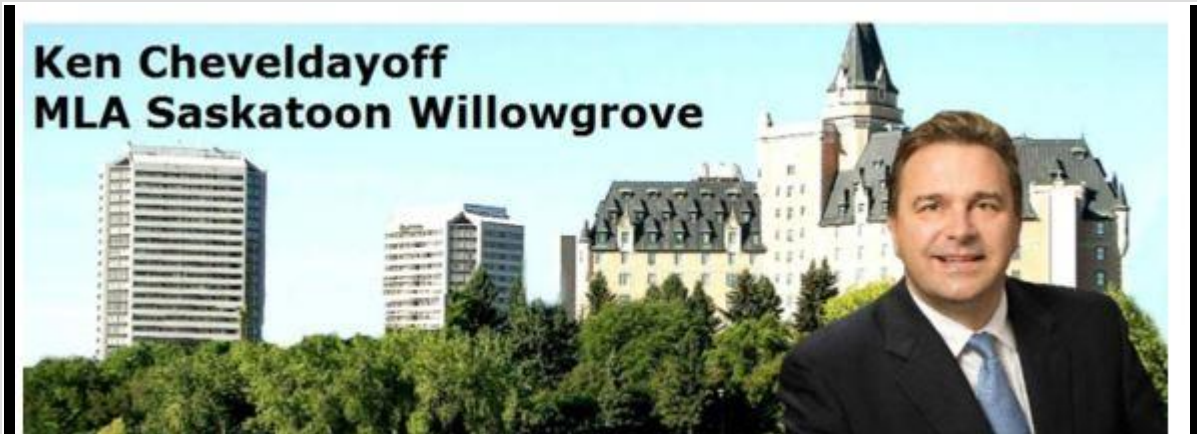


Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



## **2019 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM PREMIER SCOTT MOE**

See Premier Moe's Christmas video message [here](#).

Christmas is an exciting time of the year. It is a time to celebrate, a time to enjoy the company of family and friends.

It is a season of generosity, a time of giving and a time to give thanks. And there is so much to be thankful for, here in Saskatchewan.

I am grateful for the people that I have met during my time as Premier: inspiring people, compassionate people, strong people.

People like Cassidy Evans.

Cassidy is an 11-year-old girl from Saskatoon. Cassidy was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis when she was only four years old. Life for Cassidy and her family changed forever that day.

But how we respond to adversity, how we deal with the challenges in our life, can define who we are.

Cassidy and her Mom and Dad, they talked about how they could turn Cassidy's diagnosis into something positive.

Cassidy decided to start a lemonade stand – to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis research - and to raise awareness and to encourage others who also had the disease.

That was in 2013, when she was only five years old.

Six years later, Cassidy's Lemonade Stand is still going strong. In fact, the stand is now a truck that travels to events across Saskatchewan. And Cassidy has branched out – she sells jewelry and other merchandise on her website – [CassidysLemonadeStand.com](http://CassidysLemonadeStand.com).

All proceeds go to Cystic Fibrosis research and awareness and, so far, Cassidy has raised \$100,000.

And she's done this all the while dealing with the demands of Cystic Fibrosis.

It's hard not to be humbled by what Cassidy and her family have done. And what's even more humbling is to know that there are so many other Cassidy's in Saskatchewan: people with a disposition of the heart whose first priority is helping others, even though they may be bearing a heavy burden themselves.

This the Saskatchewan that I have come to know. This the Saskatchewan that I am proud to serve. And this is the Saskatchewan I will always defend.

Our province is a hopeful place. And hope is the central message of the Christmas Story.

More than 2000 years ago, the Christ-child was born, and our world changed forever. That child grew up to be a man, who showed us what loving others is all about.

He showed us that every person matters. He inspired with his example – a life lived with humility, with courage and with compassion.

He sacrificed everything for us.

The Christmas story reminds us to look around, and to lend a helping hand where we can, to give a little extra to those in need, to comfort those who are lonely or discouraged.

And to do this, not just on one day, but on each and every day, all year long.

So, from my family to yours and on behalf of my colleagues in the government of Saskatchewan, I want to wish you the very best this holiday season.

“May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace.

**The gladness of Christmas give you hope.  
And the warmth of Christmas grant you love.”**

**Merry Christmas everyone.**

## **2019 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR RUSS MIRASTY**

**Tansi. Hello. I'm honoured to represent Canada's Queen in Saskatchewan, and to share some thoughts with you at this special time of year.**

**First, I want to thank everyone who has given Donna and me such a warm welcome to their communities. We've taken part in many events, and at each one, we've been very impressed by the generosity of Saskatchewan people. Our province relies on volunteers, and I want to thank everyone who donates their time to improve their community.**

**I also want to acknowledge the men and women who serve in our military, and as police officers and first responders. We rely on you, and we are grateful for your service.**

**I'm often asked about Reconciliation. I'm encouraged by how many people truly want to see change. I continue to believe that relationships are the key. My thanks to everyone who is reaching out to others, and trying to see things from a new perspective. We are only at the beginning of this journey, but I am hopeful.**

**Donna and I are looking forward to seeing more of our beautiful province, and meeting more of our remarkable people in the coming year.**

**I warmly invite you to join us in Regina on January 1 for our New Year's Day Celebration at Government House. Everyone is welcome!**

**Season's Greetings, from my family to yours.**

**mitho-makosīkīsanisik kahkithaw nītha ikwa niwīcāyāmākanak kitatamiskātīnān.**

## **CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION**

Like a lot of kids in small-town Saskatchewan, I grew up playing hockey. Not particularly well, but I had a great time, piling into my parents van with my teammates. Lacing up to hit the ice and celebrating with a rink burger, win or lose.

One night, on the way home from practice in Coderre, the weather turned from falling snow to a howling blizzard. We were about a mile from the farm when we just couldn't see the road anymore. My oldest brother got out and walked in front of the van to try and guide us. That worked for a little while, but before long we wound up in the ditch, my mom and us three boys. It was a pretty scary moment.

But before we knew it, along came a truck from the neighbour's farm. When we didn't call after passing their place, they came looking for us.

Now, the neighbours didn't want to be out that night. Nobody would, but they sure weren't going to let us sit in the ditch and freeze.

This is the kind of thing Saskatchewan people don't blink an eye at - we've all been there, either giving the help or receiving it, it's part of who we are. Particularly at Christmas.

In the heart of what can feel like a pretty long, dark winter, Saskatchewan people step up in so many ways, whether it's shovelling a neighbour's walk, boosting a stranger's battery or serving a meal to those less fortunate. Saskatchewan people care and we show it.

When we think of these acts of kindness, we also think of all the people hard at work during this holiday season, the firefighters and health care workers, folks working in retail or at their own small business, the crown workers and equipment operators keeping our roads clear and our power on, making sure the rest of us are warm and safe. Again and again, Saskatchewan people care for one another and we are grateful for all they do.

These days, it's tempting to focus on differences, on what divides us. At Christmas, we remember that every person matters, that everyone is worthy of our kindness and our help.

So however you celebrate, in the spirit of peace and love, hope and kindness, from my family to yours: Merry Christmas Saskatchewan and have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

**WUHCA COMMUNITY RINK GRAND OPENING**



When we celebrated International Volunteer Day last week, I thought of the many great volunteers in our constituency of Saskatoon Willowgrove and across our province. Volunteers provide valuable contributions of time and hard work, and this was certainly evident at the grand opening of the rink in the Willowgrove.

I had a great time skating with several community members that turned out to enjoy the grand opening and fellowship. Thank you to the volunteers, sponsors and everyone for supporting this great addition to our community.

**2019 FALL LEGISLATIVE SESSION DELIVERS PLAN FOR THE  
NEXT DECADE OF GROWTH IN SASKATCHEWAN**



Ahead of the end of the fall sitting of the legislative session, Premier Scott Moe highlighted the government's plan for the next decade of growth in Saskatchewan.

"During this fall session, I was proud to introduce our government's plan for a strong and growing Saskatchewan," Moe said. "The Growth Plan will serve as our roadmap to growing a strong economy, strong communities and strong families as we enter into the 2020s and look ahead to 2030."

The new Growth Plan, released on November 14, includes 30 goals for 2030, including key targets of a population of 1.4 million people, 100,000 new jobs, increasing exports by 50 per cent and increasing agriculture value-added revenue to \$10 billion.

During the fall session, Premier Moe also outlined steps that Saskatchewan is taking to advance our economic future, and to assert provincial autonomy over our own affairs. This includes an announcement that Saskatchewan will be aggressively advancing our own trade interests by establishing trade offices in Japan, India and Singapore.

"We will continue to look for ways to assert more autonomy over Saskatchewan's interests, including examining increased autonomy over areas like taxation, immigration, trade and climate change policy," Moe said.

The government took action to deliver on key commitments during the fall session, including tabling the mid-year financial report that Saskatchewan remains on track with a balanced budget. The government also delivered on opening the Regina Bypass, a project that is

enhancing safety on our roads, while enhancing the flow of goods in and out of our capital city.

The government's legislative agenda in the fall sitting included a number of measures that will strengthen Saskatchewan:

- **Bill 182 - *The Tobacco Control Amendment Act, 2019***, which brings vaping products in line with existing tobacco legislation.
- **Bill 199 - *The Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act***, giving Saskatchewan the ability to have direct action against opioid manufacturers and distributors.
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"As we look toward the next year, our government will continue working to strengthen our economy, communities and families," Moe said.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE EACCA ON THEIR SUCCESSFUL  
HOLIDAY TRADE SHOW HELD LAST SATURDAY!**



It is always a pleasure to have to opportunity to attend events in our constituency. This past Saturday was a great day to visit with people in attendance at the 2nd annual Erindale Arbour Creek Community Association Holiday Trade Show.

Once again, the true spirit of volunteerism was evident at the Trade Show. This hard-working community association and volunteers continue to offer a wonderful selection of activities that benefit our community.

I've just submitted my message for the EACCA Winter 2019 newsletter. I'm honoured to have the chance to be included in their excellent publication.

## **REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE**





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The mid-year financial report, released prior to the conclusion of the fall legislative session, shows that Saskatchewan remains on track with a balanced budget.

The 2019-20 provincial budget continues to be the right balance for Saskatchewan. There are no new taxes or tax increases and we continue to invest in important social programs, while continuing to keep the budget balanced.

As we look toward the next year and the next decade, our government will continue working to strengthen our economy, communities and families. This starts with balanced budgets and lower taxes to ensure Saskatchewan remains strong for many years to come.

## **PHOTO SPEED ENFORCEMENT APPROVED FOR HIGH-RISK HIGHWAY INTERSECTION NEAR WAKAW**



Government of Saskatchewan has approved photo speed enforcement (PSE) for the intersection of Highway 41 and Highway 2 at Wakaw.

Speed is a persistent problem at that location, with data showing 42 per cent of vehicles travelling through the intersection on Highway 41 exceeded the posted speed limit; of those, 6.2 per cent were more than 10 km/hr over the limit. From 2011-17, there were 31 collisions resulting in six deaths and 45 injuries at or near the intersection. Previous measures to reduce speeding include lowered speed limits, additional signage, speed display devices, flashing warning lights and increased manual enforcement.

“Based on our experience at other high-speed locations, we expect the presence of photo speed enforcement to calm traffic and improve safety at this intersection, reducing the number of speed-related collisions,” Minister Responsible for SGI Joe Hargrave said. “Our goal with PSE is zero tickets and zero crashes. My advice to drivers who wish to avoid getting a speeding ticket is simple: obey the posted speed limit.”

The application for this PSE camera location was made by the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure. The ministry examined different structural and engineering options for this high-risk location, but ultimately landed on photo speed enforcement. It was a solution that could be implemented sooner, at a lower cost, and without disrupting traffic with an extensive construction project.

Read the news release [here](#).

## **GOVERNMENT SUPPORTING EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR VULNERABLE YOUTH**

The Ministry of Corrections and Policing is working with Regina Public Schools to support at-risk youth.

The ministry is providing \$87,000 to Scott Collegiate’s Pathways program, a prevention-based initiative that helps vulnerable youth transition from high school into meaningful employment opportunities. The funding will be directed toward a new position that will co-ordinate employment opportunities for students.

“The goal of this program is to increase student engagement and ultimately help young people find opportunities for employment after they graduate from high school,” Corrections and Policing Minister Christine Tell said. “Engaging vulnerable youth early is key to helping them successfully transition into adulthood.”

Click [here](#) to read the entire news release.

**TWINKLE TOUR 2019 IN SASKATOON**



*Christmas lights at 319 Cochin Crescent in Saskatoon. (Ingrid Spence/Supplied photo) Ingrid Spence / Supplied photo*

**Saskatoon Star Phoenix article, December 9 - Jocelyn Bennett**

**Here is a list of the must-see houses and neighbourhoods in Saskatoon this Christmas and holiday season. Each year, the Saskatoon Star Phoenix assembles a map of Christmas light displays in the city.**

**We're always looking for new additions to the map. If you know of a must-see house or neighbourhood in Saskatoon that should be added to our list, email submissions, with pictures, to [jbennett@postmedia.com](mailto:jbennett@postmedia.com). If you come across a home on this list that is not participating this year, please email the address and we will remove it.**

**Click [here](#) to see the list of homes across the city that are a "must-see" this holiday season.**

**A MADE-IN-SASKATCHEWAN CLIMATE STRATEGY WAS LAUNCHED TWO YEARS AGO**



Two years ago on December 4th, **Prairie Resilience: A Made-in-Saskatchewan Climate Change Strategy** was launched!

Many milestones have been met, and there are more to come. In two years, we have:

- ✓ Announced output-based performance standards that will regulate Saskatchewan's large industrial facilities to reduce greenhouse gases.
- ✓ Proclaimed portions of The Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Act, which enabled the drafting of new regulations and standards that support Saskatchewan's comprehensive approach to climate change.
- ✓ Released the first annual report on climate resilience.

To see a full list of milestones since releasing **Prairie Resilience**, visit [saskatchewan.ca/climatechange](https://saskatchewan.ca/climatechange)

## **PROVINCIAL TEACHER BARGAINING CONCILIATION BOARD ESTABLISHED**

On November 14, 2019 the Teachers' Bargaining Committee submitted a request for the establishment of a conciliation board to assist the Teachers' Bargaining Committee and the Government Trustee Bargaining Committee in reaching a Provincial Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The membership of the conciliation board has been constituted and includes Fay Humbert as the nominee from the Teachers' Bargaining Committee, Janet Foord as the nominee for the Government-Trustee Bargaining Committee and Arne Peltz, as the jointly nominated chair.

The conciliation board dates have been scheduled for late January and an additional tentative date has been set for mid-March 2020. The parties have agreed that there will be no media availabilities offered between January 17 and January 25, 2020.

## **ITS BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING IN REGINA!**



Celebrate the festive season in Saskatchewan by visiting the Legislative Building! The thousands of colourful twinkling lights will brighten your evening and get you into the holiday spirit.

For more information, contact Visitor Services at the Legislative Building at 306-787-5358.

**THE GORDIE HOWE SPORTS COMPLEX THANKS BONNY & CRAIG STEVENSON AND SCOTT & LAURIE THOMAS FOR THEIR GIFT**

**Thank You  
STEVENSON & THOMAS  
FAMILIES!**



**HOWE SWEET IT IS TO HAVE FAMILY LIKE YOU!**

The Gordie How Sports Complex thanks Craig & Bonny Stevenson and Scott & Laurie Thomas for honouring their boys, Quinn and Evan, through a gift to the Friends of the Bowl Foundation. Their generosity will provide opportunities through sport for many young athletes in our community!

LEARN about this gift to our community: <https://gordiehowesportscomplex.ca/stories/pearls-only-for-the-boys/>

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**ARE YOU PLANNING ON CUTTING DOWN YOUR OWN  
CHRISTMAS TREE?**





Are you planning on cutting down your own Christmas tree? You do not require a permit to harvest your own Christmas tree on Crown land or in provincial forests. However, trees must be under four metres tall and must NOT be taken from a replanted area.

## THE MONTREAL CANADIENS ALUMNI TEAM ARE HITTING THE ICE IN SASKATOON FEBRUARY 27TH!



Are you looking for a Christmas gift idea? Well, here is a great one!

Relive the best years of hockey with the Montreal Canadiens Alumni team hitting the ice in Saskatoon on February 27, 2020 at Merlis Belsher Place in support of Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation. Visit [pattisonchildrens.ca/events/montreal-canadiens/](http://pattisonchildrens.ca/events/montreal-canadiens/) to buy your tickets today! For more information, please contact the JPCHF office at (306) 931-4887.

**CHECK OUT THIS FREE RESOURCE!**



**Eat Well**  
SASKATCHEWAN

## Trying to eat well on a budget?

There are lots of ways to enjoy the benefits of healthy eating when money is tight.

**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT...**  
How to plan meals on a budget?  
How to save money at the grocery store?  
Looking for budget friendly ideas and recipes?

**ASK A DIETITIAN FOR FREE!**

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**LOOKING FOR A JOB DURING THE BREAK?**



Looking for a job during the break?

Young workers age 14 and 15 need a Young Worker Readiness Certificate before starting a job.

Take the online course.

[saskatchewan.ca/ywrc](http://saskatchewan.ca/ywrc)

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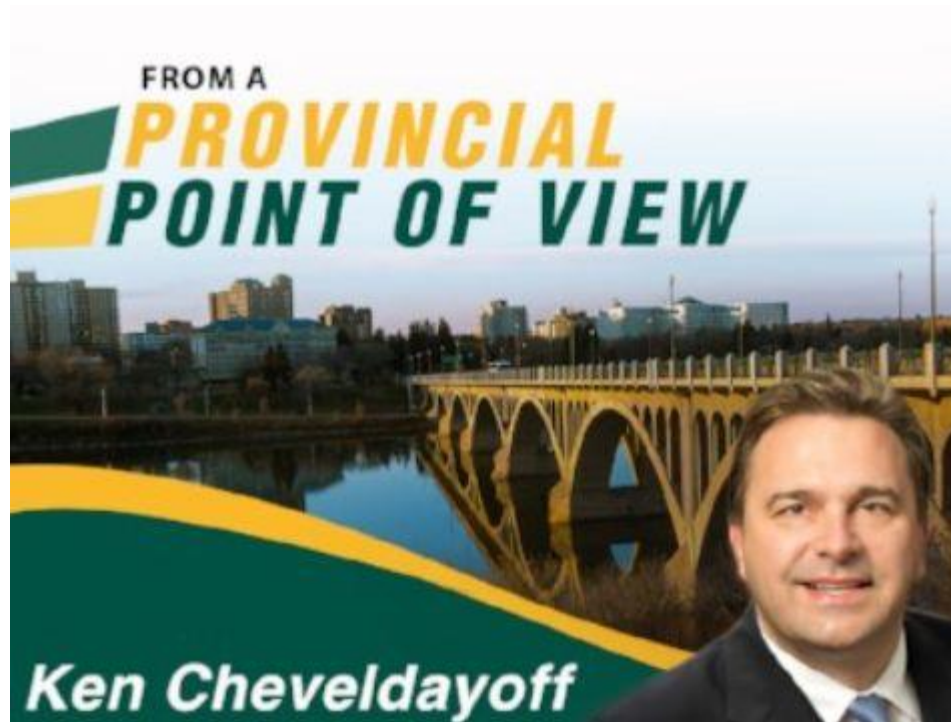
**Do you know a 14- or 15-year old who is applying for jobs? Help them get ready by telling them about the Young Worker Readiness Certificate Course.**

Visit [www.saskatchewan.ca/ywrc](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/ywrc) for more information

**DID YOU KNOW?**



- Did you know children age 0 to 6 learn best in natural settings, and they are learning even when they're having fun? Activities like dancing and singing with your child help them develop speech and language skills, motor skills, cognitive skills and more!  
For more information on how to help your little one learn visit [www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/prek-12-education-early-learning-and-schools/early-years-learning](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/prek-12-education-early-learning-and-schools/early-years-learning).
- The 2019 Scotiabank Playbook ranked Saskatchewan as having two of the top 10 oil or gas plays in North America and a total of seven plays ranked among those in the top 35.
- The Government of Saskatchewan has invested more than \$9 billion in transportation infrastructure since 2008.



*I appreciate any opportunity to make a positive difference in our 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.*



***Be a Santa to a Senior***

***Help make a difference in the lives of Seniors this Christmas!***

Click [here](#) for information or [here](#) to contribute



***BHP Enchanted Forest 21st Holiday Light Tour***

***When: Now - January***

***Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo***

Click [here](#) for details



***Christmas Glow***

***When: Now - December 28***

***Where: World Trade Centre, Prairieland Park***

[www.glowgardens.com/saskatoon-christmas/](http://www.glowgardens.com/saskatoon-christmas/)



***Touchdown for Kids Lottery***

***Draw: December 19***

***Click [here](#) for information***



***The Saskatoon Menorah Lighting Celebration***

***When: December 26, 6 pm***

***Where: Mendel Art Gallery, 950 Spadina Crescent East***



**Swinging With the Stars**

**When: February 1**

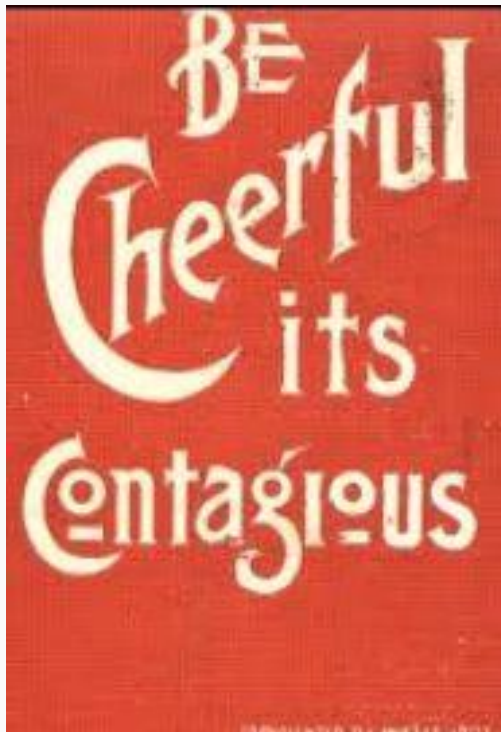
**Where: TCU Place**

Click [here](#) for ticket information



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## **KEEP IN TOUCH**

***"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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