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## Provincial Point of View

### April 24, 2014

#### GOVERNMENT INVESTS IN SASKATCHEWAN'S FUTURE



#### *\$20 Million in Additional Funding for Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan*

Families will benefit from 24 additional inpatient beds to be added to the Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan following an additional \$20 million investment by the Government of Saskatchewan.

"Ours is a growing province with increased need for children's and maternal health services," Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. "Increasing the number of beds will ensure that we can meet the needs of infants, children and mothers, now and into the future. We need to get the size of the facility right to reflect our province's growing population."

[Government Invests in Saskatchewan's Future](#)

## **SASKJOBS WEBSITE TRAFFIC REACHED AN ALL-TIME HIGH FOR MARCH**

Visits to SaskJobs.ca hit an all-time high for the month of March, reaching upwards of 1.2 million, an increase of 9.1 per cent year-over-year. The growing interest in Saskatchewan's go-to job website is a reflection of the province's strong labour market and growing economy.

Mobile devices and tablets accounted for 39 per cent of all visits, marking an almost 60 per cent increase in mobile use from one year ago.

Of the 15,644 jobs that were posted to the site in March, the most in-demand occupations were those in trades, transport and equipment operation at 31.6 per cent, and sales and service occupations at 33.2 per cent.

[SaskJobs Website Traffic Reaches an All-Time High for March](#)

## **SASKATCHEWAN PATIENTS GETTING SURGERIES SOONER**

As the Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative nears the end of its four-year transformation effort, health regions are putting in place processes to sustain shorter wait times and safety improvements for patients and health care providers.

“Our health system has made tremendous strides toward providing sooner, safer and smarter surgical care since the Surgical Initiative began in March 2010,” Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. “We continue to put patients first by improving their surgical experience.”

[Saskatchewan Patients Getting Surgeries Sooner](#)

## **ANNUAL CITY-WIDE FOOD DRIVE MAY 3**



The Annual City-Wide Food Drive will take place Saturday, May 3. The Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Centre receives over 12,000 requests for food each month. This is your opportunity to help a great local cause by filling the donation bag that you received in the mail last week with healthy non-perishable food. Set the bag on your doorstep prior to 10 am on Saturday, May 3 morning and a volunteer will be by to pick it up.

Your nutritious food donation will make all the difference for thousands of families in our community. Visit [saskatoonfoodbank.org](http://saskatoonfoodbank.org) or call 306-664-6565 for more information.

### **SENIORS RIDE WITH STC FOR \$12 ONE-WAY IN MAY**

Seniors can fill up their calendars with fun, family and friends travelling with Saskatchewan Transportation Company (STC) this May. From May 1 to 31, seniors 60 and over can ride anywhere STC goes for \$12 one-way.

STC travels to more than 250 communities in Saskatchewan, giving seniors across the province a chance to travel at a great price. The standard senior fare for a one-way trip between Regina and Saskatoon is \$34.80, which is more than \$20 in savings if a senior purchases the same one-way ticket in May.

“We’re always happy to give our valued senior riders a great deal and our Senior Seat Sale is our most popular promotion,” STC President and CEO Shawn Grice said. “STC ridership sees a significant increase during the sale month as seniors take advantage of this great opportunity.”

[Seniors Ride With STC for \\$12 One-Way in May](#)

## **GRANTS AWARDED TO SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**



As part of its Earth Day celebrations, the City was pleased to announce the winners of the Assistance to Community Groups Environmental Component for 2014.

“These grants are handed out each year to recognize local non-profit organizations implementing initiatives that support the City’s strategic goal of Environmental Leadership,” says Brenda Wallace, Director, Environmental and Corporate Initiatives. “Funds are allocated to community groups for protection of the environment, conservation of natural resources, environmental communications and education, and environmental research, and our grant recipients this year are certainly deserving of their awards.”

[Cash Grants Awarded to Support Environmental Protection](#)

## **PREMIER WELCOMES POTASH SALE AND AGREEMENT WITH BANGLADESH**

On April 23, Premier Brad Wall welcomed the addition of Bangladesh as a major new customer for Saskatchewan’s world-leading potash resource.

The premier was in Saskatoon to witness the signing of a potash supply contract between the

Canadian Commercial Corporation and the Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation.

The contract is worth US\$40 million, with a US\$20 million option, and will see Canpotex Ltd. supply potash to Bangladesh through this first government-to-government sale arrangement between the two countries and corporations.

“This is an important deal for our potash industry and is significant on a number of levels,” Wall said. “It provides Canpotex with new opportunities and access to a country that really needs our potash to boost its agricultural production and achieve its food security goals.

[Premier Welcomes Potash Sale and Agreement with Bangladesh](#)

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

... Totalling \$466.1 million, Saskatchewan set a first quarter record for non-residential construction in 2014.

... The Saskatchewan Grain Bag Recycling Program has recycled approximately 718,266 lbs. of plastic - the same weight as 63 tractors!

... Completed in 1860, Holy Trinity Anglican Church is the oldest standing building in Saskatchewan and is a well-known landmark for travelers along the Churchill River.

... Saskatchewan accounts for almost half of all Canadian exports to Bangladesh.

### **JUST THE LINKS**

April 21, 2014 - [Government Disappointed With Keystone Delay](#)

April 21, 2014 - [RSM Researcher Presents Pollination Workshops in Nepal](#)

April 17, 2014 - [Francophone Advisory Committee's Report on Tourism, Culture and Sport Received](#)

April 17, 2014 - [Governments Announce Funding to Protect Hog Barns from PED Virus](#)

April 17, 2014 - [Saskatchewan's Oldest Building and National Historic Site Receives Restoration Funding](#)

April 17, 2014 - [Progress Continues on Transitioning People from Valley Centre](#)

### **COMING EVENTS**

**Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra - Book Sale**

**Date: April 24 - May 3**

**Where: 408 20th Street West**

**When: [View Here](#)**

**Coffee with City Councillor Zach Jeffries**

**Date: April 26**

**Where: Starbucks in Safeway (McOrmond Drive)**

**When: 10 am - 12 pm**

**Willowgrove School Playground Improvement Meeting**

**Date: April 28**

**Where: At the Playground in Wallace Park (near the new school)**

**When: 7 pm**

**Silverspring Community Association Meeting**

**Date: April 29**

**Where: Silverspring School**

**When: 8 pm**

**Teen Aid - Love Waits Fundraiser and Silent Auction**

**Date: May 4**

**Where: St. Anne's Parish Hall**

**When: 5 pm**

**Holy Family School Playground Meeting**

**Date: May 8**

**Where: St. Volodymyr School Library**

**When: 7:30 pm**

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

**“Always show more kindness  
than you think is necessary  
because the receiver  
needs it more than you know.”**

**~ Arthur Caliendo**

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### **KEEP IN TOUCH**

**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.**

**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 Silver Springs. Your opinions are important and your letters, emails, and phone calls on any issues relating to the provincial government are welcomed.**

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