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Provincial Point of View

**May your home be filled with
love, joy & peace
Merry Christmas!**

WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!



"The friendship of those we serve is the foundation of our progress"

The best present is spending time with family and friends. I hope you're able to celebrate this special season surrounded by those you love. From our home to yours; Trish, Carter, Paige and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

May this holiday season bring you peace, happiness and joy.

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR VAUGHN SOLOMON SCHOFIELD,
PREMIER BRAD WALL, OFFICIAL LEADER OF THE**

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S 2016 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

It is my privilege and pleasure to extend greetings on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Canada, as we celebrate this special time of year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our men and women in uniform. I am deeply grateful to our police officers, firefighters, paramedics, corrections officers, and border security for serving in these important roles, and for ensuring our safety and security. I would also like to thank our military, both regular force and reservists, who sacrifice to serve our nation at home and abroad. We are indebted to everyone who serves our country, and to their supportive families.

As I travelled across our great province this year, I was reminded, yet again, of the extraordinary contributions of Saskatchewan volunteers. You are the generous, the compassionate, and the committed individuals who coach sports, lead choirs, serve on boards and committees, and accomplish so very much in our communities. Indeed, you are the lifeblood of our province, and I thank you, all, for donating your time to charitable endeavours.

I would also like to acknowledge those who serve in public office. Our school board trustees, mayors, reeves, Chiefs, and councilors, Members of the Legislative Assembly, Members of

Parliament, and Senators, invest an enormous amount of time and energy to provide leadership. These are challenging positions, and I thank you, most sincerely, for your willingness to serve.

In Saskatchewan, we are fortunate to have a very diverse population, and our citizens celebrate many different faiths. I draw strength from the Christian message. At this time of year, in particular, I find great hope in the Christmas story.

“For unto us a child is born, a son is given, and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season, filled with peace and hope. Merry Christmas.

2016 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM PREMIER BRAD WALL



Like employees at a Saskatchewan oil company, who in the middle of great financial stress in their industry, lent a helping hand.

They raised more than \$130,000 to help an injured co-worker and his family when they needed that support the most.

Like the 100 year-old gentleman from Maple Creek who is not sure how many years he has been volunteering. Maybe 40. Maybe 50. Maybe even 60.

And he says he's gonna go on as long as he can. And I believe he will.

Like the community of Meadow Lake who banded together to raise money for a local musician facing a medical crisis.

She gave the gift of her love for music to others. Now a gift of love is returning to her.

I am so proud to be a fellow citizen of this province.

I can't say enough about the many, many people in our province who give of their time and energy to those in need of some help and maybe even some encouragement.

People who understand what it means to shine a light into someone else's life. Knowing that one small candle in the midst of darkness can spread light and hope.

At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of a tiny baby. The Light of the World.

The Son of God who stepped down from heaven and came to walk among us.

To heal us, to love us, to live as we live.

And His message of love and peace has not changed in over 2000 years.

It is still the message of Christmas today. Joy to the world. The Lord has come.

This year let's continue to share joy and peace, and spread love and good will to those around us. Together let's shine our light and make a difference.

So from me and my wife Tami, and our family, and on behalf of my colleagues in the Government of Saskatchewan:

May the blessing of peace,

The beauty of hope,

the spirit of love,

and the comfort of faith

be your gift this Christmas season.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Please click [here](#) to see Premier Wall's Christmas message

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICIAL LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

I love Christmas time in Saskatchewan.

A blanket of snow. Lights. Festivities. And humanity often at its finest.

Like so many, our family will come together to celebrate, to reflect on the year gone by and to talk about the road ahead, as we enjoy our own Christmas traditions.

We will enjoy food and treats... likely far more than is needed.

Hopefully we'll burn some of that off enjoying the outdoors - snow shoeing, tobagganning, playing some outdoor hockey ,and getting out for some ice fishing.

Stephanie and I look so forward to sharing this Christmas with our two-year-old son, who's very excited for the season.

It's also important to us to instill in him, what Christmas is really all about.

That it's about so much more than presents under a tree.

That it's more about giving, than receiving.

And that the celebration of Jesus' birth, serves as a reminder to share his message of peace, love, and goodwill.

A reminder of the need to put these values into action throughout the year.

These reminders... these lessons... underpin that strong sense of community and compassion that has built the province we all love.

these values, which are shared by many faiths and many peoples, are on full display everyday by so many across Saskatchewan.

They are why we look out for the most vulnerable among us.

Why we look out for those who are suffering.

So, while we find valued time to come together during the holidays to celebrate and share our blessings.

We must never forget that there are those who are unable to gather and are left alone, even during this special time - without peace, love, happiness or health.

We must never forget that looking back on the past year, means dealing with hardships for so many.

Sad and tragic losses. Despair and darkness. Struggles and strain.

We think too of those who have suffered, through natural disasters, war, or acts of violence, abuse, racism, or any forms of hate.

From this, we strengthen our resolve and efforts for peace on earth, human rights and justice must be strong.

That we should do all we can to extend hope and opportunity, both afar and at home.

That we must each do our part to bring a little more peace, happiness and love to one another.

And so many, do just that,

The Canadian Forces member that serves our nation to help establish peace and security,

The teacher or coach that goes the extra mile to help a child in darkness find peace of mind and safety,

The volunteer that steps up to help those fleeing violence and insecurity find stability and opportunity,

**The neighbour that checks in on the isolated senior offering help and company.
and,**

The people of a community that pitch in to rebuild their community rink.

These are but a few examples, of what people from Saskatchewan do throughout the year to make lives better in ways small and large.

It's what we do in Saskatchewan.

Because we know that we are all in this together.

And this, is the spirit of Christmas.

However, you choose to celebrate this season, I hope it's a special one - filled with joy and laughter.

On behalf of myself, my wife Stephanie, our son William, the Official Opposition, Saskatchewan New Democrats, I wish all celebrating, a very Merry Christmas, and I wish all the best of the season.

And health, happiness and opportunity in the new year.



WUHCA Twinkle Tour on Dec. 28th

Tour Leaves from: Pink Cadillacs (in Willowgrove Square)

<p>First Tour Leaves at: 5:45 p.m. Second Tour Leaves at: 7:15 p.m. (1 hr tours - arrive 10 minutes early)</p>	<p>Free for the WUHCA Community</p>	<p>Donations will be accepted towards a future outdoor rink in Willowgrove.</p>
<p>For more information and to sign-up please email: twinkletour@hotmail.com</p>		



THANK YOU BRIAN!

BRIAN TOWRISS

3 Vanier Cup Titles

**U Sports Football
Most All-Time Wins
(196)**

9 Vanier Cup Berths

71 All-Canadians

47 CFL Players

11 Conference Titles

**1994 CIS Coach
of the Year**

**9 x Conference
Coach of the Year**

154 All-Stars



Brian Towriss is a man who was and continues to be a great role model for young men. I had the opportunity to play for the Huskies during Brian's first years of coaching. I consider him a fantastic mentor who has made a significant contribution to our city and our province. I feel fortunate to know him as a coach and a friend. Thank you Brian for your outstanding service, dedication and passion to our Huskie football team. Your commitment will be long remembered and forever appreciated.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO SOLDIERS EVERYWHERE WHO CAN'T
BE WITH THEIR FAMILIES**



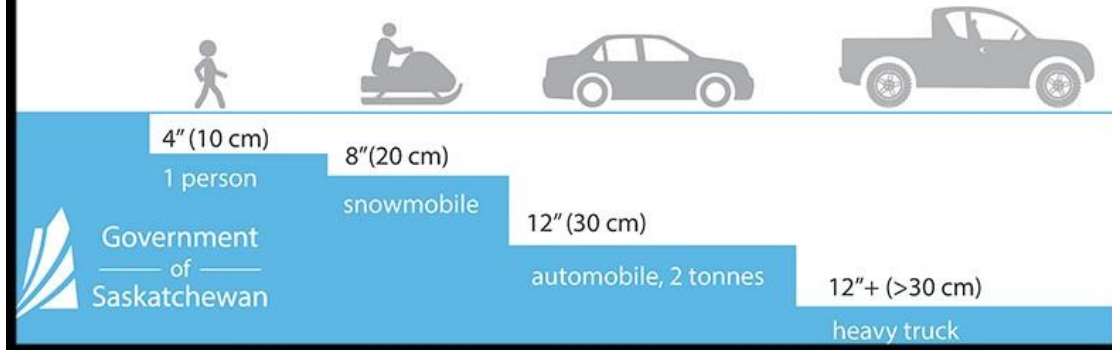
May we never forget our soldiers at Christmas, and always. Through this holiday season we remember our troops, many who are sacrificing their time with families so we can enjoy our freedom. Please take a moment to give thanks and honour our brave soldiers wherever they are. We wish them all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year.

STAY SAFE WHEN HEADING OUT ONTO THE ICE

Ice thickness guidelines

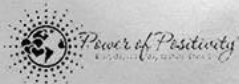


Any activity on ice comes with a risk. Test the ice thickness and follow these guidelines to determine if it is safe to proceed. Visit saskatchewan.ca/fishing.



It is important to test the ice thickness before you travel on it. Any activity on ice comes with a risk.

This January, why not start the year with an empty jar and fill it with notes about good things that happen. Then, on New Years Eve, empty it and see what awesome stuff happened that year.



THANKS TO EVERYONE INVOLVED IN "BE A SANTA TO A SENIOR"!



Each Christmas season many seniors living in facilities have no one to celebrate the season. Well, thanks to many individuals involved with Be a Santa to a Senior in Saskatoon, that's not the case! The 7th Annual Be a Santa to a Senior community program saw 1200 seniors receive gifts and visits through the help of over 400 volunteers! The organizers and volunteers of this program brought kindness and generosity to many. Thank you!

For the complete story, check out [Be a Santa to a Senior webpage](#).

WASTE AND RECYCLING TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON



We can divert more waste from our Landfill and grow a greener Saskatoon this holiday season by selling or giving away unwanted items, purchasing items with less packaging and fewer individually wrapped items, and planning meals to reduce waste and recycling. We can also recycle holiday items. Here are some recycling tips for the holiday season:

- Wrapping paper – if you can rip it, you can recycle it! No need to remove staples or tape. If you can't rip the paper, it goes in the garbage.
- Plastic bags and clean plastic wrap – if you can stretch it, you can recycle it! Put into one plastic bag, tie it up and toss it into your recycling.
- Clean tin foil, foil containers and metal cookie containers are recyclable.
- Flatten boxes and packaging before tossing into your blue cart or bin and you'll have more space for other recyclables.
- Give milk and egg nog containers a quick rinse, flatten them and they'll be ready to recycle.
- Have a look on the bottom of your plastic containers. If there's a number between 1 and 7, rinse it and pop it into your recycling.
- Unwanted electronics can be dropped off without charge at any SARCAN depot. Visit sarc.ca for information.

The following holiday items are not accepted in blue recycle carts or bins: Styrofoam, ribbon and bows, plasticized gift bags, toys, Christmas trees (natural or artificial), Christmas lights, ornaments or decorations. Check www.saskatoon.ca/christmastree for drop-off locations for natural Christmas Trees. Artificial trees can be sold or donated for re-use, or taken to the Landfill for disposal.

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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