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Provincial Point of View

April 10, 2014

FIRST EVER "DON'T PARK PARKINSON'S" FRESH TULIP CAMPAIGN



Spring has finally arrived and we will soon see tulips blooming! The great news is tomorrow, April 11 is World Parkinson's Day and the Parkinson's Society of Saskatchewan will launch the first ever "Don't Park Parkinson's" fresh tulip campaign.

Please visit Broadway Avenue from 11 am to 5 pm to purchase bundles of tulips for \$10 each. What great way to bring spring inside your house and enjoy beautiful tulips while supporting this great cause. The Parkinson's Society has partnered with Bill's House of Flowers to sell the tulips. \$9 from each bundle of tulips sold will go to support Parkinson's Society Saskatchewan.

This campaign was developed in an effort to reach out to those people with Parkinson's who may be living in isolation without any knowledge of the services that are available in their community. The sooner they can educate themselves and understand the disease, the better their ability to self-manage the complexities of living with Parkinson's.

You can help by purchasing tulips in support of this important cause.

WATER SECURITY AGENCY RELEASES APRIL FORECAST AND LAUNCHES FLOOD MITIGATION PROGRAM

2014 Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program Now Available

On April 8, as Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency (WSA), I released the April forecast for spring runoff and announced the 2014 Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program.

The April runoff forecast ranges from well above normal in the Prince Albert area to above normal pockets in the Lloydminster and Rosetown regions. Some areas, like the southwest part of the province, have already experienced spring runoff without any issues.

While most of the province is looking at a near normal spring runoff, there are still certain areas that may experience higher than normal water levels. As the temperatures start to increase and the spring runoff begins, the Water Security Agency will be monitoring how much precipitation we receive going forward as this can be a major factor on how the runoff progresses.

A number of communities continue to deal with high water levels in closed basins in the central part of the province. Closed basins combined with several years of high water levels can be a major cause of flooding.

In order to assist communities across the province with flood mitigation efforts, the Water Security Agency is launching the 2014 Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program (EFDRP). The program provides engineering and technical assistance to municipalities and individuals while sharing the cost of permanent and temporary flood prevention works.

We know there is a chance of flooding in certain areas across the province which is why we are launching another flood mitigation program this year. This program has proven to be extremely valuable for the people of Saskatchewan. From an analysis done in 2011, we know that for every dollar we invest in flood mitigation efforts we save \$20 in damages.

The EFDRP reimburses individuals for 85 per cent of the cost of approved permanent flood protection works that are built to provide protection from imminent flooding in 2014. Communities and businesses are eligible to recover 75 per cent of the cost of approved permanent flood protection works. Permanent flood protection works include projects like berms and culverts.

The program will also cover 50 per cent of the cost for temporary flood protection measures like

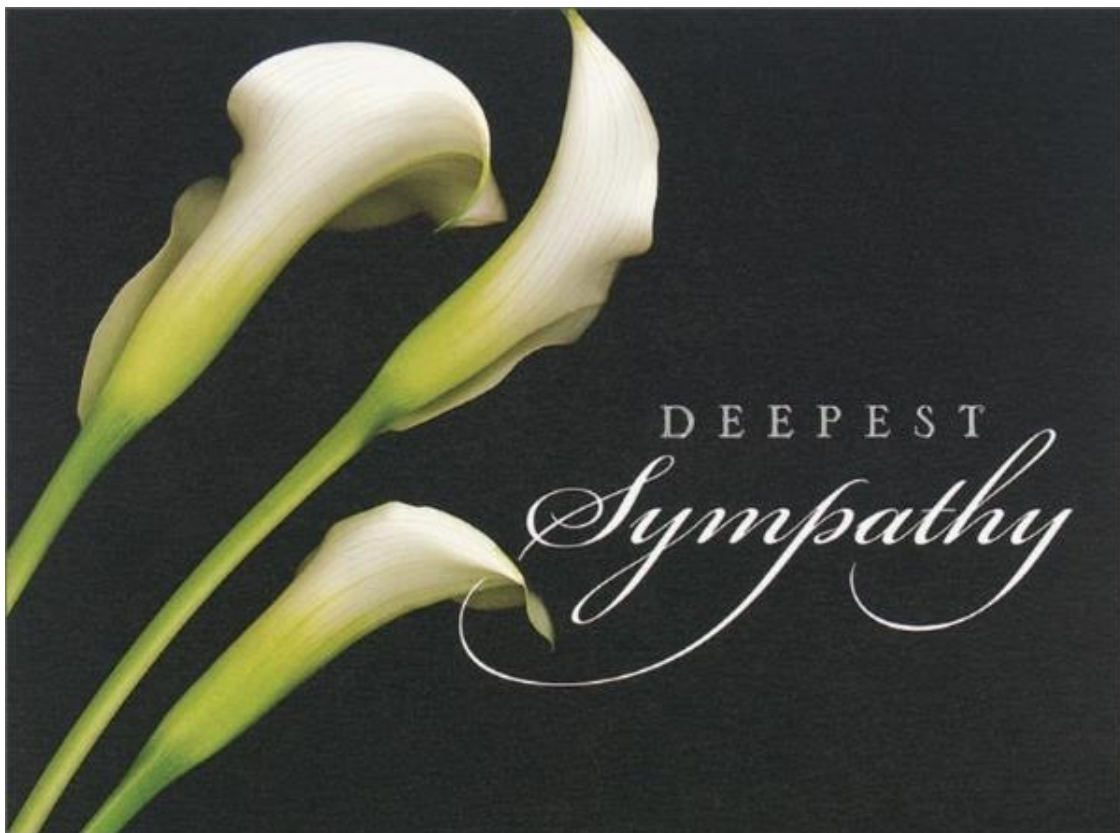
the purchase of sand, sandbags and pumping.

Projects must be approved by the WSA in order to qualify for funding. Requests for assistance under the program should be directed to the nearest WSA regional office or by calling toll free at 1-866-727-5420.

The Water Security Agency will also continue to provide updates as the spring runoff progresses. The complete forecast including projected lake levels and stream flows is available at www.wsask.ca.

The Water Security Agency was created to lead implementation of the 25 Year Saskatchewan Water Security Plan. It will improve water management capacity and service to individuals, businesses and communities across Saskatchewan. The Agency brings together all of the major responsibilities related to water quality and quantity.

[Water Security Agency Releases April Forecast and Launches Flood Mitigation Program](#)



Former finance minister Jim Flaherty has passed away, only weeks after resigning his cabinet post. Sincere condolences and prayers go out to family and friends.

Jim Flaherty was a dedicated public servant and was one of Canada's longest-standing finance ministers.

Our heartfelt sympathy go out to his wife Christine and sons John, Galen , Quinn and other family members and friends.

RECOMMENDATIONS SUPPORTED TO IMPROVE PROTECTION OF HEALTH INFORMATION

The provincial government supports recommendations to help improve enforcement of trustees' responsibilities to protect personal health information. Trustees are individuals and organizations that have personal health information under their custody and control.

The Health Records Protection Working Group recently submitted their report which includes recommended changes to The Health Information Protection Act (HIPA) to help enforce trustees' responsibilities under the Act, to address possible gaps in the legislation, and to put a system in place to deal with the discovery of abandoned records.

"We take seriously the protection of privacy of the personal health information of Saskatchewan residents," Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. "I want to thank the working group for their many hours of work, and for the recommendations they put forward to ensure patient records are kept secure and confidential."

[Recommendations Supported to Improve Protection of Health Information](#)

LICENSED IMMIGRANT CONSULTANT AND RECRUITER LIST NOW AVAILABLE

The Government of Saskatchewan has published a comprehensive list of immigrant consultants and recruiters who can provide services to employers and potential immigrants and foreign workers under The Foreign Worker Recruitment and Immigration Services Act (FWRISA), which was proclaimed in Saskatchewan on October 11, 2013. The publication of the list is part of the province's commitment to ensuring the protection of foreign nationals and employers.

“More than 48,000 immigrants have arrived in Saskatchewan since 2007 and our government wants to make sure that the safety and security of all immigrants, foreign workers and employers is protected,” Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. “Foreign nationals and employers can be confident that recruiters and immigration consultants who are licensed to do business in Saskatchewan are legal and have gone through a rigorous screening process to become licensed.”

[Licensed Immigrant Consultant and Recruiter List Now Available](#)

SASKATCHEWAN PROCLAIMS DAY OF PINK



April 9, Education Minister Don Morgan proclaimed Red Cross Day of Pink in Saskatchewan to raise awareness of bullying and to support bullying prevention efforts.

“Day of Pink will encourage students to stand up for their peers and will give strength to those affected by bullying,” Morgan said. “The Government of Saskatchewan supports many anti-bullying initiatives, and we are proud to team up with the Canadian Red Cross for Day of Pink and to help put a stop to what is such a painful reality for many people.”

For bullying prevention tips and more information about the Red Cross bullying prevention education programs, contact your local Red Cross office or visit www.redcross.ca/RespectED.

[Saskatchewan Proclaims Day of Pink](#)

PREMIER’S COMMENDATION AWARD RECOGNIZES REMARKABLE SASKATCHEWAN RESIDENTS

On April 8, the first Saskatchewan Premier’s Commendation Awards were presented to eight Saskatchewan citizens who have served the province, their communities and, in a few cases, complete strangers.

"It's been said that true heroism is when the will defies fear, when duty throws the gauntlet down to fate," Premier Brad Wall said. "We recognize outstanding Saskatchewan citizens who can rightly be described as heroes. Through extraordinary acts of bravery and dedicated public service, they have answered the call to action, putting aside concerns about their own safety and well-being to save lives and comfort others.

"This award is a small payment on the debt we owe these individuals, who represent the best of Saskatchewan and serve as an inspiration for us all."

The award was created to acknowledge exemplary service or actions of Saskatchewan residents.

[Premier's Commendation Award Recognizes Remarkable Saskatchewan Residents](#)

PREMIER ORDERS CREATION OF NEW PUBLIC REPORTING SYSTEM FOR MINISTERIAL TRAVEL

Premier Brad Wall directed that the government implement a system for publicly reporting all expenses for out-of-province travel for ministers and any government staff who accompany them.

Wall said the travel expense reports will be posted semi-annually starting in the new fiscal year that just began on April 1, so the first reports for the period April to September 2014 will be posted in October.

As an interim measure, the government today released a spreadsheet of all ministers' travel costs to date for the 2013-14 fiscal year. The government will release an updated spreadsheet once all the travel expenses are in for 2013-14.

[Premier Orders Creation of New Public Reporting System for Ministerial Travel](#)

SASKWATER TABLES 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

SaskWater tabled its 2013 Annual Report – Supporting Our Growing Economy – in the Saskatchewan Legislature today. The commercial Crown corporation reported a net income of \$3.5 million for 2013, and for the first time appeared on Saskatchewan Business Magazine's Top

100 Companies list. The annual report illustrates how the corporation's commitment to growth and financial sustainability are helping the province prosper.

Highlights of SaskWater's activities in 2013 included:

- **Investing in infrastructure to support industrial needs such as building the water supply system for the BHP Billiton Jansen Mine project and upgrades to the Saskatoon South East Water Supply canal;**
- **Investing in infrastructure for municipalities such as improvements to the water supply systems that serve White City, Warman and Martensville;**
- **Focusing on customers with a new Water Quality Index and a new System Reliability Index that help ensure continued safe, reliable water services; and**
- **Investing in people and technology to be a more efficient and productive commercial Crown corporation.**

As Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation, I am pleased to acknowledge the Corporation's long record of providing safe and reliable water services to its customers continued in 2013. Our Crown water utility works to help our communities and industries reach their potential, supporting goals that are in line with our Saskatchewan Plan for Growth. Building on what they have accomplished, their plans for 2014 are an exciting indication of this province's progress.

SaskWater provides professional water and wastewater services to industries, municipalities, rural pipeline groups and First Nations in 63 communities in Saskatchewan, serving more than 66,000 people.

SaskWater details its high quality water services in its annual Water Quality Report. The 2013 Water Quality Report is distributed with the Annual Report and will be available online at www.saskwater.com.

[SaskWater Tables 2013 Annual Report](#)

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COMING EVENTS

Pioneer Threshermen's Club Flea Market and Craft Sale

Date: April 12

Where: Western Development Museum

When: All Day

Modern Woman's Show & Exhibition

Date: April 12 -13

Where: Prairieland Park

When: 11 am - 10 pm; 11 am - 5 pm

Living Well with an Autoimmune Condition Spring Symposium

Date: April 12

Where: Smiley's Buffet and Catering Banquet Room B

When: 12:30 pm Registration; 1 pm Presentation

Community Garden Public Meeting

Date: April 15

Where: Sutherland School Library

When: 7 pm

Draggin Rod & Custom Car Show

Date: April 18 - 19

Where: Prairieland Park

When: 10 am to 10 pm

Teen Aid - Love Waits Fundraiser and Silent Auction

Date: May 4

Where: St. Anne's Parish Hall

When: 5 pm

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

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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.

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