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ANNUAL VAN DE VORST FAMILY AWARD



It was an honour to bring greetings on behalf of Premier Scott Moe and Minister Responsible for SGI Jeremy Harrison at the September 21st event recognizing those working to make Saskatchewan roads safer.

A heartfelt thank you to Lou, Linda Van de Vorst and the entire Van de Vorst family for your courage, leadership and unwavering commitment to keeping the conversation about impaired driving at the forefront.



As always, we were joined by Bonny and Craig Stevenson, who have also experienced unimaginable loss. Their tireless work alongside the Van de Vorst family and MADD Canada helps raise awareness, promote prevention and ensure we never lose sight of the devastating impact of impaired driving.



Thank you to MADD Canada and our law enforcement partners for your continued dedication to education, prevention and enforcement.



Always a pleasure to see former colleague, the Honourable Joe Hargrave who was and is a passionate advocate for MADD, along with Zach Jeffries, City Councillor.

Congratulations to this year's award recipients. Together, we can continue working toward a Saskatchewan where everyone arrives home safely.

2026 ISSA MINING CONFERENCE



It was indeed an honour, as Minister of Labour Relation and Workplace Safety to join the 2026 ISSA Mining Conference in Saskatchewan.

Saskatoon is a fitting place for an international conversation about the future of mining and occupational health and safety.

Saskatchewan is blessed with world-class resources and is becoming an increasingly important supplier of the critical minerals needed for our economy and energy future.

But our greatest resource is our people. Every worker deserves to return home safe and healthy at the end of every shift.

I'm proud to highlight the launch of the SASK WORK Initiative, a five-year partnership bringing research, technology and real-world data into Saskatchewan workplaces to help prevent injuries and improve worker safety.

Through innovation, collaboration and a strong commitment to safety, we can build a stronger future for Saskatchewan mining.

Our government is proud of our :

***World-class resources.
Innovation.
Safety.***

That's the future of Saskatchewan mining.

**JPCHF INVESTING \$1.5 MILLION IN SASK POLYTECH'S KINTECH HEALTH
RESEARCH CENTRE**



While I was unable to join this significant announcement, I reaffirm our government's support for the research, innovation and partnerships that are helping improve outcomes for Saskatchewan families, the commitment by the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation and its partnership with Saskatchewan Polytechnic's KINTECH Health Research Centre represent an

important step forward in advancing Saskatchewan-led health research.

By bringing together researchers, health professionals, community partners and post-secondary institutions, this initiative will help strengthen research capacity, attract expertise and support innovations that improve the health and well-being of children, mothers and families across our province.

Our government recognizes that strong post-secondary institutions and strong research partnerships are essential to building healthier communities, developing Saskatchewan talent and ensuring innovative solutions are created right here at home. Initiatives like this demonstrate the important role applied research plays in addressing real-world challenges while contributing to the growth and success of Saskatchewan's post-secondary sector.

The establishment of a Provincial Maternal and Children's Research Centre reflects a shared commitment to advancing knowledge, fostering collaboration and supporting discoveries that can make a meaningful difference in the lives of Saskatchewan families for years to come.

I acknowledge this announcement of a new partnership involving the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation, Whitecap Dakota Nation and the Saskatoon Tribal Council in support of child and youth mental health. This collaboration reflects a shared vision for supporting children, youth and families and highlights the importance of working together to address complex challenges and improve well-being across our province. I commend the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Whitecap Dakota Nation, the Saskatoon Tribal Council and all partners involved for their leadership, vision and commitment to improving the lives of Saskatchewan families. Their efforts are helping strengthen Saskatchewan's reputation as a leader in applied research, innovation and community partnership.

What a milestone! My best wishes for the continued success of these important initiatives.

GOVERNMENT STRENGTHENS PARTNERSHIPS WITH INDUSTRY TO DELIVER CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE



The Government of Saskatchewan is strengthening its collaboration with industry to deliver critical public infrastructure that supports communities, creates jobs and drives economic growth across the province.

Strong partnerships between government and industry remain essential to delivering major infrastructure projects efficiently, transparently and at the best value for taxpayers. Through ongoing engagement, process improvements and targeted initiatives, the province continues to ensure infrastructure delivery meets the needs of Saskatchewan residents.

"Our government recognizes that delivering infrastructure takes strong partnerships," SaskBuilds and Procurement Minister Sean Wilson said. "Working closely with industry helps us bring projects to life efficiently and effectively. By drawing on the experience and knowledge of our partners, we can deliver high-quality infrastructure that meets the needs of Saskatchewan people and communities."

[Government Strengthens Partnerships with Industry to Deliver Critical Infrastructure | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**HAPPY TO SUPPORT EVENTS IN OUR CONSTITUENCY OF SASKATOON
WILLOWGROVE**



It was great to join the Saskatoon Selects AA Ringette Team at their fundraiser at University Heights Co-op in Saskatoon Willowgrove. They served delicious burgers and sodas at a great price. It was a great opportunity to support these talented athletes who are an important part of our community.

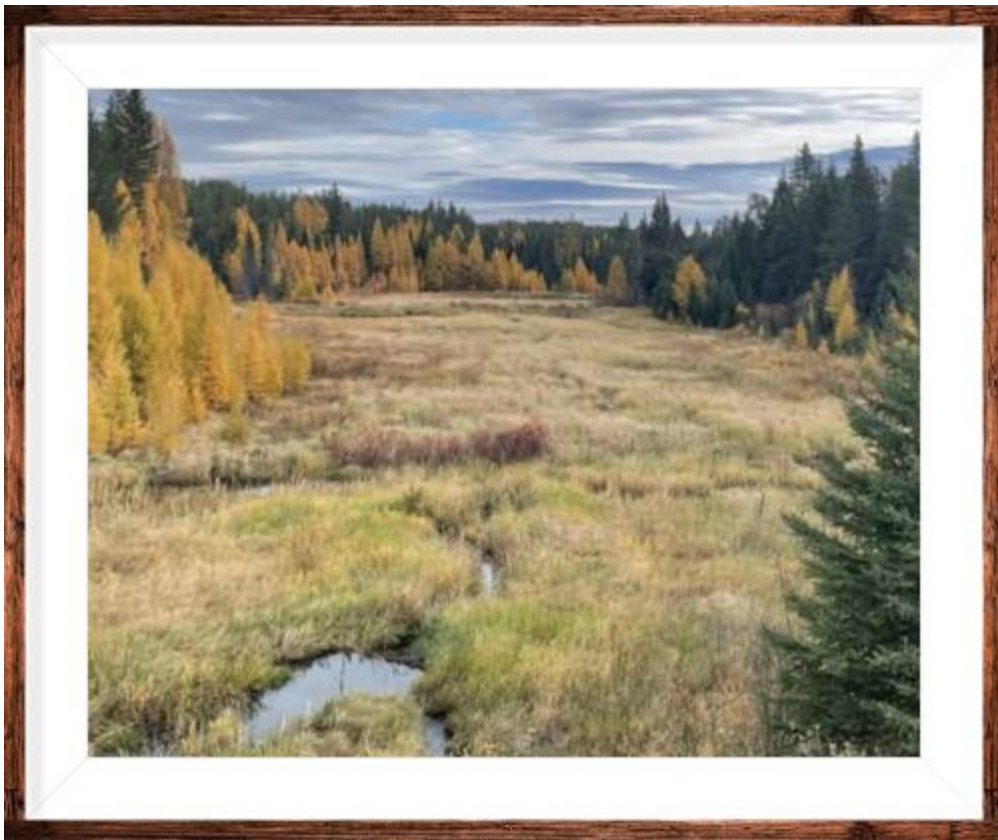
Wonderful weather and a fantastic turnout at the Willowgrove Community Association Family Fun Day in the Park!





Congratulations to the organizers for bringing our community together. It was so great to visit with neighbours, friends, and so many constituents. What a wonderful way to celebrate community!

SASKATCHEWAN RECOGNIZES NATIONAL FOREST WEEK 2026



The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed September 20 to 26 as National Forest Week, with the theme “Forest Pathways: Innovation and Sustainability.” This week highlights the importance of sustainable forest management and the forestry sector's commitment to innovation as it navigates changing market conditions and positions itself for the future.

"National Forest Week is an opportunity to recognize the workers, businesses, communities and Indigenous partners whose knowledge, commitment, and collaboration help steward this vital resource," Energy and Resources Minister Chris Beaudry said. "Our government will continue to support a competitive and sustainable forestry sector that creates good jobs, supports families, and helps keep northern communities strong."

[Saskatchewan Recognizes National Forest Week 2026 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**SASKATCHEWAN TRANSPORTATION WEEK RECOGNIZES THOSE WHO KEEP
THE PROVINCE MOVING**



Highways Minister Kim Gartner announced Sept. 21 to 27 is Saskatchewan Transportation Week, recognizing the dedicated people and organizations that keep Saskatchewan connected and moving every day.

"From connecting people to services and communities, to moving Saskatchewan products to markets around the world, transportation is essential to Saskatchewan's success," Gartner said. "This week, we recognize and thank the people who work every day to keep that network operating safely and efficiently."

[Saskatchewan Transportation Week Recognizes Those Who Keep the Province Moving | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR SCHOOL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT GRANT



Through the School Playground Equipment Grant Program, our government is helping school communities create spaces that support healthy, active lifestyles and strengthen connections among students, families and neighbourhoods. We are pleased to continue this investment and look

forward to seeing more projects take shape in communities across Saskatchewan.



More children across Saskatchewan will have access to safe and inclusive places to play.

Applications are now open for Year 2 of the School Playground Equipment Grant Program. The program supports new and upgraded playgrounds on school property, helping create spaces that bring students, families and communities together.

Last year, 94 schools received funding to improve playgrounds for more than 25,700 students.

Apply by January 29, 2027 at www.spra.sk.ca/funding/spra-grants

MESSAGE FROM PREMIER SCOTT MOE



More than 40 countries - Canada and its allies - have sanctions against Belarus for supporting war criminal Putin's invasion of Ukraine.

Buying blood potash from Belarus is supporting Russian aggression.

It's wrong and it doesn't make sense.

All of that potash has to be shipped first through Russia, then across the ocean, then across the US to mid-western farmers.

Does anyone believe Belarusian blood potash shipped through Russia is

going to be more affordable, more sustainable or more ethical than potash shipped from Saskatchewan - right here in North America?

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE 2026 SASKATCHEWAN VOLUNTEER MEDAL



Nominations are now being accepted for the 2026 Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal.

"Much of what is great about living in our province is made better by enthusiastic volunteers - from our hockey rinks to the Roughriders, from community choirs to symphony orchestras and from local 4-H clubs to the

Canadian Western Agribition," Lieutenant Governor Bernadette McIntyre said. "When people excel at something that is so valuable to our way of life, they deserve special recognition. I urge all our citizens to consider nominating an exceptional volunteer in their community for the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal."

[Nominations Open for the 2026 Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

Learn more and submit a nomination: <https://bit.ly/4hRi7TH>

GLOBAL BIOTECH WEEK



Saskatchewan's world-class researchers and biotech companies are doing incredible work and giving us plenty to celebrate.

Their work is advancing agriculture, creating jobs and strengthening our economy, all while helping build a Strong. Steady. Saskatchewan.

During Global Biotech Week, we recognize the people and ideas helping our province grow.

BUILDING SASKATCHEWAN- PROVINCE PROCLAIMS CONSTRUCTION WEEK



Province's Construction Sector Now Employs 55,900 People

The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed September 21 to 25, 2026, as Construction Week in the province. The week recognizes the organizations and skilled construction workforce whose hard work strengthens the economy while building the vital infrastructure Saskatchewan people rely on.



"Our construction sector plays a critical role in ensuring Saskatchewan continues to grow," Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding said. "The industry creates thousands of jobs, supports businesses in every region of the province and delivers the infrastructure needed for communities to thrive. Construction Week is an opportunity to recognize the people behind that work who are dedicated to building a stronger Saskatchewan."

[Building Saskatchewan - Province Proclaims Construction Week | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

HARVEST SEASON IS HERE



Harvest season means sharing the road with farming equipment. Watch for slow-moving equipment, stay alert and be patient.

Learn more about transporting large agricultural equipment and permit requirements.

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../inf.../moving-farm-equipment>



FALL FUN AND PUMPKIN PATCHES



To celebrate fall, Family Fun Saskatoon is sharing our guide with the lowdown on fall fun and where to find some picture-perfect pumpkin patches! This year, the weather is amazing for some pumpkin picking, photos by the pumpkins or some hay bale fun! Fall Activities are all around us, and we have a list of some of our favourites! You can find our guide here:

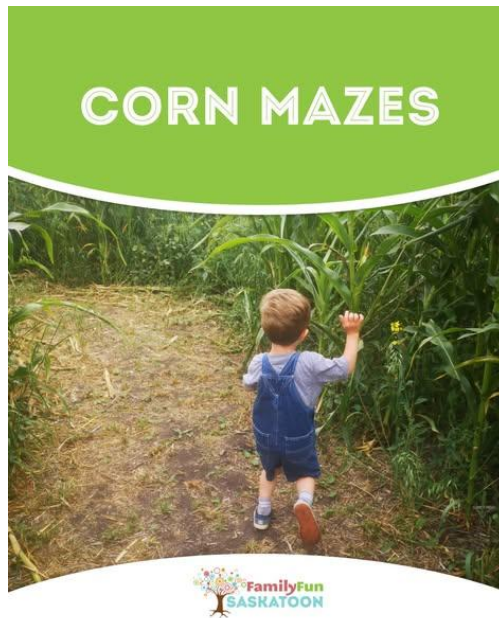
<https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/fall-activities/>

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION EVENTS



<https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../truth-and.../>

CORN MAZES



Are you looking for a weekend adventure? Don't forget to get lost in a corn maze.

You can find our corn maze guide here:

<https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/corn-mazes/>

OCTOBERFEST ON THE PRAIRIES



Oktoberfest on the Prairies back to Prairieland for its second year—mark your calendars for October 2 & 3 for another unforgettable celebration! 🌾

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NSBA LESSONS I'VE LEARNED



**Lessons I've Learned: The 20 Year Edition presented by Travelodge Saskatoon
| October 6, 2026 | Prairieland Park, Saskatoon, Sk**

Join us as four distinguished business leaders share the defining moments, challenges, and lessons that have shaped their careers.

Pictured left to right:

- John Nasser, Victory Majors**
- Christian Braid, Braid Flooring and Window Fashions**
- Brett Marcoux, Aero Delivery**
- Wanda Hunchak, Westcap Mgt. Ltd. (Emcee)**
- Aaron Loraas, Echo Properties**

Get your tickets now at www.NSBAsask.com

CHECK OUT THIS NETWORKING EVENT FOR ENTREPRENEURS



Support this news business, Lucky Bastard Distillers with hosts Debbie Calladine & Megan Casey as they host a networking event Wednesday, October 21 from 6 - 9 pm
Tickets and information: Contact Debbie at 306.260.1031

SABEX AWARD APPLICATIONS OPEN



🏆 APPLY FOR A 2026 SABEX AWARD! 🏆

October 15th - mark your calendars

<https://www.sabexawards.ca/>

CHECK OUT ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS



[New Tiny Home Development Will Expand Housing Opportunities For Métis Citizens in Northern Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Strengthening the Future of Education Together with the 2026-27 Youth Council | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



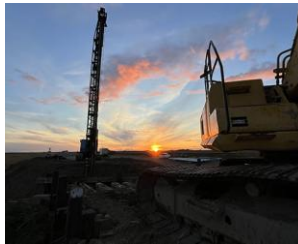
[Crop Report for the Period September 8 to September 14, 2026 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Saskatchewan Recognizes Rail Safety Week September 21-27 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Bridge and Highway Work Underway Near Consul, Prince Albert and Lloydminster | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Government Supports Visible Proactive Engagement Response \(Viper\) Safety Patrol in Moose Jaw | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

There is always a reason to
complain and always a reason to
be grateful. They live side by side,
every single day. The one you
feed is the one that grows.

[forward to a friend](#)

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