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Provincial Point of View

February 5, 2018

CONGRATULATIONS TO SCOTT MOE, PREMIER OF SASKATCHEWAN!



**SCOTT MOE SWORN IN AS PREMIER OF SASKATCHEWAN,
APPOINTS FIRST CABINET**



Scott Moe was formally sworn in as Premier of Saskatchewan and President of Executive Council by Her Honour, the Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan.

"I am honoured to be sworn in as the Premier of Saskatchewan and commit to serve on behalf of all Saskatchewan people," Moe said. "As Premier, I will always stand with the people of our great Province."

Premier Moe also announced the appointment of his first cabinet.

Five MLAs are entering cabinet, including one who becomes a minister for the first time:

- Gordon Wyant becomes Deputy Premier and Minister of Education;**
- Jeremy Harrison becomes Minister of Export and Trade Development and Minister of Immigration and Careers Training;**
- Tina Beaudry-Mellor becomes Minister of Advanced Education and Minister responsible for Innovation Saskatchewan, and Status of Women;**
- Ken Cheveldayoff becomes Minister of Central Services and Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission and the Provincial Capital Commission;**
- Warren Kaeding, becomes Minister of Government Relations and Minister of First Nations, Metis and Northern Affairs.**

Two ministers remain in cabinet but change portfolios:

- Bronwyn Eyre becomes Minister of Energy and Resources and Minister responsible for**

SaskWater and SaskEnergy;

- **Christine Tell becomes Minister of Corrections and Policing, and Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation.**

Ten ministers retain their current cabinet responsibilities:

- **Don Morgan remains Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and Minister responsible for Labour Relations and Workplace Safety and Workers' Compensation Board while adding responsibility for the Global Transportation Hub and SaskTel;**
- **Donna Harpauer remains Minister of Finance;**
- **Lyle Stewart remains Minister of Agriculture and Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance;**
- **Jim Reiter remains Minister of Health;**
- **Dustin Duncan remains Minister of Environment and Minister responsible for the Water Security Agency and SaskPower;**
- **Greg Ottenbreit remains Minister of Rural and Remote Health;**
- **David Marit remains Minister of Highways and Infrastructure, and Minister responsible for SaskBuilds and Priority Saskatchewan;**
- **Joe Hargrave remains Minister of Crown Investments Corporation, and Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance;**
- **Paul Merriman remains Minister of Social Services;**
- **Gene Makowsky remains Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, and Minister responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority while adding responsibility for Tourism Saskatchewan.**

“This team of 17 women and men represent many of the qualities that make our province great,” Moe said. “As cabinet, we will set targets and continue to strive to reach them. As a team, we will stand with the people of our province. As a team, we will stand with Saskatchewan.”

**IT IS AN HONOUR TO BE PART OF THE NEW CABINET FOR THE
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN**



I am honoured to be asked by Premier Scott Moe to serve in Cabinet as Minister of Central Services, Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission and the Provincial Capital Commission. The swearing in ceremony was held February 2nd.

As many of you may have noticed, I have not mentioned the Leadership Race in this newsletter prior to the new Premier being elected.

Today though, I humbly thank each and every member for participating in the Leadership race. No matter who you chose to support, our Party is stronger because of your participation. Words cannot express the gratitude I feel to those that helped all the leadership candidates. I sincerely congratulate Premier Scott Moe, Deputy Premier Gord Wyant along with leadership candidates, the Honourable Tina Beaudry-Mellor and Alanna Koch. Our journey took us to every corner of this great province and we have listened and learned from members across Saskatchewan. Along with our entire Caucus, I look forward to uniting with Premier Scott Moe as we work hard to keep Saskatchewan strong.

To the constituents of Saskatoon Willowgrove, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you. I am extremely grateful.



REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



Photo of Caucus colleagues warmly welcoming our Premier, Scott Moe
Saskatchewan's new Premier, Scott Moe, recently chaired his first Caucus meeting at the legislative building. Under his leadership, our entire team is united, strong, and ready to get

work, stand with Saskatchewan, and secure a second decade of growth.

Over the last 10 years, Saskatchewan welcomed over 160,000 new people. This era of hope, optimism and hard work brought over 60,000 new jobs to our province with our economy, on per capita basis, growing more than anywhere else in the country.

Saskatchewan is consistently the number one or number two Agri-food exporter among the provinces and the recent grand opening of the new Agri-Food Innovation Centre in Saskatoon will help expand development and commercialization of even more Saskatchewan-made products.

Saskatchewan's unique "patent box" incentive – a first of its kind in North America –recently secured its first successful investment. The incentive is designed to strengthen our economy by positioning the province as an attractive location for the development and launch of innovative products.

New statistics show Saskatchewan manufacturing grew by 13.5% last year – second best in the nation. This sector continues to produce high-value goods which are shipped to markets across the world, strengthening an economy that is projected to lead Canada in growth over the next two years.

Once the place to be from, Saskatchewan is the place be.

As we look to the future with optimism, we are reminded of how far we've come and the reasons why we pursue growth in the first place. We don't pursue growth for the sake of growth, we pursue it because it allows us to invest in people and a better quality of life for all in Saskatchewan.

When Saskatchewan had good financial fortune, our government chose to make the largest debt repayment, income tax cut and property tax cut in Saskatchewan history. Families have saved thousands and taxpayers have saved over \$1.5 billion in interest payments.

Today we have a Aaa credit rating, the highest rating possible, the second-best debt to GDP ratio in Canada and \$1 billion less operating debt since 2007.

The dividends of growth have given us the ability to create and enhance new income supports for low-income seniors and those living with disabilities; to build a new hospital to support those with mental health needs; and to finally build a dedicated Children's Hospital for Saskatchewan.

Growth has helped build new schools and health facilities and has supported front-line workers

by hiring 750 more doctors and 3,400 more nurses. It has also helped us take surgical wait times in Saskatchewan from the longest in Canada to now among the shortest.

In 2012, our government along with community partners, helped bring STARS Air Ambulance to the province. This critical investment was made possible thanks to a strong and growing province that Saskatchewan people have worked hard to build.

We want to thank Brad Wall for his vision, strong leadership and passionate advocacy for Saskatchewan and its people during a decade of growth. Our Caucus team from across the province stands ready to get to work building on that legacy under the leadership of Premier Scott Moe.

NEW SASKATOON GROUP HOME OPENS



Eric Olason, MLA for Saskatoon University joined community members, dignitaries and group home residents in Saskatoon to celebrate the grand opening of Elmwood Residences Inc.'s new replacement group home.

This newly purchased home will provide care to four people. Elmwood Residences currently operates 12 group homes, one 40-space manor, one supported independent living program and a day program.

“Today is an exciting day for our community, our province, and especially the four people who now call this place home,” Olauson said. “Our government’s partnership with Elmwood Residences and our ongoing commitments to this organization as we work together to achieve the goals of the Saskatchewan Disability Strategy. Community-based organizations, like Elmwood, play a valuable role in supporting people with disabilities.”

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

NEW AGRI-FOOD INNOVATION CENTRE OFFICIALLY OPENS IN SASKATCHEWAN



January 25th, Saskatchewan’s agri-food industry celebrated the grand opening of the new Agri-Food Innovation Centre (AFIC), a 43,000-square foot facility that will diversify the Saskatchewan Food Industry Development Centre’s (Food Centre) capacity to develop and process products from concept to commercialization.

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale, on behalf of Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Lawrence MacAulay and Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Navdeep Bains, and Premier Brad Wall joined representatives of the Food Centre in officially opening the \$17.5 million

facility in Saskatoon.

The Food Centre is the primary source of food product development and commercialization for the Saskatchewan food industry. The creation of the AFIC supports the expansion of Saskatchewan's agri-food processing sector and introduces a dedicated multi-tenant food processing incubator, extrusion line, expanded drying capabilities and fermentation technologies. It will also house new labs, a pilot plant for product and process development, and expanded capacity for pulse and cereal processing. The Food Centre will continue to operate the federally inspected pilot plant housed on the University of Saskatchewan campus.

Read the news release [here](#).

GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN TO CO-HOST NATIONAL RECREATION FORUM



The Government of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) are excited to announce the first ever Framework for Recreation in Canada Forum.

From May 8-10, in Regina, this national event will contribute to achieving the values and goals of

the Framework for Recreation in Canada. **Gathering Strength: Framework for Recreation in Canada Forum will focus on creating dialog and building relationships across the country.**

“Recreation is essential in the lives of all Canadians no matter one’s age or physical ability,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. “Events like this help to answer the Framework’s call to address the challenges and showcase the benefits recreation has in our province and in our country.”

Recreation professionals, academics, educators, students and innovative leaders will come together for this three day forum. The Forum will include networking to share successful strategies related to the five Framework goals of: Active Living, Inclusion and Access, Connecting People and Nature, Supportive Environments and Recreation Capacity.

Click [here](#) to read the entire news release.

DRUG PRICING INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE MILLIONS IN SAVINGS FOR SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatchewan residents will soon benefit from lower prices on generic drugs. A new national generic drug initiative will result in \$6 million in savings in the first year and up to \$50 million in savings over the next five years for the Saskatchewan Drug Plan.

Savings for patients and employers are expected to match or exceed those achieved by the provincial government.

Through the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance (pCPA), provinces and territories have developed a new initiative with the Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association (CGPA) to significantly reduce the price of some of Canada’s most commonly prescribed generic drugs.

“We know medicine is expensive, and our government is committed to providing Saskatchewan residents with the best value for the important drugs they rely on,” Health Minister Jim Reiter said. “In addition to benefitting the public, it benefits the province as well. The savings we realize will help our public drug plan provide coverage for new and innovative drugs, and increase the plan’s sustainability.”

Click [here](#) for more information.

**CITY OF SASKATOON PROJECT UPDATES - PLAN FOR
GROWTH**

We're getting YXE's new **Transit Plan** ready... it's time to talk details.

Help **REFINE** our Transit Plans!

Come & Go Event
Feb 7 - 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
TCU Place, Gallery C

Join The Conversation:
Social Media - #GrowYXE
Surveys @ saskatoon.ca/engage

Let's Talk About:

- Proposed Functional Plan
- Station Designs
- Park & Ride Strategy
- Reconfiguration Options

Bus Rapid Transit is a new type of transit service for Saskatoon that will connect you from where you are to where you want to go. It forms the backbone of a transit system built around frequent, direct transit links.



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Saskatoon**
saskatoon.ca/engage

Plan for
GROWTH


Message From Project Team

On February 7, the City of Saskatoon will be hosting the next round of conversations about our

Proposed Transit Plan (which includes both Bus Rapid Transit, and a reconfiguration of Saskatoon Transit). We want to invite you to help us refine our plan!

TRANSIT PLAN - COME & GO EVENT

FEB 7, 2018

5:30 - 8:00PM

TCU Place, Gallery C (35 22nd Street East)

We'll show you the functional plan, station locations, station designs, park and ride strategy and reconfiguration options for Saskatoon Transit.

This will be a great opportunity for you to see the system design first-hand and help us make our plans even better! Don't miss this opportunity to help shape Saskatoon's Future Transit System.

Can't make it in-person? Go to Saskatoon.ca/engage to take one of our surveys - which will be open from Feb 7 - Feb 22.

**KOMODO DRAGONS SET TO RETURN TO CALGARY ZOO IN
FEBRUARY**



Photo credit City of Saskatoon

City of Saskatoon News Release: It is time to say farewell to Thorn and Shruikán as the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo (Zoo) begins preparations for the Komodo dragons to return to the Calgary Zoo.

The Komodo Island Exhibit opened to the public on April 1, 2017, giving visitors an opportunity to learn more about Komodo dragons while also getting an up-close look at these larger-than-life lizards.

Although the Komodo Island Exhibit was only a temporary home for the dragons, Thorn and Shruikán settled into the Zoo family quite well.

“The dragons were a great addition to our collection, and it has been amazing to watch them grow over the past year,” said Tim Sinclair-Smith, Zoo Manager. “When the dragons first arrived, Thorn weighed 21.40 kg while Shruikán weighed 23.25 kg. Since then, the dragons have grown to be 32.25 kg and 31.00 kg respectively.”

The Zoo invites everyone to come and see the Komodo Island Exhibit one last time before it closes on Thursday, February 15, 2018. The Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is by donation until March 31.

Additional information regarding the Zoo can be found at saskatoon.ca/zoo.

**ALWAYS BUCKLE UP BEFORE DRIVING OR RIDING IN A
VEHICLE**



As hard as it is to believe, there are still some people who don't wear a seatbelt. February's Traffic Safety Spotlight is on seatbelts and car seats, and police across Saskatchewan will be looking for people not wearing a seatbelt, wearing one improperly, or not having children properly secured in the vehicle. <https://www.sgi.sk.ca/about/newsreleases/2018/febspotlight.html> #BuckleUp

[SASKATACHEWAN.CA/HEALTHLINE](https://www.sgi.sk.ca/about/newsreleases/2018/febspotlight.html)

Feeling overwhelmed,
hopeless, depressed?

***Call HealthLine 811 for
free, confidential support 24/7.***



Are you struggling with depression, thoughts of suicide, alcohol, addiction or relationship problems?

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CARDBOARD CUP - FEBRUARY 10TH!



Rock 102 Cardboard Cup powered by Elite Property Management will be held at Diefenbaker Hill on Saturday, February 10th! All you need is cardboard, tape, string, and glue... then create your masterpiece of destruction and you could win a Ski Trip for 4 to Marmot Basin in Jasper.

There are great prizes along with hot chocolate & cookies supplied by Tim Hortons. Register your sled at <http://www.rock102rocks.com/2018/01/03/3675/>

11:30 Registration, 12:00 Show & Shine, 1:00 Races begin, Awards to Follow
After party at Sports on Tap!

[CROKICURL IN SASKATOON!](#)



Have you checked out Crockicurl in Saskatoon? Crockicurl is located at the intersection of Broadway Avenue and 12th Street East. I've heard you just need shoes with good grip and a "have fun" attitude!

The playing area is located beside the Broadway Roastery (614 Broadway Avenue) and is available for use now. It is free to use for ALL Saskatoon residents.

Curling rocks are available:

Weekdays – 9AM-9PM (private bookings)

Weekends – 9AM-9PM (First come, first serve)

To ensure availability of curling rocks at a certain time during the weekdays, please make a booking by emailing hello@broadwayxe.com with a date and time. Click [here](#) for information.

KAYDEN KOT FUNDRAISER HELD SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD



Trish and I were happy to attend the fundraiser Saturday, February 3rd for a young Saskatoon Willowgrove constituent, Kayden Kot. It was great to see so many people in attendance. Congratulations to the organizers and sponsors of this special event.

Kayden's parents, Peter & Sylvie Kot (pictured above) express their sincere thanks to everyone who was able to attend the annual steak night fundraiser for their son Kayden. The event was held at Sutherland Bar. Kayden is now diagnosed with a rare genetic syndrome, called CFC. Kayden continues to make progress with his global developmental delays. He attends kindergarten at Holy Family School in the afternoons. All funds raised will go towards a specialized wheelchair and out of country intensive therapies needed for Kayden.

If you weren't able to attend and would like to make a contribution, there's an on going gofundme page. <http://www.gofundme.com/steaknightforkayden>

The family is incredibly thankful for the donations, community and family support they continue to receive. Without this outpouring of support their is no doubt that Kayden wouldn't where he is today. They look forward to seeing you at the event next year!

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

**“View life as a
continuous
learning
experience.”**

- Denis Waitley

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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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