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## Provincial Point of View

**February 25, 2016**  
**Keeping the Saskatchewan Advantage**

### EAST COLLEGE PARK FAMILY FUN DAY



It was a pleasure to join Eric Olauson and several people from East College Park last Sunday, February 21. It was a great Saskatchewan winter day for Family Fun Day in the Park. There were many activities including skating, tobogganing and sleigh rides. Neighbours had the chance to visit and enjoy some Tim Horton's treats. Special thanks to the organizers of such a fantastic community event in Saskatoon!

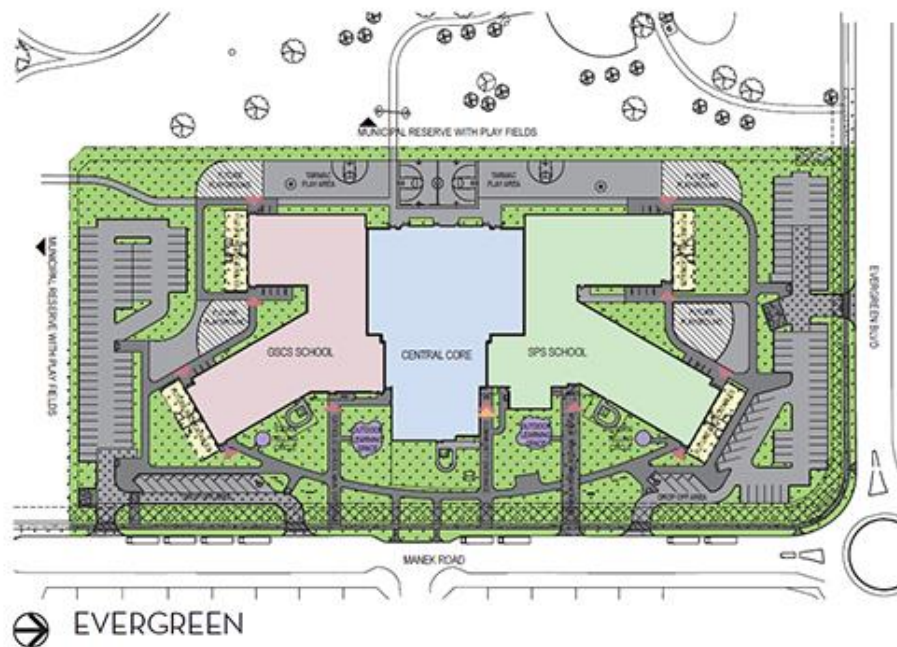
## SASKATCHEWAN IMPROVES ACCESS TO BIRTH REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR ADOPTEES, BIRTH PARENTS

The Government of Saskatchewan is making changes to regulations to improve access to birth registration information on adoptions occurring in Saskatchewan for all adult adoptees and birth parents.

“We have seen a significant shift – both in terms of a strong recognition of the importance of remaining connected to one’s culture, language, family and history - and how adoption is viewed overall,” Social Services Minister Donna Harpauer said. “Over time, society has become more open about adoption, and individuals directly involved in adoption want improved access to birth information to learn more about who they are, and to build a greater sense of identity.”

Read more about improvements to access birth registration [here](#).

## FINAL DESIGNS OF JOINT-USE SCHOOLS UNVEILED



Site plan for Evergreen School in our constituency

I was pleased to be in attendance Monday, February 22 as Education Minister Don Morgan joined school division officials from Saskatoon Public Schools, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, Prairie Spirit School Division, Regina Public Schools and Regina Catholic School Division, along with students, parents and community members to unveil the designs for the 18 publicly-owned elementary schools being built on nine joint-use sites in Regina, Saskatoon, Martensville and Warman.

“Thank you to all the students, families, municipalities, school divisions, ministry staff, design and construction teams, and many of our other partners and stakeholders who played a significant role in helping finalize the designs of these 18 schools,” Morgan said. “That hard work and collaboration has ensured that we are building schools that will respect the uniqueness of each community and will serve the needs of the students for years to come.”

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

## **RECORD MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING FOR SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITIES**

February 24, the Government of Saskatchewan announced that municipal revenue sharing is estimated to be more than \$271 million in 2016-17. That represents an increase of 113 per cent from 2007-2008, a record amount for municipalities.

“Despite the impact of falling oil prices on the province’s economy, we have maintained our commitment to provide one percentage point of total provincial sales tax revenues in unconditional grants,” Government Relations Minister Jim Reiter said.

Municipal revenue sharing funding will be allocated from the total pool in the following manner:

- Cities – more than \$130 million or 47.945 per cent
- Rural – more than \$76.6 million or 28.254 per cent
- Towns and Villages – more than \$44.3 million or 16.345 per cent
- North – more than \$20.2 million or 7.456 per cent.

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

## **COFFEE WITH A COP AT WILLOWGROVE SCHOOL!**



I enjoyed spending some time Monday evening at the Willowgrove School at "Coffee With A Cop". Saskatoon Police Service is partnering with several community groups to host this pilot project. The purpose of the program is to enhance the relationship between the police and the community. It was very interesting to hear Inspector Brian Shalovelo, inspector for East Division. What a great program!

If you missed this event, several more will be held in Saskatoon. The Evergreen Community Association invites you to Coffee with a Cop Monday, March 14 from 7 - 8 pm. at the Alice Turner Library.

**I WAS PLEASED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW AFFORDABLE RENTAL  
HOUSING PROJECT IN SASKATOON**

The Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan, along with the City of Saskatoon and Ehrenburg Homes, February 22 announced the completion of a 26-unit rental housing development in Saskatoon.

Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Ralph Goodale, on behalf of Families, Children and Social Development Minister and Minister Responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Jean-Yves Duclos, along with Saskatoon Silver Springs MLA Ken Cheveldayoff, on behalf of Social Services Minister and Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation Donna Harpauer, and Saskatoon Mayor Donald Atchison, made the announcement today.

“Congratulations to everyone involved in this housing development, to Ehrenburg Homes and to the families who have a new place to call home,” Goodale said. “In the coming weeks and months, we look forward to working with Canadians, housing stakeholders and our partners in provinces, territories and municipalities as we restore a constructive role for the federal government in supporting affordable housing.”

“Today’s official opening of this housing development is another example of partners coming together to create new housing opportunities for Saskatchewan people,” Cheveldayoff said. “Keeping Saskatchewan strong is a vision that we all share, and this project is a major complement to the housing units presently in operation across the province. Our government will continue to work with the public and private sectors to help Saskatchewan families meet their housing needs”

“Every family in Saskatoon deserves a safe and secure home in which to live,” Atchison said. “Our partnerships with the Federal Government, Provincial Government, private sector and not-for profits help us achieve this goal. Our nationally recognized and number one rated attainable housing program has created homes for more than 3,700 families in our city. Today 26 more Saskatoon families have a place to call home.”

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

## SASKATCHEWAN PROCLAIMED RED CROSS PINK DAY FEBRUARY 24



Education Minister Don Morgan proclaimed February 24 as Red Cross Pink Day. Pink Day is observed across the province to raise awareness of bullying and the importance of preventing it. This year’s theme is Let’s change the culture

around bullying together!

“Creating schools and communities that are free of bullying is important for the youth of our province and their families,” Morgan said. “Pink Day is a great opportunity for us to continue encouraging students to do whatever they can to prevent bullying. The Red Cross does an excellent job of engaging our students in this initiative every year and I commend their hard work.”

Click [here](#) to read more and PLEASE support Saskatchewan's Action Plan to Address Bullying and Cyberbullying throughout the year!

## **WORLD WAR SOLDIERS COMMEMORATED THROUGH GOVERNMENT'S GEOMEMORIAL PROGRAM**

Through its GeoMemorial Commemorative Naming Program, the Government of Saskatchewan is recognizing the sacrifices of three First and Second World War soldiers who paid the ultimate price for their province and country.

“Our government is honoured to recognize the heroic actions of our newest GeoMemorial nominees,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Mark Docherty said. “Like the natural features named in their honour, these veterans are a part of our provincial identity and have helped shape our province into the safe, wonderful place it is today. The GeoMemorial Program is a small way of thanking them for all they have done for Saskatchewan.”

For more information, click [here](#).

## **GOVERNMENT IMPROVES WILDFIRE RESPONSE AND EMERGENCY PLANNING IN SASKATCHEWAN**



The Government of Saskatchewan is taking immediate steps to improve fire safety and emergency management in the province. This includes investing in longer-term protection measures for northern people following an engagement process with communities, First Nations, local leaders, industry and residents affected by the province's historic 2015 wildfire season.

"We are grateful for the feedback shared by residents, business owners and community leaders, who were affected by the wildfires," Government Relations Minister Jim Reiter said. "The Government of Saskatchewan will continue to work with communities to improve on preparedness and operations planning that will help us in case of future emergencies."

"I am pleased we are able to implement a number of measures to help prepare for the upcoming wildfire season and beyond," Environment Minister Herb Cox said. "These initiatives demonstrate our government's continued commitment to the safety of Saskatchewan people, communities and infrastructure."

To read about immediate and significant improvements [click here](#).

**[A NEW DRIVER IN OUR HOUSE!](#)**



Our daughter Paige was three years old when I became a Member of the Legislative Assembly. How time flies. This week she was excited to pass her driver's test!

### **NEW RENTAL HOUSING FOR YOUTH OFFICIALLY OPENS IN SASKATOON**

The Government of Canada and the Province of Saskatchewan, along with the City of Saskatoon and Stewart Property Holdings Ltd., today celebrated the official opening of the Core Neighborhood Youth Co-op (CNYC), consisting of seven new affordable rental housing units for youth in housing need.

Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Ralph Goodale, on behalf of Families, Children and Social Development Minister and Minister Responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Jean-Yves Duclos, along with Saskatoon Sutherland MLA Paul Merriman on behalf of Social Services Minister and Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation Donna Harpauer, and Saskatoon Mayor Donald Atchison, made the announcement February 24.



Click [here](#) to read more facts and see associated links.

## **A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO WATCH A NATIONAL LACROSSE TEAM RIGHT HERE IN SASKATOON!**



If you haven't had a chance to attend a Saskatchewan Rush Lacrosse game, I encourage you to plan to go! The experience is just incredible. The Saskatchewan Rush plays again Friday, February 26 at Sask Tel Centre. Game time is 7:30. Admission ranges from \$25 - \$69. The National Lacrosse League action will see the Rush taking on the Buffalo Bandits. Click [here](#) for additional information.

## **KEEPING THE SASKATCHEWAN ADVANTAGE**

It has taken a lot of time to build the Saskatchewan Advantage; an advantage that has helped to grow and diversify our economy and keep Saskatchewan strong during a period of economic uncertainty.

Over the past eight years we have worked to create the Saskatchewan Advantage – a plan to grow and strengthen Saskatchewan through low taxes, sound fiscal management and a stable regulatory regime. We've done this because we know a growing economy will help us maintain a high quality of life.

## **JUST THE LINKS**

[SASKATCHEWAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEWEST GRANT RECIPIENTS](#)  
[GOVERNMENT RELEASES POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY](#)  
[CT SERVICES NOW AVAILABLE IN SOUTHEAST SASKATCHEWAN](#)  
[CONSTRUCTION BEGINS AT NEW LLOYDMINSTER GROUP HOME](#)  
[HIGHEST CROP INSURANCE COVERAGE IN PROGRAM HISTORY OFFERED TO PRODUCERS IN 2016](#)  
[PROVINCE PROCLAIMS AGRICULTURE LITERACY WEEK](#)  
[OVERPASS WORK TO IMPACT TRAFFIC AT WHITE CITY](#)

There are several other news releases. Click [here](#) to read additional Government News Releases

### THOUGHT OF THE DAY

All **MISTAKES** are  
**LESSONS** to be learned and  
**CHALLENGES** to be  
overcome. And they come  
in the form of objects,  
events, and **PEOPLE**.

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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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