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HOCKEY CANADA FOUNDATION BRINGS ANNUAL GALA & GOLF TO SASKATOON



On behalf of Premier Brad Wall and the Government of Saskatchewan, I was delighted to participate in the announcement today of a memorable event taking place in our province in 2017! I'm very proud that our province has the opportunity to host the Hockey Canada Foundation's hallmark fundraiser. We're thrilled that Saskatoon, as host city, will benefit from the legacy programming. Please see the news release below.

The Paris of the Prairies has been selected to celebrate Canada's game June 19-20, 2017, when Saskatoon hosts the 14th annual Hockey Canada Foundation Gala & Golf.

The event is Hockey Canada Foundation's largest annual fundraiser, and net proceeds from the gala evening and golf tournament go back to supporting the growth of the game across Canada, with half of the funds staying in Saskatchewan.

The announcement was made at a news conference Monday by Hockey Canada Foundation chair Barry Lorenzetti.

"Our mission at the Hockey Canada Foundation is to promote and foster accessibility to the game. We do that by supporting hockey programming aimed at recruiting new players, coaches, and officials; providing greater access for all participants to benefit from the game we love; and developing skills for players, coaches, and officials," said Lorenzetti. "The Foundation's Golf & Gala is an exciting event that celebrates hockey's rich, Canadian heritage, and we are looking forward to bringing it to Saskatoon and the province of Saskatchewan."

The two-day event features a star-studded gala, being hosted at TCU Place on June 19, where Canada's national teams who have won gold at IIHF and IPC world championships throughout the season – be it the IIHF World Junior Championship, IIHF World Championship, IIHF Women's World Championship, men's or women's IIHF under-18 worlds, or IPC Sledge Hockey World Championship – are honoured. A celebrity golf tournament will follow on June 20 at The Willows Golf & Country Club.

"Hockey is our national winter sport and it is particularly well-loved here in Saskatchewan," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "The Hockey Canada Foundation does exceptional work in providing an opportunity for all young Canadians to play hockey. We are pleased that Saskatoon and the Province of Saskatchewan have been chosen to host this national fundraising gala."

"It is great news for Saskatoon to host Hockey Canada Foundation's national fundraising gala event," said Saskatoon Mayor Charlie Clark. "It's a wonderful way to continue the legacy of Gordie Howe and his roots here. Thank you to the organizers for pulling this event together, we look forward to welcoming the hockey community from across the country and showing everyone our great Saskatoon hospitality."

For additional information, click here.



SLOW DOWN, STAY BACK AND STAY SAFE IN THE SNOW ZONE



NEW BLUE & AMBER LIGHT SEQUENCE

Highways and Infrastructure Minister David Marit officially launched the annual provincial Snow Zone campaign, reminding people to slow down, stay back and stay safe when meeting snowplows.

"Snowplow operators are often the first people out on the highway, clearing snow, so everyone else can travel safely," Marit said. "Please slow down when approaching a plow in operation so they can

do their job for you."

Snowplows create mini blizzards when plowing, called the Snow Zone, which can impact visibility. Stay patient and remember that snowplows pull over about every 10 kms to give drivers the opportunity to pass.

Read the news release and find links to the highway hotline here.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTIVITIES OVER THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!



It's the <u>Enchanted Forest</u>'s 18th season at the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo. This incredible attraction right here in our constituency of Saskatoon Willowgrove gets more impressive each year.

The most spectacular drive-through Christmas display in Canada featuring 75 custom displays throughout the forest. A Saskatchewan Christmas tradition for 18 years.

Save \$5 off Gate admission by purchasing an Enchanted Forest Car Pass for \$25 - Available at all Saskatoon Safeway & Shoppers Drug Mart locations.

How about a horse drawn wagon ride throught the Enchanted Forest? \$5/person, call (306) 492-2183 to book.

Motor Coach or Limousine over 7 passengers - \$5/person and driver free

Check our coming events and click on the link for additional information.



The Bessborough Hotel is a landmark we can all be proud of in Saskatoon.

Found at the rivers edge in Kiwanis Park, next to the Delta Bessborough Hotel is the Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink. This unique outdoor skating rink is simply breath taking, and will leave you with an experience you will never forget. See for yourself what makes Saskatoon such a beautiful city as you skate alongside the river!

The skating rink is open daily for your use, equipped with a cozy warm up shelter and even an outdoor fire pit; it is truly a Christmas lit wonderland in the heart of Saskatoon. Skates and skating are free, although donations are welcome! Come alone, with someone special or with the whole family and enjoy this amazing view!

Open December to March!

Call Meewasin at (306) 665-6887 or visit their website at Meewasin Valley Authority

PUBLIC OFFERING OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS RIGHTS FOR DECEMBER RAISES \$14 MILLION

December's public offering of Saskatchewan's Crown petroleum and natural gas rights on Tuesday raised \$14 million in revenue for the province, bringing the total for the fiscal year to date to \$48 million with one sale remaining.

This is the second-largest revenue for a single public offering so far in the 2016-17 fiscal year, and the current total has now exceeded the amount of \$43 million for the previous fiscal year. "This increased investment shows that the petroleum industry continues to recognize the opportunities that exist in Saskatchewan," Energy and Resources Minister Dustin Duncan said. "More oil wells were drilled in Saskatchewan in the first 11 months of 2016 than in Alberta, an indicator that our province is setting the pace in Canada in terms of both industry activity and policy attractiveness."

The entire news release is here.

TIS THE SEASON FOR GIFT CARDS!



Gift Card Tips

- · Buy from retailers you trust.
- Read the fine print on the back of the card.
- · Keep the receipt just in case!



Did you know...

- · Gift cards cannot expire.*
- · Monthly fees are not allowed.
- · You can contact us for help if you can't redeem your gift card.



Report a gift card complaint to Consumer Protection by phone: (Toll Free) 1.877-880-5550 or

email: consumerprotection@gov.sk.ca

Gift cards are one of the most popular gifts to give during the holiday season. They are a simple, low-fuss way to give your friends and loved ones the chance to buy something they'll really love from their favourite retailers.

Before you buy a card, be sure to read the fine print and ask the retailer if there are any limitations on the card's use. All fees (activation, maintenance, usage) must be paid up front at the time of purchase. Fees are not allowed to be charged after the card has been purchased.

Consumers can find more information at www.fcaa.gov.sk.ca/giftcards.

ANOTHER NHL PRE-SEASON GAME COMING TO SASKATOON!
A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT!



REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



200 Saskatchewan Companies Now Part of P3 Builds

Our government is using innovative public-private partnerships (P3s) to build 18 new schools, The Regina Bypass and a new mental health hospital in North Battleford. Our first P3, an award-winning long-term care home in Swift Current, finished on-time and on-budget this spring.

200 Saskatchewan companies represent more than 70% of businesses on the projects. The majority are located in Regina or Saskatoon with others coming from Estevan, Martensville, Moose Jaw, North Battleford, Prince Albert, Swift Current, seven small towns and three First Nations.

Job creation was a top priority when our government launched P3 projects in Saskatchewan. Together these projects are responsible for supporting 12,500 construction jobs in the province. For more information on the projects, visit www.saskbuilds.ca.

Saskatchewan Attracting Energy Investment

According to an annual global survey of energy-sector executives, Saskatchewan is increasingly becoming an attractive place for energy investment. Saskatchewan ranks as the 4th best jurisdiction in the world to invest in petroleum exploration and production – behind only Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas.

Saskatchewan's position is thanks in large part to a stable taxation and regulatory environment. Due to resource taxation and an efficient regulatory environment, Saskatchewan leads Canadian oil rig activity, a trend that is expected to continue in 2017.

Calgary-based Crescent Point Energy is boosting their 2017 capital budget to \$1.45 billion. Nearly 80%, or \$1.1 billion, will be invested in Saskatchewan. They also plan to drill 600 new wells in Saskatchewan. We thank Crescent Point Energy for a strong vote of confidence in our province that will create jobs in our energy sector and support economic growth.

A forced federal carbon tax would significantly harm our competitiveness in this sector and export our jobs to the U.S., our closest competitor in the industry.

Saskatchewan, Federal Government Work Together on Equivalency Agreement

The Province of Saskatchewan and Government of Canada have reached an agreement in principle to finalize an equivalency agreement for Canada's existing coal-fired regulation. The agreement acknowledges that we have introduced carbon capture and storage (CCS) "in advance of, and beyond regulatory requirements" and our significant public commitment to renewable energy.

Once finalized, the agreement will provide more flexibility in transitioning to additional renewable energy, including evaluating future opportunities for carbon capture technology. Meanwhile we can proceed with our plan to move to 50 per cent renewable energy generation capacity by 2030, cutting emissions by 40 per cent over 2005 levels. We can also continue to use coal in a responsible manner beyond 2030 as long as equivalent emission reduction outcomes are achieved.

COMSUMER ALERT - FAKE TICKETS ARE FULL OF THORNS

The Consumer Protection Division of the Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority (FCAA) is warning consumers about the jungle of high-priced, fraudulent tickets listed by resellers. The best way to ensure one pays a fair price for a legitimate ticket is to buy them from the primary seller, typically Ticketmaster. Third-party sellers profit by marking up prices far beyond the face value of the original ticket.

Two big red flags for potentially fraudulent tickets include:

- Tickets listed without specific seat numbers
- Tickets listed in U.S. dollar amounts for a Canadian show

Read the entire news release here.

SO MANY ACTIVITIES IN OUR CITY



Be a Santa to Senior

When: Now!

Where: You can volunteer to wrap or deliver gifts at various times

Call Marina @ 306.931.4663 to volunteer yourself, your family, your team, neighbors, or employees

or co-workers or click here for dates and times to volunteer



BHP Billiton Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour

When: November 19 - January 7

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park

Click here for details



Children's Wish Luncheon

When: December 15, 11:30 am - 1 pm
Where: Travelodge Hotel, Saskatoon
Click here for registration and information



Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Featuring Minister of Finance, Kevin Doherty

When: December 16
Where: Sheraton Cavalier Hotel

Click here for information or here to purchase tickets



Christmas at Erindale Alliance Church



Kayden Kot Steak Night Benefit

When: January 28, 5 - 8 pm

Where: the Thirsty Scholar, Grosvenor Park Centre, 2105 8 St E

For tickets or information or to donate to the silent auction, please contact dkdube@sasktel.net or

smfortier@hotmail.com



This spot is being held for your event! Please let us know if you have an event you would like in our newsletter!

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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