

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



Provincial Point of View

**We would be honoured to have you
attend our Christmas gathering
Friday, December 22nd**



YOU'RE INVITED!

**TRISH, CARTER, PAIGE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HOSTING YOU AT OUR HOME
DECEMBER 22ND!**



*In the spirit of the Christmas season, Trish, Carter, Paige
and I invite you to join us a ourt home on:*

**Friday, December 22, 2017
138 Kaplan Green**

*This is a special time of year and a wonderful
opportunity to celebrate with family and
friends.*

*One of the joys of the holidays is extending
thanks to all of you for your friendship and
support.*

*Please join us for refreshments and hors
d'oeuvres and an evening of Christmas Cheer.*

We hope to see you any time after 7:00 p.m.

OUR SASKATCHEWAN PARTY CAUCUS WITH PREMIER BRAD WALL



Our [Saskatchewan Party Government of Saskatchewan Caucus with Premier Brad Wall on his last week in The Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan](#)

Thank you Premier Wall.

CO-ORDINATED TEAM APPROACH CATCHES ON IN SASKATCHEWAN HOSPITALS



More Accountable Care Units are Serving Patients in Regina and Saskatoon

Patients with complex care needs are receiving more timely and effective care as the number of innovative Accountable Care Units in Regina and Saskatoon continues to grow.

When unit 3D at Regina’s Pasqua Hospital begins the transition in December, it will be the fifth Accountable Care Unit (ACU) in the province. Preparations are also underway in Saskatoon to add to more units early in the new year. Thanks to more consistent, co-ordinated processes and communication, patients have a better care experience, are returning home from hospital sooner, and the work environment is more fulfilling for health care providers.

Following the launch in April of the ACU on 7th Medicine, St. Paul’s Hospital, Saskatoon, the data shows that the length of stay for the unit is currently 12.2 per cent below the previous average. In Regina, there was a 15 per cent decrease in length of stay reported on the pilot ACU on Unit 4A at the Pasqua Hospital. In the Medical Surveillance Unit at the Pasqua, 105 per cent more patients received specialized care following its launch.

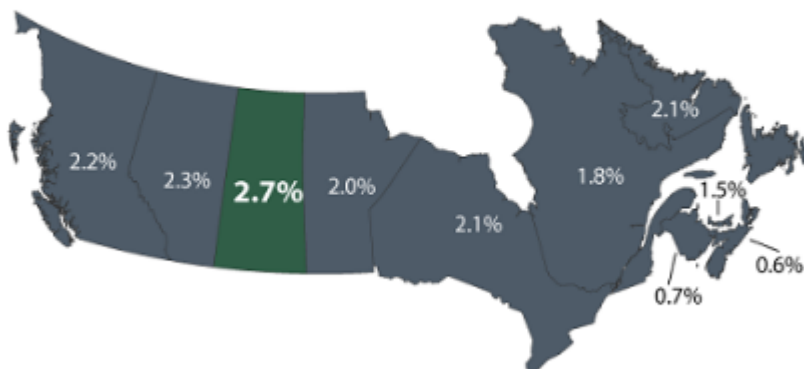
“By expanding the number of accountable care units in Saskatchewan, we are making good progress toward our goal of helping patients come home from a hospital stay sooner, healthier, and with less chance of a return visit,” Health Minister Jim Reiter said. “These units are part of our Connected Care Strategy, to transform the health system and improve the way care is delivered for patients who have complex care needs.”

Read the entire news release [here](#).

SASKATCHEWAN PROJECTED TO LEAD CANADA IN ECONOMIC GROWTH OVER NEXT TWO YEARS

Economic Outlook by Province

Saskatchewan to post strongest growth in Canada
in 2018 & 2019 at a rate of 2.7%



Source: RBC Economic Outlook, December 12, 2017

Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan will lead Canada in economic growth in 2018 and 2019, according to the most recent RBC Economics Provincial Outlook. The report projects growth of 2.7 per cent for both years, compared to 1.9 per cent in 2018 and 1.6 per cent in 2019 for Canada.

“Saskatchewan’s economy has been resilient in the face of challenges in the resource sector,” Economy Minister Steven Bonk said. “We have made some tough decisions to place the province in a position of strength for the future, and we are pleased to see these decisions yielding positive results for our economy.”

The province’s economy will benefit from recovery in the energy sector, as well as rising investment spending and expected rebounds in the agricultural and mining sectors. The report notes key potash contracts secured in China and India as contributing factors to some of the growth. The growth in the mining sector is expected to have a positive effect on capital spending and the construction sector in Saskatchewan.

The RBC report also projects growth of 0.5 per cent in employment and a lower unemployment rate of 5.7 per cent for 2018.

**THE ENCHANTED FOREST RIGHT HERE IN OUR
CONSTITUENCY!**



The Enchanted Forest is Saskatchewan's top wintertime visitor attraction. This has been a family favourite activity in our home for as long as I can remember. I encourage you to plan a trip to the BHP Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour featuring the new Grinch display. This Saskatchewan Christmas tradition is in it's 19th year and is open nightly until January 6th from 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm. Click [here](#) for additional information.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO SASKATOON WILLOWGROVE
CONSTITUENT SCOTT ADAMS!**



On the screen from right to left: researchers Scott Adams, Ivar Mendez and Paul Babyn demonstrate the long distance ultrasound imaging on a patient. Photo credit: David Stobbe / Saskatoon

I'm pleased to share an incredible story recognizing Saskatoon Willowgrove constituent Scott Adams. Scott is a graduate student at the University of Saskatoon.

Thanks to Scott's research patients in remote communities may be a step closer to getting ultrasound imaging without travelling long distances. Scott is part of a U of S research team which has been the first to test a long distance ultrasound device in North America and has found that this type of technology is feasible to use for abdominal and prenatal imaging.

Scott is very worthy of the recognition he is receiving and I'm so pleased to share this story with you. Please click on the links below to read about Scott's outstanding accomplishments!

Link to Saskatoon StarPhoenix: <http://thestarphoenix.com/news/local-news/young-innovators-remote-imaging-advances-medical-diagnoses>

Link to U of S Research website: <https://research.usask.ca/our-impact/highlights/student-success/young-innovators/2017/remote-imaging-advances-medical-diagnoses.php>

SASKATCHEWAN AMONG SHORTEST WAIT TIMES, SAYS SURVEY

The latest annual Fraser Institute survey of doctors suggests Saskatchewan patients are receiving elective health services sooner than patients in most other provinces.

The national think tank's results, issued December 7, rank Saskatchewan as having the second-shortest waits in Canada for patients seeking medically-necessary elective treatment, when the time waiting to see a specialist and the time waiting for treatment are combined.

This year's survey estimates that half of Saskatchewan patients waited 19.8 weeks or less.

"Our government is proud of the successes the health system has achieved in improving access to surgery," Health Minister Jim Reiter said. "Further work is ongoing to reduce wait times for medical imaging and for appointments with a specialist."

Read the entire news release [here](#).



PLEASE BE SAFE AND CHECK FOR ICE THICKNESS!



With the recent warm temperatures and more on the way, remember to check for safe and sufficient ice before venturing out for ice fishing or other winter activities. Reports have come in of ice fishing shelters going through the ice at Buffalo Pound and Thompson Lake.

Ice thickness depends on the waterbody and surrounding conditions. Ice does not freeze at a uniform thickness and ice strength can vary considerably from one area to another. Check the ice thickness before you travel on it and use caution. The ice thickness is a guideline for individuals to make a decision about whether to venture onto the ice.



Are you looking for a great gift? Invest in Memories this season and give the gift of play! You can become a Memory Maker by: Buying an annual pass for your family or give one as a gift Make a donation or do both!

Thanks to the generosity of Janet and Art Postle, the value of all passes sold and donations made until December 31, 2017 will be matched up to \$10,000! Read more about the Children's Museum [here](#).

ENCHANTED FOREST TROLLEY LIGHT TOUR



Check out this opportunity for a wonderful family evening. Living Skies Limousine: Trolley tour of the Enchanted Forest as well as other lighted neighbourhoods. Two hours of Christmas music. Hot chocolate and cookies served. Private tours available on request. It is a great way to see the light show. We have a Trolley street car, with a conductors platform. Leather seating. Great

Family activity. We pick up at Lawson Heights on Sundays and Market Mall on Wednesdays. For information, click [here](#).

The first Christmas after you lose someone is hard.

You will feel like not celebrating, but you will go along with it for the kids, for the family.

It will hurt.

The presents not bought. The chair not sat in. The memories of past Christmases that threaten to suck the joy out of the whole day.

But you will get through it. You may even raise a smile between the tears.

If you can - thank God for the Christmases you had with them. Light a candle. Cry. Start a new tradition in their memory.

Next year won't be as hard. Trust me.

MEEWASIN SKATING RINK OPENS



Photo credit: Saskatoon Star Phoenix

The Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink @ PotashCorp Plaza is undoubtedly one of Meewasin's most visited sites. Thousands flock to this winter wonderland for activities and get togethers, creating unforgettable memories.

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!

The Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink @PotashCorp Plaza will open for public skating Saturday December 16, 2017 at 12:00 noon. Weather permitting; the rink will continue to be open for the season daily from noon to 9:00 p.m. There is no charge to skate. Skates are available at no cost. Group rentals are available beyond regular hours by calling 306-229-8827.

The Tim Hortons Twinkle Lights ceremony to officially open the Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink @PotashCorp Plaza is scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, 2017, 5:30 p.m. The Twinkle Lights event is a tree lighting ceremony. Sponsored by Tim Hortons, Meewasin has installed thousands

of mini lights on the evergreen trees in the middle of the ice surface, and to kick off the skating season will light them up in a special ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 19. Special guests include Janna Dutton of Tim Hortons, His Worship Mayor Charlie Clark of the City of Saskatoon and Colin Tennent Chair of the Meewasin Board.

"Saskatoon and area Tim Hortons owners are pleased to support Meewasin. Encouraging families to enjoy fun and active times together is a goal for Tim Hortons, and we hope the lighting of the evergreen trees with season lights will enhance the skating experience at one of the best outdoor skating spots in Canada," explains Janna Dutton, on behalf of Tim Hortons owners.

The celebration will include Tim Hortons complimentary hot chocolate and coffee, festive music, and trivia game prize giveaways.

Future skating events will include the PotashCorp Wintershines Skating Party January 28, 2017 and the Cameco Family Day Skating Party, February 19, 2017.

Call Meewasin at (306) 665-6887 or visit their website at [Meewasin Valley Authority](#). Questions: Visit the website [here](#).

NEW ACCESS AND PRIVACY LEGISLATION COMING INTO EFFECT IN 2018

Improvements to Saskatchewan's access and privacy legislation will come into effect with the start of the new year.

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2017 (FOIPP) and The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2017 (LAFOIPP) will both come into force on January 1, 2018.

"The coming into force of this legislation will modernize access and privacy in Saskatchewan and ensure we are consistent with other Canadian jurisdictions," Justice Minister and Attorney General Don Morgan said. "We thank the Information and Privacy Commissioner for working with us on these changes, and look forward to continuing to work with him to maintain the appropriate balance between access and privacy in Saskatchewan."

Some of the amendments include:

- a duty for government institutions and local authorities to assist applicants in obtaining information and a duty to protect personal information;
- extension of the privacy requirements under FOIPP to MLA and cabinet ministers' offices;
- extension of LAFOIPP to include police services;
- increasing the penalties for offences; and
- creation of a new offence for snooping by an employee of a government institution or local authority.

This legislation adopts the majority of the recommendations made in the Information and Privacy Commissioner's 2014-15 Annual Report.

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COMING EVENTS

**IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO HIGHLIGHT
IN THIS NEWSLETTER, PLEASE LET US KNOW!**

Provincial Point of View is a great way to connect with our community. We appreciate the opportunity to share the successes we see in our constituency and highlight the many events happening in our community. If you have a suggestion for items you would like highlighted in this newsletter, please email: ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net



[BHP Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour](#)

When: Now - January 7

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park

Click [here](#) for details

A promotional poster for the BHP Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour. The background is red with scattered white and yellow circular light effects. At the top left, it says 'November 18 - January 6 Nightly'. At the top center, it says 'A Saskatchewan Christmas Tradition for 19 Years'. The main title 'BHP Enchanted Forest' is in large, stylized white and green letters, with a silhouette of a forest. Below it, 'HOLIDAY LIGHT TOUR' is written in green. At the bottom left, it says '2017-2018 Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park'. At the bottom right, it says 'Featuring the New Grinch Display'. A yellow circular callout on the right says 'Limited Light Displays now available for sponsorship' and provides contact information: 'Website, phone or email (306) 222-5392 or email hvassos@sasktel.net TODAY'.

[Eaton's Once Upon a Christmas Exhibit](#)

Where: Western Development Museum

When: 9 am - 5 pm, through to January 7, 2018

Click [here](#) for additional information



Kayden Kot Steak Night Benefit

When: February 3, 2018 5 - 8 pm

Where: The Sutherland Bar, Central Avenue

For tickets or information or to donate to the silent auction, please contact dkdube@sasktel.net or smfortier@hotmail.com or call or text 306.381.8873



This spot is being held for your event!

***Please let us know if you have an event you would like to see in
our newsletter!***

THOUGHT OF THE DAY - LEST WE FORGET



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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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