

Check out What's happening in Saskatoon Silver Springs and throughout the Province!



Provincial Point of View

January 11, 2017
Stay Warm!

A FROSTY DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE - BE SAFE IN THIS COLD WEATHER!



Extreme cold warnings continue across Saskatchewan today. Poor visibility and blowing snow is expected or occurring in many locations.

Cold Weather Health Precautions

Freezing temperatures, chilling winds, ice storms and snow can cause serious health problems including frostbite and hypothermia (abnormally low body temperature).

Precautions

- Wear several layers of loose-fitting clothing, mittens, a hat and a face cover when outdoors.
- Stay dry.
- Be extra cautious in the wind. A strong wind, even in only moderately cold weather, can cause a wind chill far below freezing.
- At the first signs of possible frostbite – redness or pain in any skin area – get out of the cold or protect any exposed skin.
- Watch for hypothermia symptoms.
 - Confusion, drowsiness, slurred speech, a drop in blood pressure, shallow breathing and a pinkish tint to the skin.
 - Anyone with hypothermia symptoms is in immediate danger and should receive medical help right away.
- Check on elderly or sick people, especially if they live alone or in isolated areas.

HAPPY UKRAINIAN NEW YEAR!



**TRANSITION TO SINGLE PROVINCIAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
UNDERWAY**

Work is underway to consolidate the 12 existing Regional Health Authorities (RHAs) to a single Provincial Health Authority, anticipated to occur in fall 2017.

“As work begins on the transition, our goal is to ensure implementation occurs seamlessly and that the needs of patients are always our top priority,” Health Minister Jim Reiter said. “This is a significant change and there is a lot of work to be done. Our government is taking a thoughtful and planned approach to ensure this is done right.”

A transition team is being assembled that will include Ministry of Health, clinical and health system leaders. The team is tasked with developing a comprehensive plan to implement the new Provincial Health Authority. Along with a new governance and management structure, the team will be considering the consolidation of health system administration and clinical support services, and the potential savings associated with consolidation. The potential savings associated with consolidation are currently estimated in the range of \$10-20 million by 2018-19.

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

SASKATOON SERVICES FOR SENIORS



I'm pleased to share this information in our newsletter with you! Saskatoon Services for Seniors is proud of their ability to offer many types of home support services that many types of home support services, yard service and information on local handy-persons or business to help with senior's needs. The importance and value of this program for our community is significant. The services provided by Urban Camp facilitates aging-in-place by keeping our seniors and persons with disabilities aging in their own homes, longer and more successfully. This partnership is an example of government and private sector working hand in hand to respond to the needs of this important population in a cost effective and mutually beneficial manner.

Through their services and actions, they show Services for Seniors values:

Independence - freedom to choose without being subject to the influence or control of others

Collaboration - cultivating and honoring relationships to better serve our clients

Affordability - to have the means to acquire services without negatively impacting one's

circumstances

Respect - recognizing that all people and their needs are important

Excellence - pursuing quality in all that we do

I encourage you to click [here](#) for additional information and the mission of this organization to provide home support services to Saskatoon's seniors and physically-challenged which maximizes independence and safety in their homes! To read their newsletter, please click [here](#).

DO YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN HIGHLIGHTED IN OUR NEWSLETTER?



I am always pleased to highlight important occasions or accomplishments, significant birthdays, anniversaries or items of general interest. If you have a story or an event you would like to see featured in this newsletter, please let me know.

Do you have a family member celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary? Our office will co-ordinate messages from officials to mark the special occasion.

Contact my office at 306.657.7100 or email ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net. I look forward to hearing from you!

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS IN DECEMBER

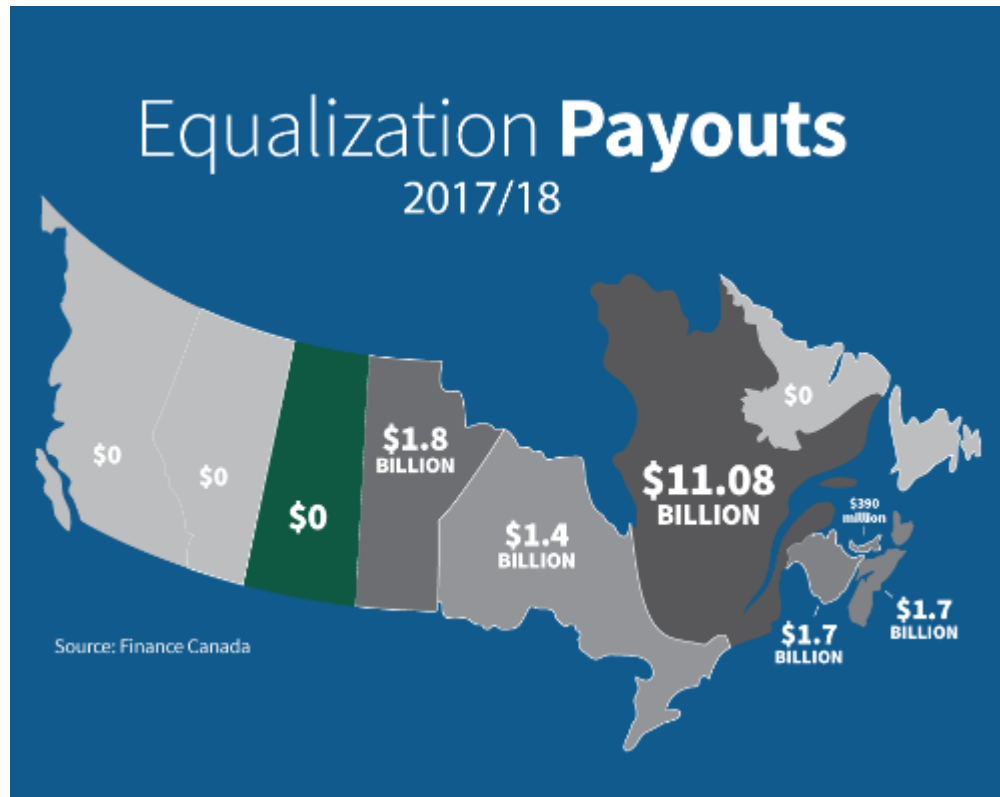
Saskatchewan recorded a 6.5 per cent unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) in December 2016, down from 6.8 per cent in November 2016. There were 563,000 people employed in the province in December 2016. Year-over-year, there was a decrease of 7,900 jobs.

Over the same period, Alberta recorded a loss of 17,300 jobs, while Newfoundland and Labrador recorded a loss of 5,700 jobs. All three oil producing provinces recorded the highest job losses in Canada.

“We are pleased to see the unemployment rate drop for the second consecutive month,” Economy Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “It should be noted that the largest job losses recorded in 2016 were in the three oil producing provinces. This clearly indicates now is not the time for a job-killing

carbon tax.”

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



Premier Brad Wall, "Hey Saskatchewan - here is a reminder of how much you will contribute to Canada in the coming year.

In 2017, \$18 billion in equalization payments will be provided to six provinces while four provinces, including Saskatchewan, receive nothing. That's because, for the 10th year in a row, Saskatchewan is a 'have' province.

So Saskatchewan will contribute \$580 million this year to equalization from our 1.16 million residents (about \$500 from every man, woman and child). Over the ...past decade, that's more than \$5 billion from our province's taxpayers while receiving \$0 equalization dollars.

Just thought you should know, you are definitely doing your part."

IS BEING BETTER ORGANIZED ONE OF YOUR NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS?

SIMPLE STEPS TO STAYING ORGANIZED

1. if you get it out -- put it back
2. if you open it -- shut it
3. if you try it on -- hang it up
4. if you get it dirty -- wash it
5. if you don't use it -- get rid of it
6. if it doesn't fit -- donate it
7. if it's expired -- dump it
8. if it's junk -- throw it out
9. if it's a bill -- pay it
10. if you schedule it -- write it down

POTASHCORP WINTERSHINES - SASKATOON'S WINTER FESTIVAL



PotashCorp Wintershines, Saskatchewan's Premiere Winter Festival is coming up. Mark your calendars and get ready for a winter wonderland for all snow and ice activities in Saskatoon. New details are being added daily so check here often for updates.

PLEASE DON'T TEXT WHILE DRIVING!

Under NO circumstances
are you to text me while
you are driving, ever.

I don't want my name
to be the last name on
your phone before you
cause an accident
or kill someone.

**REMINDER: JANUARY 23 DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR TWO
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS**

Government Relations Minister Donna Harpauer reminded eligible recipients to apply by noon, Monday, January 23 for a pair of infrastructure programs that will enhance communities and keep Saskatchewan strong.

“Improving, renewing and building local infrastructure improves the quality of life for our citizens by strengthening our water works, transportation systems and civic assets,” Harpauer said. “We look forward to receiving project applications so that we can move forward together with our partners to build an even better Saskatchewan.”

The application form, as well as information concerning program criteria and eligibility can be found

at www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration/funding-finances-and-asset-management/funding/nbcf.

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

CALL HEALTHLINE AT 811 FOR PROFESSIONAL HEALTH ADVICE

Do you have a health concern and need advice?

Call HealthLine 811



- HealthLine is **confidential, free** and available 24/7.
- **Translation** is available in **over 100 languages** (28 Indigenous).

HealthLine also provides **mental health and addictions crisis support, information and connection to services.**

You can reach HealthLine at **811** or **1-877-800-0002**.



- Available 24 hours
- Confidential
- Free of charge
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What is HealthLine 811?

HealthLine is a confidential, 24-hour health information and support telephone line. It is staffed by experienced and specially trained client navigators, registered nurses, registered psychiatric nurses and social workers.

HealthLine is free of charge. Services are offered in English, with translation available in over 100 languages.

TTY access for the hearing impaired is available at 1-888-425-4444.

If you are having technical issues with accessing Healthline by dialling 811, you can call 1-877-800-0002 to be connected with Healthline.

How does HealthLine work?

When you call 811, a licensed health care professional will give you options and information to help you with health related questions or concerns. You will be able to discuss your concerns in a safe, caring and confidential manner.

A registered nurse will assess your symptoms and help you decide whether to treat your own symptoms, go to a clinic, see your primary health care provider or access emergency medical care, if necessary.

HealthLine also provides mental health and addictions support. HealthLine's registered psychiatric nurses and social workers can offer crisis counseling and strategies to help you manage your situation or give you information about resources in your community.

SASKATCHEWAN - WHO KNEW?

FUN TRIVIA



* Regina is in the Guinness Book Of Records.. It has the longest bridge (Albert Street Bridge) over the shortest body of water (Wascana... Lake).

* The railway track from Regina to Stoughton used to be the longest stretch of perfectly straight track in the world, at 85 miles.

* Battleford was the capital of the Northwest Territories before Saskatchewan became a province. But lost out to Regina when the province was formed. The original government House looked over the former battle grounds of the rebellion until it burned to the ground a few years ago.

* The very first Dairy Queen was started in Melville in 1953. The original owner was Donald M. Patrick.

* In Saskatchewan there are over 100,000 lakes, rivers, and bogs. The Province has three major river systems all of which empty into Hudson Bay; the Assiniboine, the North & South Saskatchewan and the Churchill.

* Famed theorist/physicist Albert Einstein played goal for the Canwood (SK) Canucks one winter while sojourning north to Canada to 'find peace and silence' for his work on the Theory of Relativity. He had played hockey in his younger years in Germany.

* Dr. Ballard of dog food fame was a veterinarian in Wolsely which, incidentally, was also the home of the very first Beaver Lumber.

* Dad's Cookies were once made at the former roller skating rink in White City.

* Brett Hull lived in a little log house a few miles out of Whitewood.

* Gordie Howe was born near Saskatoon.

* Moose Jaw - The former Joyner department store was the western distributor of Levis jeans. The stock would sometimes exceed one million dollars. It had been reopened as a Gift/Crafu/Souvenir store. Tragically, this store and several nearby historical buildings recently burned down. This store ! also owned the largest Cash Cable Car system (over 1000 feet in length) that was still operational. The only other one in working order is in Europe or China and is between 600 and 700 feet.. Disney had offered the Joyner family \$600,000 for the system so they could put it into their Euro-Disney complex, but the family honoured the wishes of the original store owner that the system remain in Moose Jaw.

* W.O. Mitchell, who wrote Who Has Seen the Wind, and Jake and the Kid (both of which are regularly read in classrooms across Canada), grew up in Weyburn. In 1976 the town of Arcola was the site of the filming of Who Has Seen the Wind

* Estevan is the sunshine capital of Canada.

* Saskatchewan has the largest kimberlite field, (diamond-bearing rock) in the world, located near Prince Albert, where DeBeers & other companies are working now.

* Wilkie is home to the world's largest Grasshopper

* Saltcoats, (16 miles S/E of Yorkton PTH 16) has been titled the salamander capital of Canada.

* Manitou Lake is not in fact the 3rd 'saltiest' body of water - The others are The Dead Sea and The

Great Salt Lake in Utah. There are many bodies of water in Saskatchewan that are saltier, but none have the mineral content of Manitou.

* Danceland - at Lake Manitou near Watrous - world's only horse hair padded dance floor.

* John Diefenbaker, former Prime Minister, lived in Wakaw and Prince Albert. Interestingly, Sir Wilfred Laurier, Mackenzie King and John Diefenbaker were all elected to the House of Commons from the Prince Albert constituency.

* Wynyard is the chicken capital of Canada because they export the highest amount of chicken per capita. Every summer during the carnival days they host the 'chicken chariot race' where chickens are hooked up to a homemade chariot and they are raced down lanes to see which one is the fastest.

Now you know!

VISIT THE FUTURE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM THIS WEEKEND!



This weekend, visit the future children's museum this weekend! Argyle Design from Brooklyn New York will set up a prototype for one of the new exhibits for the Mendel redevelopment – “Toon Town” – an unfolding, ever-evolving, changeable townscape is the setting for unlimited imaginative play, group planning and organizing, theatrical productions, and for collaborative programs and projects.

You and your family are invited and admission is free but space is limited. Get your tickets!

<https://www.picatic.com/event14830381128449#/edit>

If you want to join the new PotashCorp children's museum for some great fun, click [here](#) for additional information.

CANADA AND SASKATCHEWAN FUND 28 PROJECTS TO IMPROVE WATER, WASTEWATER AND TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS THE PROVINCE

Investing in public infrastructure helps ensure that Canadians and their families have safe water to drink, wastewater systems they can rely on, and high-quality public transit systems that get them to work on time and back home safely at the end of a long day. The governments of Canada and Saskatchewan are once again making investments that will help create well-paying jobs and grow the middle class now while building a strong foundation for a sustainable economic future.

Today, Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, and Donna Harpauer, Minister of Government Relations and Minister Responsible for First Nations, Métis and Northern Affairs, announced more than \$38.6 million for 28 new projects across Saskatchewan through the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund and the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund. The federal government is providing up to 50 per cent of funding – more than \$19.3 million – while the province is investing more than \$8.9 million. Local municipalities are contributing the balance of more than \$10.3 million.

See the facts and links [here](#).

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS FUNDRAISER FOR KAYDEN KOT

Steak Night Benefit for Kayden Kot Saturday Jan. 28, 2017

Please join us for a Steak Night Benefit as we raise funds for the therapies Kayden needs to reach his potential!

Kayden has made great progress since his brain injury and paralysis in 2013. He is now 5 years old – he is not yet walking, talking or eating orally. Kayden's family pays for private therapies as well as his dietary supplements out of their own pocket. They would also like to return to the US to meet with a pediatric neurologist regarding his seizures and with a pediatric dietician/nutritionist regarding his diet.

Peter, Sylvie and Edyn are extremely grateful to family, friends and the community for the amazing generosity that has been shown to them in the past. We hope that you can continue to support Kayden's family to get the help he needs!



For tickets or more information please contact:
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or call/text 306-381-8873
OR Donna Dube' at dkdube@sasktel.net or 306-244-2227

If you would like to donate but cannot attend the event, donations can also be made on the following website (no tax receipt issued):
<https://www.gofundme.com/kaydenkotfund>

Thank-you for your thoughts, prayers and generosity!

All the Details:
When? Saturday Jan. 28, 2017, 5 to 8 pm

Where? The Thirsty Scholar, Grosvenor Park Centre, 2105 8 St E

Cost? \$25/ticket

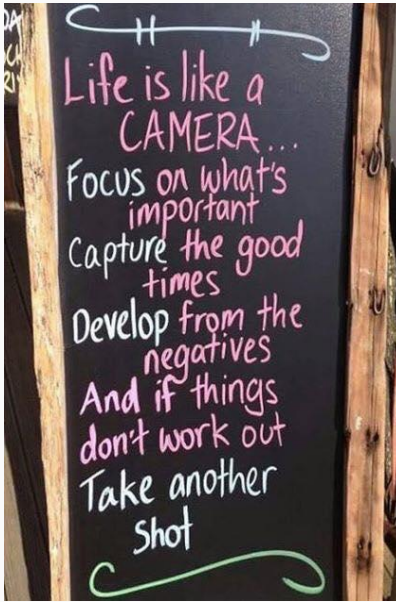
Admission includes: Steak supper consisting of steak, mushrooms, garlic toast, salad, baked potato and beverage.

Please join us for Silent Auction, 50/50 draw, Raffles, Dessert table - All benefiting Kayden's therapy needs!! Cash and Cheque only.

You Make All the Difference - Thank-you!

***[CLICK HERE](#) TO READ SEVERAL ADDITIONAL
GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES!***

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.

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