

Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



## Provincial Point of View

**A beautiful January day  
in Saskatchewan!**

### REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



Every province in Canada has now imposed some version of the Trudeau carbon tax – every province except Saskatchewan. Our [made-in-Saskatchewan climate change plan](#) will seriously address the challenge of climate change without a carbon tax. The NDP said we should "check with the feds" to see if that's OK.

We don't work for the federal government. We work for the people of Saskatchewan. The NDP may want the Trudeau carbon tax in Saskatchewan, but we're going to stand up for this province.

The Trudeau government has now released a 236-page draft bill to impose its federal carbon tax on provinces that don't have one. Saskatchewan Justice is reviewing the draft federal legislation.

We continue to believe that the federal proposal to impose a carbon tax backstop on top of provincial climate change plans is a significant overreach by the Government of Canada and is open to Constitutional challenge.

If the Trudeau government decides to try and impose a carbon tax on Saskatchewan families and businesses, our government will continue our fight to prevent that from happening, including taking court action if necessary.

Ten years ago, our newly-elected Saskatchewan Party government set out to reverse years of decline under the NDP by creating one of the strongest investment climates in Canada.

During a decade of our plan in action, Saskatchewan has added over 60,000 more jobs and maintained among the strongest job and wage growth in all of Canada.

This period of exceptional growth has benefited our province in a variety of ways, including new and exciting opportunities to build careers and contribute to our communities.

We know that there have been challenges for our province's economy and that has put pressure on businesses, jobs, families, and the province's finances. We will continue to help diversify our economy by supporting growth in value-added production, innovation and technology.

Our government has also passed amendments to *The Income Tax Act*, extending the lower 2 per cent tax rate to small business income. This is going to provide greater incentive to hire more workers and invest in new capital. These changes build on our 2011 decision to reduce the small business tax rate from 4.5% to 2%, saving small businesses over half a billion dollars by the end of 2017.

Saskatchewan's economy continues to show signs of momentum with 5,000 new jobs in December and 17% growth in building permits over the past year. Saskatchewan's 12 per cent corporate income tax rate continues to be competitive and among the lowest in the country, further enhancing our province's significant advantages when attracting new investment and jobs.

Saskatchewan residents will also continue to benefit from lower provincial Personal Income Tax rates this year, which dropped half a percentage point effective July 1, 2017. Saskatchewan Personal Income Tax rates will drop by another half point on July 1, 2019.

An RBC Economics Provincial Outlook also projects Saskatchewan to lead the country with economic growth of 2.7 per cent for both 2018 and 2019. With a strengthening economy and our population continuing to grow, Saskatchewan is beginning a second decade of growth.

Recently, our government announced how legal cannabis will be sold in Saskatchewan.

The federal government has established very aggressive timelines for the legalization of cannabis and our government is being diligent to ensure the sale and regulation of cannabis in Saskatchewan

strikes a balance between public safety and access for consumers.

The Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA) will be issuing approximately 60 cannabis retail permits to private operators in up to 40 municipalities and First Nations communities.

The initial allocation for retail store permits will be in communities with a population of at least 2,500 people, with additional permits being allocated to larger communities. Municipalities and First Nations will have the option to opt out of having a cannabis store in their community if they choose.

Wholesaling and retailing of cannabis will be conducted by the private sector and regulated by SLGA.

Cannabis retailers will be required to establish standalone storefront operations, with the option to also operate an online store. Cannabis stores will be limited to selling cannabis, cannabis accessories, and other ancillary items. Stores must also have the ability to track and report cannabis inventory to help ensure consumers have access to safe, legal product from regulated wholesalers.

Other details will be finalized over the coming weeks with a decision on the minimum age to be made later this spring.

## BELL "LET'S TALK" MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31ST



Listen. Ask. Educate yourself. Use supportive words. Be kind. These are just some of the ways to help - because mental health affects us all. Join the conversation on Bell Let's Talk Day to help end the stigma.

Bell will donate 5 cents to Canadian mental health programs for each of these interactions on January 31:

- Text and talk: Every text message, mobile and long distance call made by Bell Canada, Bell Aliant

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- Twitter: Every tweet using [#BellLetsTalk](#) and Bell Let's Talk Day video view
- Facebook: Every view of the Bell Let's Talk Day video and use of the Bell Let's Talk frame
- Instagram: Every Bell Let's Talk Day video view
- Snapchat: Every use of the Bell Let's Talk geofilter and video view

Let's make a bigger difference in 2018! Remember, every interaction on Bell Let's Talk Day counts. [Click here](#) to read more.

## **SASKJOBS.CA PARTNERING WITH THE NATIONAL JOB BANK TO PROVIDE IMPROVED SERVICES**

saskjobs.ca is partnering with Canada's largest job search website  
**National Job Bank** – to serve you better.



**BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

- ⇒ Access to thousands of job seekers across the country
- ⇒ Valuable labour market information
- ⇒ Job-matching and job-alert services
- ⇒ Services in both official languages
- ⇒ All of these services at no charge

Register now to access these benefits.

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Saskatchewan's largest job-matching website, Saskjobs.ca, is partnering with Canada's largest job search website, the National Job Bank, to provide enhanced services for users. This partnership will improve how employers and job seekers can advertise, recruit and search for Saskatchewan jobs.

“Saskjobs.ca has served job seekers and employers well, helping to promote tens of thousands of opportunities in the province since it was introduced in 1999,” Economy Minister Steven Bonk said. “This partnership with the National Job Bank will provide more features and benefits, and is part of the Government of Saskatchewan's commitment to help attract and retain skilled workers in the province.”

Read about the many improvements [here](#).

## KEVIN DUNN ANNOUNCED AS PROVINCE'S NEXT SASKATCHEWANDERER



While growing up, Kevin Dunn spent much of his time travelling the province with his family and often found himself longing to make little stops along the way so he could jump out and explore. Named the 2018 Saskatchewan Wanderer, Dunn will finally get the chance to fulfill that childhood desire as he gears up for 365 days of pure exploration and adventure.

Dunn has a degree in Human Geography and has been working for the City of Saskatoon for the past five years. As a volunteer photographer and videographer in his community, he gained valuable experience that will serve him well as he focuses his lens on promoting Saskatchewan as the best place to live, work and play.

“I love creating inspiring work through videos and photos,” Dunn said. “My goal is to motivate and excite others to try something new, explore their own backyard and witness a side of Saskatchewan they have not seen before.”

“The Saskatchewan Wanderer brings widespread attention to the many reasons why Saskatchewan is a remarkable place,” Minister responsible for Tourism Saskatchewan Steven Bonk said. “It is a pleasure to welcome Kevin Dunn to his role as the 2018 Saskatchewan Wanderer, and we all look forward to the discoveries and stories he will share from his journey.”

“The Saskatchewan Wanderer program continues to exceed expectations,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. “I trust that the program’s eighth year will be no exception. Each

Wanderer has come to the table with a fresh perspective, a passion to explore and a desire to share all that Saskatchewan has to offer with residents and tourists alike.”

Watch Kevin's video and read the entire news release [here](#).



**SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS ... HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR  
SUMMER JOB?**



It might be January, but now is the time to apply for a summer job with the Government of Saskatchewan. Don't wait! <http://www.careers.gov.sk.ca/studentjobs>

## **INNOVATION SASKATCHEWAN PROGRAM SPARKS COLLABORATION AND RESEARCH INNOVATION IN HEALTH**

Five winning projects have been selected from the province's first SPARK Night, a networking and match-making type program for researchers, which took place in November 2017. Each project will receive \$5,000 in seed grants for preliminary research work. SPARK Night was created to help increase collaboration across research institutes which are funded by Innovation Saskatchewan.

This premiere event focused on health. It was successful in attracting almost 50 researchers from 16 different institutes - connecting scholars with similar areas of interest so they could interact and identify areas for joint study in the future.

"It is impressive to see this connection happening across research institutes in Saskatchewan," Minister Responsible for Innovation Steven Bonk said. "The province has high-quality, world-class researchers we can be proud of, and the results of the first SPARK Night show there is the opportunity to do even greater work by combining strengths and knowledge."

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

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FIGHTING FOREST FIRES?



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fighting forest fires?

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of  
Saskatchewan

Are you interested in training to be a wildland firefighter? If you're physically fit, enjoy the outdoors and being part of a team, wildland firefighting could be for you!

Applications are now being accepted to establish an eligibility list for upcoming opportunities in locations across northern Saskatchewan and the Cypress Hills. The work is hard but rewarding.

As a ministry crew member, you would usually be first to respond to a wildfire, working with pumps, hoses and hand tools. You might get to work in a truck, so you must have a driver's licence, but your ride could also be a helicopter, boat, floatplane, or you might even hike in! Usually, you'd work from April to August, depending on the season.

Sound interesting? Find more information and an application form here: <https://goo.gl/RGSdzY>

Competition closes January 27, 2018.

**[ENS SWINGING WITH THE STARS](#)**





Swinging With The Stars 2018 will be held Saturday, January 27th at 5:45 pm at TCU Place. Proceeds benefit the Breast Health Centre, Saskatoon City Hospital and will help purchase an automated breasOnline advance voting is Now Open!!! <http://swtsevents.com/saskatoon/online-voting/>

**Why Vote??**

The way your favorite dance pair wins the competition is by getting the most votes - to vote you

make a donation online or at the event - the pair that raises the most money is awarded the Ens Auto Crowd Favorite 2018 Champions trophy!!!

Good luck and congratulations to all of the contestants that have worked to hard.

**IN CASE YOU MISSED THIS LAST WEEK ...**  
**STEAK NIGHT BENEFIT FOR A YOUNG SASKATOON**  
**WILLOWGROVE CONSTITUENT, KAYDEN KOT!**



I'm pleased to share information about a very special benefit fundraiser for Kayden Kot in this newsletter. I encourage you to make every effort to attend the benefit steak night Saturday, February 3rd, 2018 at the Sutherland Bar, Central Avenue in Saskatoon.

Kayden is the 6 year old son of Peter and Sylvie Kot and a little brother of Edyn. He was born with complicated medical issues. In October, 2017, genetic testing resulted in a diagnosis of a very rare genetic disorder, Cardio-Facial-Cutaneous Syndrome. The Kots face an uncertain future and there is no definitive prognosis for Kayden's health.

This event will help raise funds for the intensive therapies Kayden needs to reach his potential. This special young boy in our constituency has stolen the hearts of many. This is your opportunity to attend a fundraiser, contribute to the silent auction or make a financial contribution. The Kots are very thankful for the generosity and support they have received in the past. They could not have paid for the numerous therapies, equipment, specialized whole food diet, daily supplements and out of country medical trips without the help of the community.

We hope you will consider contributing to Kayden's health fund so that his family can provide him with the best quality of life possible. All thoughts and prayers are also appreciated.

Tickets are going fast so don't delay! To purchase tickets, please contact:

Sylvie Fortier-Kot at: [smfortier@hotmail.com](mailto:smfortier@hotmail.com) or [ps.kot@sasktel.net](mailto:ps.kot@sasktel.net) or call/text 306-381-8873  
OR contact Donna Dube at [dkdube@sasktel.net](mailto:dkdube@sasktel.net) or call 306.270.8577.

If you would like to donate but cannot attend the event, donations can be made on the following website (no tax receipts will be issued): <https://www.gofundme.com/kaydenkotfund>  
For additional information please go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/steak-night-for-kayden>

## **NUTRIEN WINTERSHINES**



Saskatchewan's Premiere Winter Festival is coming up soon. Mark your calendars because from January 27th - February 4th there are activities for every age group during Nutrien Wintershines!

From a Winter Camp in the City to the WinterShines Snow Park to the Warm the Heart Soup Cookoff, there are activities and entertainment everyone.

Click [here](#) to check out the schedule along with the ice and snow activities.

## **PROVINCE FUNDS MAJOR SCIENCE RESEARCH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN**

The Government of Saskatchewan has committed \$2.2 million to Compute Canada, a national organization that provides Saskatchewan's research community with advanced research computing infrastructure, support personnel and services.

The Compute Canada Major Science Initiative 2.0 Project at the University of Saskatchewan will support research initiatives focused on global food security, the Canadian Light Source and other areas. The project is a continuation of a similar program that ran from 2012-2017. More than 480 researchers from Saskatchewan's universities benefited from Compute Canada's infrastructure and support services during this period, at an estimated value of \$4.9 million to the province. The funding will be provided through Innovation Saskatchewan's Innovation and Science Fund, over a five-year period from 2017 to 2022.

"Saskatchewan is home to innovative research and technical facilities, and we are proud of the remarkable work they do," Minister Responsible for Innovation Steven Bonk said. "This initiative will provide Saskatchewan researchers with access to supercomputers that support and accelerate research into agriculture, water security and other areas important to the province."

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

## PLEASE BE CAREFUL ON ICE!



I have shared the graphic above previously but thought it would be timely to post it again. With the recent warm temperatures and more on the way, remember to check for safe and sufficient ice before venturing out for ice fishing or other winter activities. The past few days there have been reports of vehicles going through the ice on Last Mountain Lake.

Ice thickness depends on the waterbody and surrounding conditions. Ice does not freeze at a uniform thickness and ice strength can vary considerably from one area to another.

Check the ice thickness before you travel on it and use caution. The ice thickness is a guideline for individuals to make a decision about whether to venture onto the ice.

**IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO HIGHLIGHT IN THIS NEWSLETTER, PLEASE LET US KNOW!**

Provincial Point of View is a great way to connect with our community. We appreciate the opportunity to share the successes we see in our constituency and highlight the many events happening in our community. If you have a suggestion for items you would like highlighted in this newsletter, please email: [ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net](mailto:ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net)

**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.

**"From a Provincial Point of View"** is a weekly message from Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA 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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