Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



Provincial Point of View August 22, 2017

Check out our coming events!

PLAN TO ATTEND ZACH JEFFRIES WARD 10 BARBEQUE TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23!



You're invited to join Zach and your Ward 10 neighbours for a free BBQ. Tomorrow evening will be a great opportunity to celebrate our great community with food, entertainment, and lots of family fun.

Here are the details:

5th Annual Ward 10 Community BBQ

Wednesday, August 23, 2017 from 4pm – 8pm Alice Turner Library (on the lawn)... Attridge Dr & Nelson Rd

You and your family can enjoy a free BBQ while the kids enjoy balloon animals, play on a Bouncy castle, get their faces painted. There will also be draws and prizes, entertainment and a fire truck at the event.

This event will take place rain or shine! In the event of rain, we will be moving everything inside. Please remember to bring a lawn chair and to park at the SaskTel Sports Centre instead of at the Library.

For more details or to volunteer to help out with the BBQ, please call 306.500.1806 or email ward10bbq@gmail.com

SASKATCHEWAN PROVINCIAL PARKS EXPAND BEACH WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM



The extremely popular beach wheelchair program in Saskatchewan's provincial parks that was launched earlier this year has been expanded. There are now ten chairs across the province, doubling the number of beach wheelchairs available to park visitors with mobility challenges.

"I am proud to announce that we have added five chairs to the beach wheelchair program in our parks, doubling the total number of chairs available," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "Everyone deserves to have access to our beautiful beaches and lakes. Our visitors have a diverse range of needs and the addition of these beach wheelchairs mean that more people can enjoy exactly what makes our parks so special."

The beach wheelchairs are made from a lightweight aluminum frame and have three buoyant tires. They navigate over sand with relative ease, can be taken into one foot of water and can be used by both children and adults. The beach wheelchairs are free for park visitors, and can be made available in any Saskatchewan provincial park.

To reserve a beach wheelchair, visitors simply need to call the park they intend to visit approximately

one week in advance of their visit. Wheelchairs are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Last year, Saskatchewan's provincial parks received nearly four million visitors. Projects like this help to ensure that more of those visitors can fully enjoy the amenities available in Saskatchewan's provincial parks and support the government's commitment to growing the high quality of life enjoyed within our province.

A STRONG SASKATCHEWAN



- Tax reductions have saved Saskatchewan people \$5.9 billion
- Brought STARS helicopter air ambulance service to Saskatchewan
- 40 new or replacement schools (including 9 joint-use schools in Saskatchewan's fastest growing communities) have been built and 25 major renovations to our schools
- the most aggressive Graduate Retention Program in Canada. Post-secondary graduates can receive tuition rebates of up to \$20,000 if they chose to live and work in Saskatchewan after graduation.

GOVERNMENT CREATES NEW ENTITY IN RESPONSE TO REPORT ON CRIME

Protection and Response Team (PRT)

258 officers to address crime reduction



120 Police Officers
from RCMP & municipal police services



40 Highways CVEOs
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers
with expanded powers



98 Conservation Officers

Saskatchewan //

Minister and Attorney General Gordon Wyant today announced the creation of the new Protection and Response Team (PRT) to aid in the reduction of crime in rural Saskatchewan.

The new PRT is being created in response to recommendations by the Caucus Committee on Crime (Committee). The new PRT will consist of 258 armed officers who will have arrest and detention powers, and will be comprised of:

- 120 police officers from RCMP and municipal police services:
 - 60 police positions currently deployed to the Combined Traffic Services
 Saskatchewan (CTSS) Initiative;
 - o 30 new police positions; and
 - 30 re-purposed police positions currently funded by the ministry, will be integrated with,
- 40 Ministry of Highways Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers (CVEO) with expanded powers; and
- 98 Ministry of Environment Conservation Officers (CO).

All PRT members will receive a comprehensive training curriculum which will be provided to all officers regardless of their designations. PRT expands on the successes of blended policing models to:

- Improve police response to emergency calls for services, including property crimes that are in progress.
- Enhance uniform visibility and presence in rural Saskatchewan.
- Increase the enforcement of drug trafficking on Saskatchewan's roadways.
- Enhance the safety of Saskatchewan roads by reducing the number of serious collisions and fatalities.

"The security and safety of the people of Saskatchewan is the number one priority of the Ministry of Justice," Wyant said. "I would like to thank the Caucus Committee on Crime for their thorough efforts in their province-wide consultations."

Read the entire news release here.

FUNDING MAINTAINED FOR HEALTH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

The Government of Saskatchewan has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting health community-based organizations (CBOs) funded by Regional Health Authorities (RHAs).

Following release of the 2017-18 Provincial Budget, RHAs had been asked to consult with their CBOs and develop a plan for a 10 per cent reduction in funding to help control spending. Health Minister Jim Reiter announced today that, following a comprehensive review and consultation, the province has decided not to proceed with the reduction for RHA-funded CBOs.

"Our government is focused on providing quality health care services to the people of Saskatchewan and we value the work of health-funded CBOs as they help us to achieve that," Reiter said. "After conducting the most comprehensive review of health-funded CBOs in close to 10 years, we have decided not to proceed with the 10 per cent reduction."

Read the entire news release here.

INVESTING IN DOUGLAS AND DANIELSON PROVINCIAL PARKS



The Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport has invested more than \$250,000 to upgrade and expanding electrical service in nearly 60 campsites in Homestead and Elmview campgrounds at Douglas and Danielson provincial parks.

"The Lake Diefenbaker area is a very popular destination for visitors, and the camping opportunities at Douglas and Danielson provincial parks are part of the reason why," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "Electrical expansion and upgrade projects in our parks help to meet the needs of our visitors and ensure that they're having the best possible park experience."

The contract for this work was awarded to All-Brite Electric Co. Ltd. of Saskatoon. Work is scheduled to begin this fall, and is expected to be substantially complete before the 2018 summer season.

Though summer is winding down, camping season is not. Many provincial parks, including Douglas and Danielson offer camping well into September. Camping after the Labour Day long weekend is offered on a first-come, first-served basis, though some parks do offer reservations into the fall.

Visit www.saskparks.net/fallcamping for more information.

BE ALERT - EARLY HARVEST MEANS FARM EQUIPMENT ON SASKATCHEWAN HIGHWAYS



With harvest beginning in various parts of Saskatchewan, people travelling our province's highways are reminded to plan ahead, be patient and watch for large farm equipment.

"The size of farm equipment has grown exponentially over the past number of years," Highways and Infrastructure Minister David Marit said. "Farmers will be working all hours of the day, so I would like to remind drivers to please be patient and keep an eye out for slow-moving or oversized farm equipment."

Producers seeking information about what safety measures are required for moving machinery along Saskatchewan highways, or for technical advice regarding whether a particular piece of farm equipment is too heavy for a certain road, please visit

www.saskatchewan.ca/business/transportation-and-road-construction/information-for-truckers-and-commercial-trucking-companies/moving-farm-equipment or call 306-787-5307.

Read more here.

HARVEST UNDERWAY IN SASKATCHEWAN!



Premier Brad Wall, "To all our Saskatchewan producers, have a safe, productive harvest this season.

Thank you for all you do to feed Saskatchewan, Canada, and the world...and for your huge contribution to our economy!

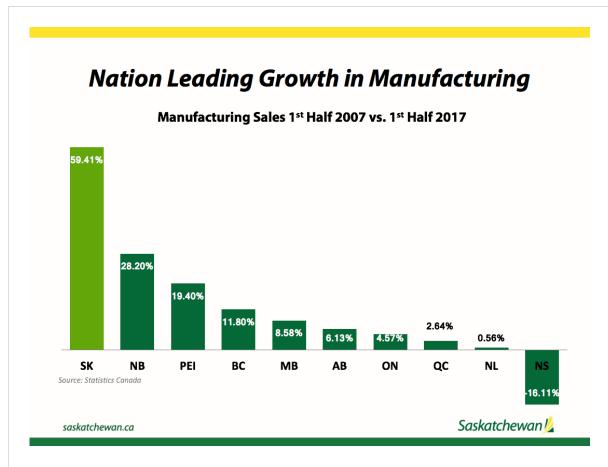
Despite rain delays in some areas, producers in the province now have 7% of the crop in the bin and 7% swathed or ready to straight-cut, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's Weekly Crop Report: https://goo.gl/XDEgC6

The 5-year average for this time of year is 4% combined and 6% swathed or ready to straight-cut

Topsoil moisture continues to improve for many areas with the recent rain. While the rain has been welcomed in some areas to help crops fill, it is too late to be of... benefit in more southern areas where crops are rapidly drying down or have already been combined.

Producers are busy combining, desiccating crops and hauling bales and grain.

A DECADE OF GROWTH!



Premier Brad Wall, "When we were elected, our growth plan focused on diversifying Saskatchewan's economy.

Together with your efforts and our resources, here is the result: growth in our manufacturing sector that has far outpaced any other province during our Decade of Growth."

CHECK YOUR SASKPOWER METER



The dry conditions in southern Saskatchewan are causing the ground to shift drastically, damaging meter boxes. SaskPower employees are checking the meter boxes ...likely affected with the help of contracted electricians.

Visit saskpower.com/groundshifting for more information.

#SaskPower #SKPowerSafe



Ukrainian Day in the Park

When: August 26 from 11:30 - 7:30

Where: Kiwanis Park, Downtown Saskatoon



Original 16 Country Concert Series at Rock Creek



PotashCorp Fireworks Festival

When: September 1 - 2

Where: River Landing and Friendship Park, 5 - 9 pm daily

Click here for details



Broadway Street Fair

When: September 9, 10 am - 5 pm

Where: Broadway Avenue
Click here for information



Briarwood Family BBQ

When: Sunday, September 10, 1 - 3 pm

Where: Briarwood Park



Erindale Alliance Church Community Fall Fun Fair

When: Sunday, September 10 from noon - 3 pm

Where: Erindale Alliance Church, 310 Perehudoff Crescent

Click here for more information



Ovarian Cancer Walk of Hope

When: Sunday, September 10 from 10 am to mid afternoon

Where: Windy Acres, Highway 60, Saskatoon

Click here for details



Canadian Country Music Association Awards

When: September 10

Tickets on Sale Now, click here for details



TICKETS ON SALE NOW

SEPT 10, 2017 ★ SASKATOON

FACTOR Canada

Octoberfest Dinner & Comedy Night

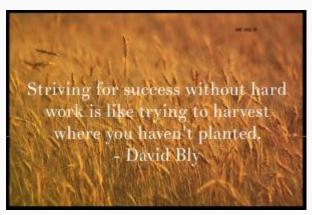
When: October 20

Where: German Cultural Centre, 160 Cartwright St. E

For tickets call 306.955.0234



THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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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 Willowgrove. 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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