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Provincial Point of View

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Keeping Saskatchewan Strong

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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. 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.

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

**THANK YOU TO KELLY PANTELUK CONSTRUCTION FOR THE
DONATION TO THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION**



I was delighted to join His Worship Don Atchison, Brynn Boback-Lane, President and CEO of the Children's Hospital Foundation, Mike Stensrud, Saskatoon Health Region Board Chair and many others that gathered to witness the incredible contribution to the Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan made by Kelly Panteluk.

Kelly Panteluk Construction Ltd. has a rich history of supporting Saskatchewan communities through donations to infrastructure projects and services, and January 12 we celebrated another generous contribution. KPCL made a generous donation of \$450,000 to support the Multidisciplinary Assessment Room. This space is just one of the ways that this innovative hospital will meet the healthcare needs of Saskatchewan families by putting patients first.

It was indeed an honour to bring greetings on behalf Premier Brad Wall, Health Minister Dustin Duncan and the government of Saskatchewan and celebrate the work of the Children's Hospital Foundation. The generosity of KPCL is bringing us one step closer to opening the doors to an innovative hospital that will serve Saskatchewan children and families for years to come.

SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMY REMAINED STRONG IN 2015
DESPITE CHALLENGES

ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS 2015

12,312 more people 

in SK from October 2014 to October 2015 (1.09% increase)


2nd fastest growth rate in Canada



7,200 new jobs

November 2015 over November 2014

Lowest unemployment rate in Canada

9.4%  in wholesale trade

Year-over-year, January to October

Highest increase in Canada



9.0%  in building permits

Year-over-year, January to October

2nd highest increase in Canada



In spite of challenges on the resource front, Saskatchewan's economy remained strong in 2015 compared to other provinces.

"Saskatchewan remains at or near the top among Canadian provinces in many important economic categories, like job creation, unemployment rate and population growth," Premier Brad Wall said. "The fact we have been able to withstand the considerable economic hit from low resource prices while still showing economic progress speaks volumes about the resiliency and the diversity of Saskatchewan's economy."

Read more about our province being on track for another year of record high employment and the lowest unemployment rate in Canada by clicking [here](#)

STABILITY OF SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT YIELDS INVESTMENT



Lex Capital Management recently announced \$142 million in oil and gas investments – 80 per cent of which are allocated to Saskatchewan due to our royalty stability. Premier Wall thanked Craig Lothian and the entire group for their investments in Saskatchewan and the strong prospects of our energy sector.

Our government has worked to create a stable economic environment supportive of business and commerce. In doing this, Saskatchewan has become an attractive place to live, work and invest. The last thing our energy sector needs is tax shock or surprises – and that’s why we’re committed to royalty stability.

GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND SASKATCHEWAN MAKE IT EASIER FOR PARENTS OF NEWBORNS TO APPLY FOR BENEFITS

“Welcoming a newborn into the world can be an exciting and very busy time for parents,” Duncan said. “Our government is committed to supporting new parents and this new birth bundling package will make it quicker and easier for them to access government services related to the birth of their child.”

“We understand that new parents have their hands and arms full when they welcome a new addition into their family and don’t have a lot of extra time to be filling out paperwork,” eHealth Saskatchewan CEO Susan Antosh said. “Giving parents access to four optional government services through one comprehensive form will mean more free time to spend with their loved ones.”

Click [here](#) to read the entire news release about the partnership with eHealth, Employment and Social Development Canada and Canada Revenue Agency.

BE SURE TO GET YOUR TICKETS AND SUPPORT GLOBAL GATHERING!

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GLOBAL GATHERING PLACE
(AND ENJOY A DELICIOUS **PRIME RIB MEAL**,
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Tuesday, January 26, 2016
Legacy Lounge (formally Béilly's on 8th)
2404 8th Street East, Saskatoon
Cocktails 6pm, Supper 7pm



Your \$25 ticket will get you a supper of prime rib, mashed potato, caesar salad, and garlic toast. It will also raise much-needed funds for the Global Gathering Place to support the settlement and integration of refugees.

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LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN CANADA

In December 2015, Saskatchewan's unemployment rate was 5.5 per cent (seasonally adjusted), the lowest rate among provinces and well below the national average of 7.1 per cent.

Saskatchewan has maintained the lowest unemployment rate in Canada for 26 of the last 27 months.

"Despite the economic challenges caused by low oil prices, Saskatchewan had the lowest average unemployment rate in the country in 2015," Immigration, Jobs, Skills and Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Having the lowest unemployment rate in the country and the creation of full-time jobs is proof that our economy remains resilient."

Read the highlights [here](#).

ERINDALE ARBOR CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEED YOU!



The Erindale Arbor Creed Community Association is currently seeking volunteers to fill positions. If you would like to join the EACCA Executive Board by volunteering please contact: EACCA President: Paul Gustafson at president@erindlearborcreek.org or EACCA Vice-President:

Jared Orynik at vp@erindalearbocreek.org.

A GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT BY CONSTITUENT JENNIFER TOWN!



I sincerely congratulate one of our constituents, Jennifer Town who was featured in the Saskatoon StarPhoenix recently.

Jennifer is a graduate student at the University of Saskatchewan. By studying microbes, Jennifer has found a way to improve the efficiency of the facilities turning manure into green energy, which could help promote a wider adoption of this technology among large-scale cattle producers in the future.

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to share this incredible article. Jennifer's accomplishments are indeed having a positive impact in our province. Please [click](#) here to read the article in the StarPhoenix.

COMING EVENTS

Saskatchewan Rush Lacrosse Home Opener

When: Friday, January 15

Where: SaskTel Centre

Click [here](#) for additional information

Fundraiser for Kayden Kot - A Special Child in our Constituency!

When: Saturday, January 23

Where: Holy Family Cathedral Hall

For additional information contact: Sylvie Fortier-Kot at: smfortier@hotmail.com or call/text 306-381-8873

OR Pete Kot at: ps.kot@sasktel.net or call/text 306-341-3819

PotashCorp Wintershines - Saskatoon's Winter Festival

When: January 23 - January 31

Click [here](#) for the events calendar and plan to attend this amazing event in our city!

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"Motivation is the art of getting people to do what you want them to do because they want to do it." Unknown

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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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