieve their full potential. Tims Camps equip young people from low-income families with the skills they need to design their future.**

**Tim Hortons restaurant owners, managers, team members and guests, we help youth gain the skills they need to pursue their education, contribute to their communities, find meaningful jobs and lead fulfilling lives.**

**Multi-day, overnight camp experiences are uniquely powerful in quickly building strengths and critical skills in youth. Strengthening social ties and community connections can help youth develop protective factors to better cope with challenging circumstances.**

## FREE FISHING WEEKEND: KNOW YOUR LIMIT, STAY WITHIN IT!



Saskatchewan's Ministry of Environment invites residents and visitors to hit the water and enjoy the province's lakes and rivers during the 37th annual Free Fishing Weekend, taking place July 11-12. For two days, anyone can experience recreational fishing without needing an angling licence. Just grab your gear, gather your family and friends and have fun!

Before heading out, anglers are encouraged to consult the [2026-27 Anglers Guide](#) for rules, tips and tools to support a safe and enjoyable experience. Remember: catch limits, size restrictions and provincial regulations remain in effect throughout the weekend.

*"Free Fishing Weekend is a great opportunity for Saskatchewan residents to get out on the water, spend time with family and friends, and experience the province's world-class fishing opportunities," Environment Minister Darlene Rowden said. "As anglers enjoy our lakes and rivers, we encourage everyone to know the regulations, respect daily catch and possession limits and help ensure our waters remain healthy and sustainable for future generations."*

## **CROP REPORT JUNE 23 - JUNE 29, 2026**



**Significant rain was received across many areas of the province, along with some hail. Producers in areas that received hail will be assessing crop damage over the next week to determine the impact on yields. The heavy rainfall has resulted in saturated fields with flooding of low-lying areas. The cool wet weather has also slowed crop development and is making it difficult for farmers to complete spraying and haying operations.**

**The east-central region (Saskatoon to the Manitoba border) received large amounts of rainfall last week. The most rainfall recorded was 165 millimetres (mm) in the Kuroki area, followed closely by the Marengo area with 145 mm. There was also notable rainfall in the Mikado and Raymore areas with 140 mm and 134 mm, respectively.**

**SASKATOONING THIS JULY AND MANY MORE COMING EVENTS!**



**July is full of exciting events and activities, from street festivals and lively music concerts to spending time along the river, there's something for everyone to enjoy!**

**Check out our latest blog for all the details** 🙌 <https://www.discoversaskatoon.com/.../saskatooning-this-july>



## FAMILY FUN SASKATOON



What's on your bucket list for Summer? Here are a few things we're looking forward to:

- 🐾 Visits to see the animals at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo.
- 🎡 Discovering the magic of play at Nutrien Playland at Kinsmen Park.
- 👤 Hiding from the mosquitoes for some summer fun at [Nutrien Wonderhub](#).
- 📖 Joining the TD Summer Reading Club with [Saskatoon Public Library](#).
- 🚗 Or if you're planning a road trip, keep a trip to [Calaway Park](#) Park in mind for an

**unforgettable Canadian adventure!**

**Check out our guide for more**

**details:** <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/summer-events/>

**Our Bucket List is sponsored by Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo, [City of Saskatoon](#) - [Your Local Government](#)**

## **SASK JAZZ FEST**



**Save the date for the 39th Annual Festival: July 5-11, 2026.**

Information: [Saskatchewan Jazz Festival](#)

**NSBA COOKOUT - today - July 9th**



**Thursday, July 9, 2026**

**Online Registration Deadline: Monday, July 6, 2026**

Please email [dee.figurski@nsbasask.com](mailto:dee.figurski@nsbasask.com) if you wish to attend after this date/time.

NSBA Members - \$30 (plus GST) per person

Non-Members - \$40 (plus GST) per person

### **SASKATOON EX**



**The #SaskatoonEX is the 8 best days of summer!**

**July 30 - Aug 6, 2026.**

### **SASKATOON FOLKFEST**



**Mark your calendars for Folkfest 2026!**  
watch for details

**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>

## ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES



[Saskatchewan Showcases Summer of Arts, Culture and Heritage Activities | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Investor Alert: Four Firms Not Registered in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Greenall High School Project Advances with Design Completion and Contractor Procurement | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Twelve New Sober Living Spaces Open in Swift Current | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Investor Alert: Impersonation Scam Falsely Claims Endorsement by Prime Minister Mark Carney in Social Media Posts Targeting Saskatchewan People | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Look Whooo's at The Royal Saskatchewan Museum! | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[No School Division Losses in The Third Quarter | News and Media | Government of 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 weekly message 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.***

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**



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