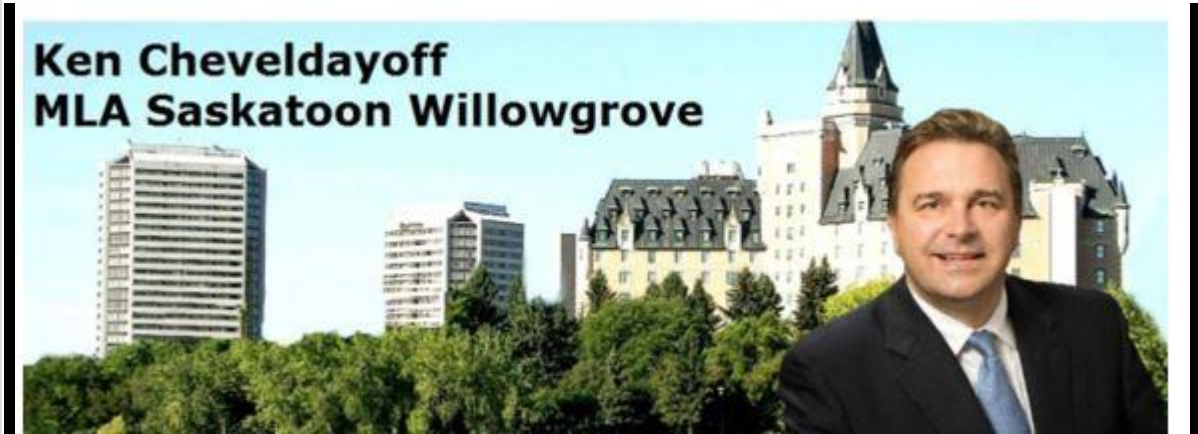


Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



November 28, 2019 - For the past 12 years, Saskatchewan has been growing – more people, more jobs and more investment in our families and communities. We want to ensure this strong growth continues. Your Saskatchewan Party government has a new Growth Plan for a new decade so that everyone continues to benefit from a growing province.

Our plan for the next decade of growth is a roadmap for a growing province with key targets such as growing our population to 1.4 million people, creating 100,000 new jobs, increasing exports by 50 percent and agriculture value-added revenue to \$10 billion.

Saskatchewan's Growth Plan for 2020 to 2030 outlines 20 key actions our government will undertake in the 2020s to build a strong and growing province and ensure we remain on track to realize the 30 goals we look to achieve by 2030.

From supporting communities through \$2.5 billion in revenue sharing to investing \$30 billion in infrastructure and reducing surgical wait times, our new Growth Plan will ensure a strong economy, strong families and a stronger Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan has always been a province of abundance and opportunity. Our province is home to natural resource wealth that is the envy of nations around the globe. Because of the hard work, optimism, and innovation of its people, Saskatchewan has succeeded in overcoming obstacles and challenges.

Saskatchewan's population has grown to its highest level in a century. There are more people working than at any time in our history. We are increasingly globally connected as a province – new Canadians from 180 countries call Saskatchewan home and our products are sold to 156 countries around the world. Our agricultural and natural resources feed and fuel the world. Through innovation, we are increasing the growth and sustainability of our agricultural and resource industries.

Saskatchewan's future economic success is increasingly dependent on knowledge and innovation. Rapid technological changes, including advancements in automation and artificial intelligence, will continue to impact our economy over the next decade. Supporting the creation of innovative products and services, as well as the adoption of leading-edge processes for industry will help our industries stay competitive and open up new markets while contributing to new technologies and practices to help achieve the province's climate-change goals.

Saskatchewan's technology sector is a growth driver in our economy and an important future enabler of growth in our agriculture and resource sectors. The combination of existing research infrastructure and two new technological incubators has increased momentum in the province's digital economy, making Saskatoon the second-fastest growing tech job market in Canada.

Our government's plan is to triple the growth of Saskatchewan's technology sector by 2030. This includes:

- Aggressively pursuing new measures to retain and attract large-scale tech employers in Saskatchewan to anchor the province's technology ecosystem;*
- Ensuring investors are aware and accessing Saskatchewan's "Patent Box" incentive which reduces the corporate tax rate to six per cent for income taxes generated through the commercialization of innovation in Saskatchewan;*
- Supporting the Saskatchewan Technology Start-up Incentive (STSI). Introduced in 2018, the STSI has addressed a need for capital investment in emerging startups in*

Saskatchewan. As of April 2019, 26 companies and 83 investors have been approved for tax credits that have triggered over \$3 million in private investment;

- *Supporting the Made-in-Saskatchewan Technology (MIST) program to allow companies access to public sector partners to test and refine their technologies and serve as a launching pad towards new sales and customers; and*
- *Positioning government as a test-bed and platform for the adoption of Saskatchewan-based technology to create made-in-Saskatchewan solutions to public sector challenges. This will assist technology entrepreneurs in our province to land their first major customer, validate their technology and commercialize their innovation – creating new businesses and jobs.*

Examples of recent success and details of our government's Growth Plan for the next decade can be found online at saskgrowthplan.ca.

DECEMBER 2019

1. GIVE SOMEONE A HUG OR COMPLIMENT	2. LET SOMEONE IN FRONT OF YOU IN LINE	3. BUY A FRIEND OR COLLEAGUE COFFEE	4. HOLD THE DOOR OPEN FOR SOMEONE	5. GIVE A FRIEND OR LOVED ONE YOUR FULL ATTENTION
6. DONATE A CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO A CHARITY	7. TELL A JOKE TO MAKE SOMEONE SMILE	8. DO SOMETHING KIND FOR YOURSELF	9. HIDE A HAPPY NOTE FOR SOMEONE TO FIND	10. DONATE UNWANTED BOOKS TO CHARITY
11. TAPE SOME MONEY ON A VENDING MACHINE	12. SMILE AT A STRANGER OR 2. OR 15	13. GET IN TOUCH WITH AN OLD FRIEND OR RELATIVE	14. LET A CAR IN FRONT OF YOU IN TRAFFIC	15. WRITE OR SEND A THANK YOU NOTE TO SOMEONE
16. SMILE AND THANK SOMEONE WHO SERVES YOU	17. TELL SOMEONE YOU LOVE THEM	18. PAY FOR A STRANGER'S COFFEE	19. OFFER TO HELP SOMEONE	20. FEED ANIMALS (BIRDS, DEER, ETC.)
21. DONATE UNWANTED CLOTHES TO CHARITY	22. DO SOMETHING UNEXPECTED FOR SOMEONE	23. GIVE A TREAT TO YOUR POSTAL CARRIER	24. DO SOMETHING KIND FOR YOURSELF	25. REFLECT AND RECORD HOW MUCH JOY THIS SEASON BROUGHT YOU

ADVENT OF KINDNESS



HOPE FOR MALAWI FOUNDATION



Eric Olauson, MLA, Peter & Elaine Zakreski, Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA and Kevin Waugh, MP

It was a pleasure to attend the Hope for Malawi Foundation Inc. Fundraiser December 1st in Saskatoon. I joined the Honourable Russ Mirasty, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, Honourable Kevin Waugh, MP and colleague Eric Olauson, MLA to celebrate the incredible work being done by the Zakreski's.

It was an honour to bring greetings on behalf of Premier Scott Moe and the Government of Saskatchewan and to thank both Elaine and Peter for their compassion, vision, and determination. We must never take for granted the spirit of community involvement, social responsibility, and global awareness we see in our province.

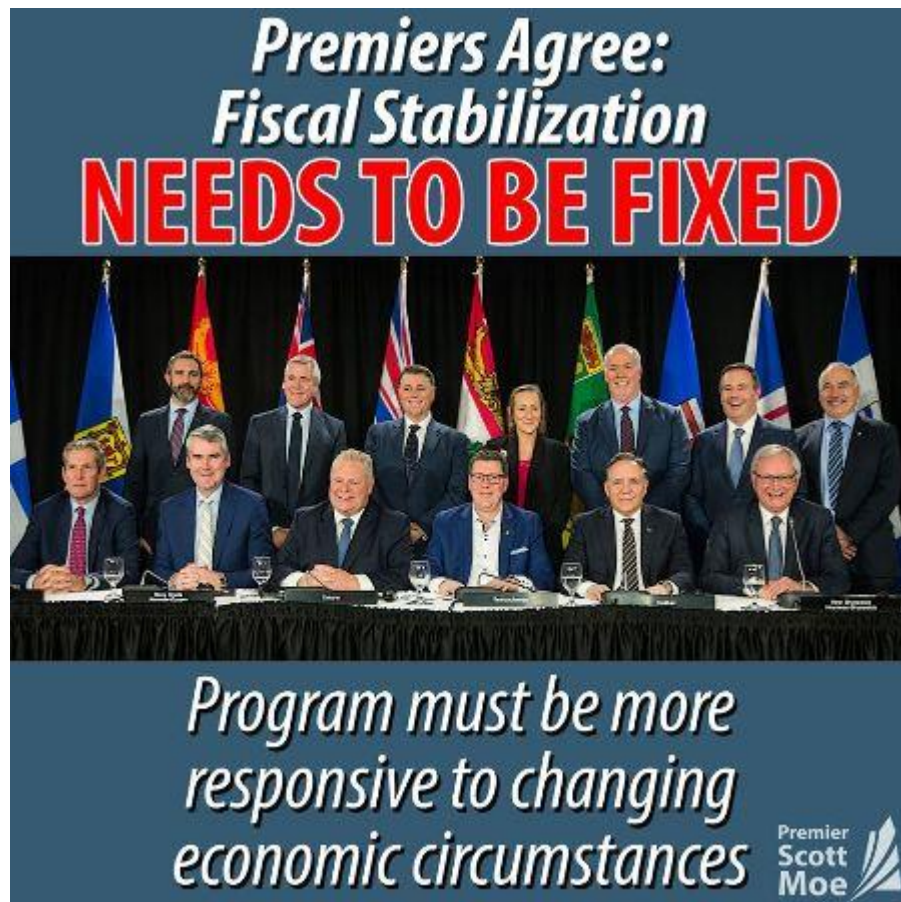
Everyone in attendance was inspired and grateful for the dedication of Peter and Elaine. If it weren't for their compassion, vision, and determination, we wouldn't hear about their remarkable story. They discovered a region full of hopelessness and with few resources and restricted access to care, they were emboldened to act, resolving to make things better through decisive action.

As founders of the Hope for Malawi Foundation, Peter and Elaine have given hope to those without parents, without shelter, and without food. They have built a foundation for a future that is full of hope and opportunity instead of despair. In doing so, they continue to inspire a sense of

global social obligation and philanthropy. Despite challenges, their efforts are building vibrant communities and spreading joy.

The generosity and social responsibility behind this cause is truly something to celebrate.

PREMIER SCOTT MOE MEETS WITH CANADA'S PREMIERS IN TORONTO



Premier Scott Moe, "The federal fiscal stabilization program is meant to provide protection to provinces in the event of extraordinary year-over-year declines in revenues. Last updated in 1987, this program is failing to live up to its mandate. Over the last five years, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Newfoundland have seen first-hand that this program is unresponsive, ineffective, and insufficient.

Yesterday, Canada's 13 premiers joined together and agreed the program must be fixed.

The Prime Minister and his Ministers have said they will respect areas where premiers achieve

consensus. We've achieved consensus, and we expect the federal government will take immediate action to fix the fiscal stabilization program."



Premier Scott Moe, "Canada's premiers have shown that we can unite and work together. It is the responsibility of the federal government now to work with the provinces, and to implement recommendations where premiers achieved consensus.

These include:

- Increasing our economic competitiveness by ensuring clarity in the environmental assessment process;
- Restructuring the fiscal stabilization formula to better... address the failure of the current program to changing economic needs of provinces;
- Providing flexibility on federal transfers including healthcare and infrastructure; and
- Addressing the economic development and infrastructure needs in the three territories of Canada's North."

[Read the news release, Premier Outlines Priorities for Toronto Council of the Federation Meeting](#)

NEW COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY (CT) SCANNER AT ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL IN SASKATOON



Saskatchewan residents are benefiting from improved access to specialized medical imaging, thanks to a new computed tomography (CT) scanner at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon.

Group image: (l-r) MLA David Buckingham; Shane Timm, SHA Director of Diagnostic Imaging and Nuclear Medicine Services; Jean Morrison, CEO of Emmanuel Health and St. Paul's Hospital; Neil Weber, St. Paul's Hospital Foundation Board Chair; Lecina Hicke, St. Paul's Hospital Foundation CEO cut the ribbon for the new CT Scanner at St. Paul's Hospital.



BUDGET ON TRACK AT MID-YEAR



The 2019-20 Mid-Year Report released November 28th forecasts a surplus of \$37.4 million, up \$3.0 million from the budgeted surplus.

“We are on course with our financial plan—it’s the right balance for Saskatchewan people,” Finance Minister Donna Harpauer said. “We continue to manage spending carefully, invest in priorities, and help keep our economy strong.”

At mid-year, revenue is forecast to be \$15.4 billion—an increase of \$329.3 million (2.2 per cent) from budget. The increase at mid-year reflects higher federal transfers, non-renewable resource revenue, and net income from Government Business Enterprises (GBEs), combined with smaller increases in taxation and other own-source revenue.

Expense is forecast to be \$15.3 billion, an increase of \$326.3 million (2.2 per cent) compared to budget. A \$285.2 million non-cash increase in pension expense accounts for nearly 90 per cent of the increase. Much of the remaining increase is due to utilization pressures in the health system and federal flow-through funding for infrastructure, partly offset by lower debt-servicing costs.

Public debt at March 31, 2020 is forecast to be \$302.1 million lower compared to budget. The decrease is largely due to decreased debt at SaskPower.

Net debt at March 31, 2020 is forecast to be \$12.0 billion, a decrease of \$370.3 million from budget. The province's net debt, as a percentage of GDP, is forecast to be among the lowest in Canada.

"The outlook for our economy remains positive, with modest growth projected this year and strengthening in 2020," Harpauer said. "While challenges remain in some sectors, economic indicators including population, employment, wholesale trade and non-residential building construction are up."

BE A SANTA TO A SENIOR



Help make a difference in the lives of seniors this Christmas! Sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care, *Be a Santa to a Senior* is a true community program, with generous support from Saskatoon businesses, nonprofit organizations, retailers, numerous volunteers and members of the community to provide companionship for seniors.

"The *Be a Santa to a Senior* program is all about including seniors in the joy of the holiday season," says Greg Charyna, owner of the Saskatoon Home Instead Senior Care office. "A simple gift shows them they are a loved and vital member of our community, bringing holiday cheer to those who may have very few visitors this holiday season."

This year they aim to provide a personal visit and deliver more than 700 simple gifts to Long Term Care residents. Currently, they are raising funds for the gifts; in November Elementary school children make cards and they recruit and prepare volunteers; in December they coordinate visits

to 10 care homes.

They have partnered with [Canada Purple Shield](#) to help with gift collection and distribution, as well as local Saskatoon schools to create cards and crafts to be included with seniors' gifts.

Many of our community's seniors do not have the chance to celebrate the holidays surrounded by loved ones, and we know that there are many people in the community who want to reach out - together we can make a difference by providing gifts and companionship," says Greg Charyna, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care office in Saskatoon. "Many seniors living in care homes have very few visitors. Our Santa initiative brings holiday cheer to those who need it most."

Home Instead Senior Care thanks you in advance for your financial and volunteer support; they ask for your ongoing involvement in Be A Santa to a Senior this year and into the future!

How can you get involved? Follow Home Instead Senior Care on Facebook. Click [here](#) for information or [here](#) to contribute.

**ERINDALE ARBOR CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 2ND
ANNUAL HOLIDAY TRADE SHOW AND CRAFT SALE THIS
WEEKEND!**



2nd Annual Holiday Tradeshow

Free Admission

December 7, 2019, 10am – 4pm

Dr. Egnatoff School

Another fantastic community event to attend this weekend in Saskatoon Willowgrove:

Dr. Egnatoff School Gym

Saturday, Dec 7th

10am - 4pm

Admission is FREE

30 vendors are confirmed.

Meet with Santa and take your own pictures with Santa. Donations to the EACCA will be accepted for your picture with Santa.

WHITECAP'S DARCY BEAR MARKS 25 YEARS AS CHIEF



Congratulations to Chief Darcy Bear. The strong leadership of Chief Darcy Bear has been instrumental in guiding Whitecap along the path to long-term fiscal stability. They have created economic development and community sustainability plans, as well as public safety and emergency response plans.

Story: 650 CKOM, Brent Bosker, November 22:

For nearly three decades Darcy Bear has helped make Whitecap Dakota First Nation an economic success story in the country. Taking over as chief 25 years ago, he helped lead the community from having no modern infrastructure to an unemployment rate of 5 per cent.

“We can’t change the wrongs of the past, the Indian Act and everything else, but certainly going forward we can all change the future by working together in partnership,” Bear said when reflecting back on how the community has achieved success. We have that attitude that we don’t believe in the word ‘can’t’. There’s always a way to moving something forward.”

Bear said a hotel and spa opening in the summer of 2020 will bring another 150 jobs to the region.

He said they’ve become the victim of their own success as they now rely on workers from surrounding communities to fill jobs on the reserve located 20 minutes from downtown Saskatoon. It’s one reason Bear is working with the rural municipality of Dundurn and the federal government to construct a road linking Highway 11 to his community.

“A lot of those citizens would certainly like to work over here, but again to get across to Whitecap it’s a long commute. We need to work on those things as far as the infrastructure piece.”

Mayor Charlie Clark and Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations Chief Bobby Cameron were among the dignitaries that recognized Bear’s achievements during a ceremony at Dakota Dunes Casino.

GRAND OPENING THIS SATURDAY!



Join the Willowgrove University Heights Community Association as they OFFICIALLY open the outdoor rink December 7th at 2 pm.

Special thanks to the sponsors who made this possible and the volunteers have worked tirelessly

to get the rink open and keep the rink going.

Join your neighbours for some hot chocolate and enjoy a public skate. Don't forget to bring your gear to wrap up the afternoon with a game of hockey!

CITY OF SASKATOON RECOGNIZED AS ACHIEVING AGE-FRIENDLY STATUS IN SASKATCHEWAN

The second annual Age-Friendly Community Recognition Award has been presented to the City of Saskatoon for its commitment to providing age-friendly physical and social environments that help seniors age actively.

“The Age-Friendly Communities initiative aligns with our government’s priorities to ensure that all seniors can live safely and comfortably in their communities,” Rural and Remote Health Minister and Minister Responsible for Seniors Warren Kaeding said. “Congratulations to the City of Saskatoon for working to create an environment that is inclusive for seniors.”

The City of Saskatoon received an award from the Government of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism (SSM) to acknowledge its work on activities and programming to enhance the quality of life for older adults, leading to communities that benefit all ages.

Read more [here](#).

GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR PART INTERPRETERS



Imagine spending your whole summer in one of Saskatchewan's beautiful provincial parks – and getting paid to do it! The [Government of Saskatchewan](#) is accepting applications for Park Interpreters in parks all over the province. Help our park visitors learn about all the beauty that our parks have to offer!

To apply, please complete our Summer Student Employment application form at <https://govskpsc.taleo.net/careersection/10240/jobdetail.ftl?job=PA-CU2020>.

DID YOU KNOW

- The Government of Saskatchewan contributed \$1.2 million toward the replacement of a Saskatoon CT scanner, while the St. Paul's Hospital (SPH) Foundation raised the remaining \$1.2 million.
- The Government of Saskatchewan provided \$1.6 million in its 2019-20 Budget to support the launch of three RAAM clinics in Prince Albert, Saskatoon and Regina.

- There are more than 1,500 youth enrolled in Saskatchewan's sea, army and air corps and squadrons.
- That 9 out of 10 graduates now stay in Saskatchewan.
- This is the first time Canadian firefighters are being deployed to Australia under the Exchange of Wildland Fire Management Resources agreement,

LATE PHILANTHROPIST GIFTS 3 SASKATOON FOUNDATIONS WITH \$10 MILLION



Story, Photo credit Global News - Thomas Piller

Three Saskatoon foundations were gifted over \$10 million by the estate of Robert "Bob" Steane. Members of the Saskatoon Community Foundation, Royal University Hospital Foundation, and St. Paul's Hospital Foundation said they were shocked by Steane's final act of generosity.

Read the story [here](#).

PROVINCE PROCLAIMS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Government of Saskatchewan has joined the world in recognizing and celebrating December 3 as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities was first proclaimed by the United Nations in 1992 to promote the rights and well-being of people with disabilities, and to increase awareness and understanding of disability issues. This year's theme is The Future is Accessible.

As announced in the 2019 Speech from the Throne and as part of the recently released Saskatchewan Growth Plan, the Government of Saskatchewan is working to create new provincial accessibility legislation aimed at removing and preventing accessibility barriers to people with disabilities.

“All people should be able to work, live and play without barriers in this province,” Social Services Minister Paul Merriman said. “We believe Saskatchewan should be a place where all people, no matter their abilities, can participate in their communities.”

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

PLAY. LEARN. GROW. TOGETHER! PROVIDES PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS WITH TOOLS TO PROMOTE EARLY LEARNING



From newborns to kindergarteners, Saskatchewan’s youngest residents learn at an astonishingly fast rate. Studies show 90 per cent of a child’s brain will be developed by age five, before they ever set foot in a school. That means how families interact and teach their children during those earliest years of life will lay the foundation for their success decades later.

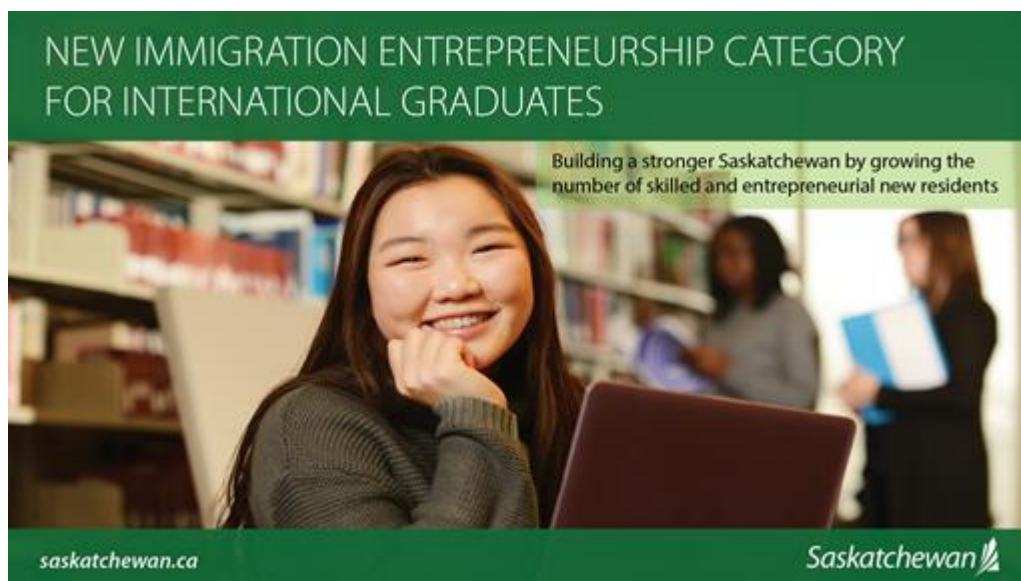
“Our government understands the value of investing in children during their early years,” Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. “By providing families and caregivers with useful information and tips, we can assist them in fostering creativity, confidence and skills in their young children that will last a lifetime.”

Beginning today, parents and caregivers will have access to Play. Learn. Grow. Together! - a new website, interactive social media presence and series of informational videos to get parents thinking about simple and easy ways they can interact with their young child to assist in their development and education. Additional tips and videos from our team of early learning experts will be added over time, allowing Play. Learn. Grow. Together! to evolve into a long term, reliable

source of early years educational advice. Funding for this new public outreach is being provided through the Canada-Saskatchewan Early Learning and Child Care Initiative.

Interacting with young children and babies is the key to their development, and it can have a profoundly positive lifelong impact. And the best part? It's easy, and it's fun. So get ready to **Play. Learn. Grow. Together!** by visiting www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/prek-12-education-early-learning-and-schools/early-years-learning.

NEW IMMIGRATION CATEGORY TO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL GRADUATES



The Government of Saskatchewan is announcing a new immigration program category for the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP). The new category will help international students graduating from eligible Saskatchewan institutions stay in the province as entrepreneurs, while also attracting business investment.

“This new immigration pathway will help retain international students who have often already successfully integrated into communities in the province,” Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “It will also help create new businesses and jobs, as well as keep Saskatchewan competitive in attracting and retaining international students and investment.”

“Saskatchewan’s Post-Secondary International Education Strategy aims to increase the number of international students choosing to study in Saskatchewan,” Advanced Education Minister Tina Beaudry-Mellor said. “International education is an important driver for Saskatchewan’s future economic and cultural growth and this new category will help encourage international students to

make Saskatchewan their home once they complete their studies.”

Read more [here](#).

GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN AND WANUSKEWIN HERITAGE PARK SIGN MOU



The Government of Saskatchewan is supporting Wanuskewin Heritage Park’s application to become a UNESCO World Heritage Site by providing access to additional lands with a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

“Good relations and developing partnerships are important to the Government of Saskatchewan,” Highways and Infrastructure Minister Greg Ottenbreit said. “This parcel of land will serve the future Saskatoon Freeway, while lands not required for the infrastructure can support Wanuskewin Heritage Park and their conservation efforts.”

As part of the MOU, the government is providing Wanuskewin with interim access to land acquired while planning is underway for the Saskatoon Freeway. Once the land requirements for the freeway are determined, arrangements will be made to provide access to land not needed for the freeway on a long-term basis. While there are no timelines for construction of the Saskatoon Freeway, the land was recently purchased by the government from a willing seller. Read the entire news release [here](#).

JUST THE LINKS



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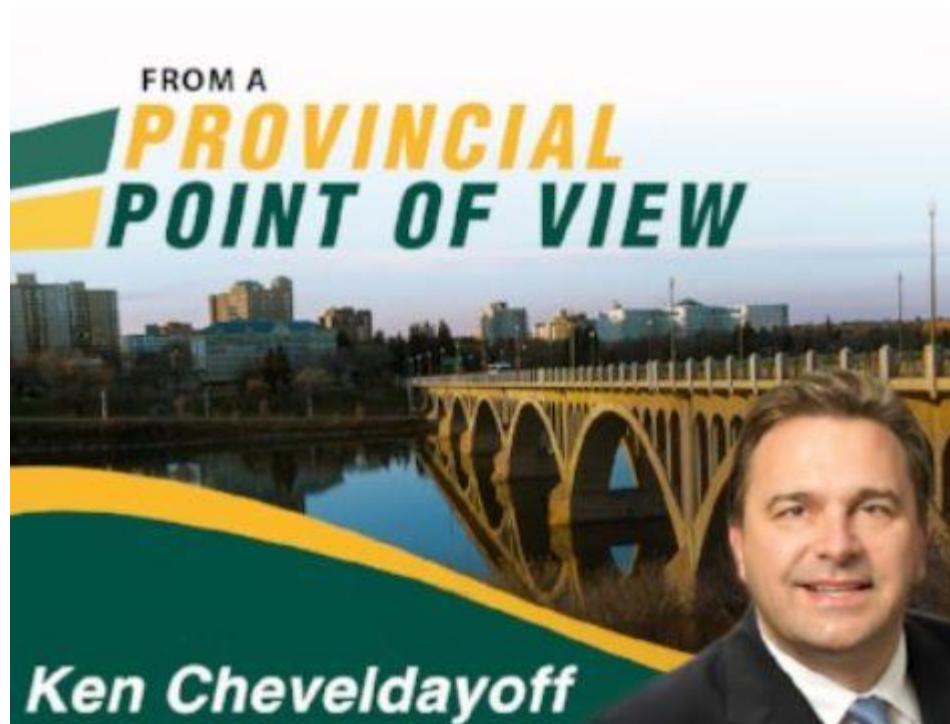
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I appreciate any opportunity to make a positive difference in my constituency. Your phone calls, letters, and emails make a big difference in keeping me informed on the issues that matter to you.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

mark your calendars

CP Holiday Train

When: December 4th, 8:35 pm

Where: overpass on 7th Ave. N.

Performance by Scott Helman and Madeline Merlo at 8:45



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/



Touchdown for Kids Lottery

Draw: December 19

Click [here](#) for information



Swinging With the Stars
When: February 1
Where: TCU Place
 Click [here](#) for ticket information



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