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Provincial Point of View

February 25, 2015

I AM HAPPY TO HIGHLIGHT THREE STORIES THIS WEEK THAT INVOLVE SASKATOON SILVER SPRING CONSTITUENTS!

I am always pleased to highlight important occasions or accomplishments, significant birthdays, anniversaries or items of general interest. If you have a story you would like to see featured in this newsletter, please let me know. Contact my office at 306.657.7100 or email ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net.

I look forward to hearing from you!

A GREAT SASKATCHEWAN STORY AND A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!



It was indeed a great pleasure to stop by the Stratulak residence to wish Pearl a very happy birthday! This wonderful couple is what our province is all about. This is a great "Saskatchewan" story.

I was contacted by Pearl and Steve's daughter Alexandra, requesting a birthday letter from me, as her parents MLA. While visiting her parents, I learned of Alexandra's incredible career. Alexandra is a U of S alumni for both her Masters and Bachelor Degrees and worked for many years at the Mendel Art Gallery before moving to Ottawa with her husband. Her parents proudly showed me a magazine, "Ottawa Life" that was displayed proudly on their coffee table. Their daughter Alexandra was named #1 of the top 25 people in the capital by Ottawa Life. Congratulations Alexandra! I encourage readers to click <u>here</u> to read this fascinating story. What an accomplishment and to think her career began at Saskatoon's Mendel Art Gallery!

Alexandra credits her parents for the wonderful life she had and the encouragement they provided. She said the strength and perseverance of her parents was a great source of pride for her. Her parents are two people who grew up during the dirty thirties, were teens during World War II, came off the farm and built a loving home for their family during a period of massive growth and change in Saskatchewan and the world! Alexandra, along with her siblings have such respect and admiration for their parents. Their continued love for each other and unquestioned love and support for their daughters, has been a great inspiration for Alexandra and she certainly credits them for the success she has had in her outstanding career.

I wish Pearl a wonderful birthday celebration with her family next week and thank both Pearl and Steve for welcoming me into their home and sharing this wonderful story.

CONGRATULATIONS BRETT BOYKO!

Congratulations to Saskatoon's Brett Boyko, a former St. Joseph High School student and football player who took another step towards his professional football dreams over the weekend.

Brett has spent the past five seasons at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas. This past weekend he took part in the NFL scouting combine. Boyko, an offensive lineman had the opportunity to interact with players and coaches while displaying his outstanding football skill on the field.

We wish Brett continued success and all the best with his career!

JOSH MacGOWAN OPENS "HERC'S NUTRITION" STORE



Once again, it is just fantastic to see another young entrepreneur start a new business in our community. Constituent, Josh MacGowan has recently opened a Herc's Nutrition store at 821 Central Avenue Saskatoon. Josh is very knowledgeable about this industry and I encourage you to check out the many protein powders, supplements or vitamins available at Herc's. Josh looks forward to assisting you with your purchases.

Owning his own business, and specifically a supplement store, is something Josh has dreamed about for years. This adventure really got traction in the spring of 2014 and he recently opened the store. Congratulations Josh on the opening of "Herc's Nutrition" and contributing to our strong business climate in Saskatoon.

SASKATCHEWAN MOST ATTRACTIVE MININING JURISDICTION IN CANADA

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Saskatchewan ranks as one of the most attractive places for mining investment

1st in Canada 2nd worldwide



Fraser Institute Survey of Mining Companies: 2014

The Fraser Institute Annual Survey of Mining Companies: 2014 released February 24 showing Saskatchewan is the most attractive jurisdiction for mining investment in Canada, and second most attractive worldwide behind Finland.

The annual global survey of mining executives rates 122 jurisdictions around the world based on their geologic attractiveness and the extent to which government policies encourage exploration and investment.

"Saskatchewan is the best place to invest for mining, and we've been working hard to get that message out around the world," Energy and Resources Minister Bill Boyd said. "Our government has been very focused on offering competitive resource royalty structures, reliable, transparent and stable government policies, and best of all—a province that has a wealth of resource possibilities for those that invest here."

Saskatchewan Most Attractive Mining Jurisdiction in Canada

CITY CREWS ADDRESS ICY CONDITIONS WITH SNOW & TEMPERATURE DROP

DRIVERS REMINDED TO USE EXTREME CAUTION

Mild weather on Monday followed by this week's drop in temperatures and snow is causing slippery road conditions for drivers. The City would like to caution residents to slow down as the ice is not visible under the fresh layer of snow. Roadway crews are out sanding and salting priority streets on a continual basis. Anti-icing products have been very successful this winter to keep roads clear; however, current blowing snow conditions polishes the ice between applications.

Bridges and overpasses are particularly susceptible to icy conditions so the City takes extra precautionary measures. When icy conditions exist, all bridge decks are checked and sanded as required every two hours. Bridge decks are usually sanded just before rush hour because it's very difficult to sand during peak times.

Please watch for equipment on the road. The large machines used are equipped with flashing amber lights, move slowly in teams of two or more and can be found on the road at any time of day or night. Drivers should stay a minimum of 15 metres back from the equipment and approach slowly if passing is necessary.

When safe to do so, drivers can report icy locations to Public Works Customer Service at 306-975-2476

City of Saskatoon News Release

SASKATCHEWAN WINS FINAL OILSEED APPEAL WITH QUEBEC

Mark it down as "case closed" in Saskatchewan's favour, as the province has now won all aspects of its oilseed internal trade challenge with Quebec.

Today an appeal panel, established under the pan-Canadian Agreement on Internal Trade, released a final ruling upholding the Saskatchewan government's successful challenge last spring of the Quebec government's restrictions against the production, sale and marketing of vegetable oil-based dairy products in its market.

The Quebec government had appealed the original ruling, but in December had made changes to its Food Products Act removing barriers to the production and sale of vegetable-based oil products, thus allowing Saskatchewan producers and processors to now freely sell their products in Quebec. The appeal panel's final ruling not only confirms that those changes by Quebec were necessary, but also upholds Saskatchewan's challenge of Quebec labelling laws that prohibit the use of terms like "milk", "butter" and "cheese" for dairy substitute products.

"We're very pleased to see the conclusion of our efforts to win market access for Saskatchewan companies in Quebec," Minister responsible for Trade Jeremy Harrison said. "This is a victory for the internal trade process in Canada, and with this latest ruling, we're confident Quebec will do the right thing and bring its labelling and marketing rules for dairy substitutes in line with the rest of Canada."

Saskatchewan Wins Final Oilseed Appeal With Quebec

GOVERNMENTS INVEST MORE THAN \$13 MILLION IN NEW FOOD CENTRE

February 20, Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz, Lynne Yelich, Minister of State (Foreign Affairs and Consular), on behalf of Michelle Rempel, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification, and Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister Lyle Stewart, announced more than \$13 million for the Saskatchewan Food Industry Development Centre Inc. (Food Centre) to build and equip a new innovative facility. The Food Centre is the primary source of food product development, technology transfer and commercialization for the Saskatchewan food industry.

As Saskatchewan's agri-processing industry expands, so does the demand for new product development and commercialization. The new 30,000 square foot facility will support the expansion of Saskatchewan's food ingredient processing sector, housing product development, specialized laboratory services, extrusion technology, interim processing capacity and more.

"Our government is focused on what matters most to Canadians by creating jobs and opportunities," said Ritz. "Our government is proud to support this new facility that will create jobs and growth in the agricultural industry here in Saskatchewan. This centre will bolster the ability of Canada's innovative food processors to deliver high-quality food products to the marketplace while driving our economy." "Our government is pleased to invest in a modern, one-stop facility to help Saskatchewan's food industry increase its productivity and competitiveness in domestic and international markets," said Yelich. "In turn, these excellent Saskatchewan-made products will help create jobs and economic prosperity in their communities."

"As Canada's leading producer and exporter of agricultural products, it only makes sense that we also have the ability to add value to the raw commodities here in Saskatchewan," Stewart said. "The Food Centre is key to growing our value-added sector and adding strength to our diversified economy. This expansion will allow for more development and processing here at home."

Governments Invest More Than \$13 Million in New Food Centre

COMING EVENTS

EACCA Spring Soccer Registration for Willowgrove University Heights Community Association On-line registration closes Monday, March 2 WUHCA Outdoor Soccer Spring 2015 Registration

EACCA Spring Registration Night Date: March 3 Where: Dr. John G. Egnatoff School, 227 Kenderdine Road When: 7 pm or check out their online registration Click here for additional information

<u>City of Saskatoon - Main Event | Growth Plan Focused</u> <u>Discussions</u> Date: March 3 Where: TCU Place (Gallery C/D), 35-22nd St E When: Daytime Session - 12 pm - 2 pm Evening Session - 6 pm - 8 pm City of Saskatoon Website

Growth Plan Campus Consultation

Date: March 10 Where: Louis' Loft, 93 Campus Drive When: 3 pm - 5 pm <u>City of Saskatoon Website</u>

Royal University Hospital Foundation's Greek Gourmet Feast Date: March 11 Where: Manos Restaurant on 8th Street Click here for additional information

NSBA Business Builder Awards Date: March 19 Where: Prairieland Park - Hall B Click here for additional information

Bust a Move Date: April 18 Where: Saskatoon Field House Click here for additional information

SABEX Awards - Celebrate Success Date: May 14 Where: Saskatoon Prairieland Park Click here for additional information

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step" Dr. Martin Luther King Junior

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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 Silver Springs. 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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