

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



Provincial Point of View

July 16, 2015

SASKATCHEWAN PEOPLE SET ANOTHER ALL-TIME EMPLOYMENT RECORD

SASKATCHEWAN JOB GROWTH

All-time record June 2015

589,100

people working in SK

Lowest unemployment rate* in Canada

21 months straight!

New jobs since June 2014:

7,500

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey
*Seasonally adjusted

Saskatchewan 

The June unemployment rate in Saskatchewan was 4.7 per cent (seasonally adjusted), down from 4.9 per cent in May (seasonally adjusted), and once again the lowest among all provinces,

according to numbers released by Statistics Canada. June marked an all-time high for employment as well as the 21st consecutive month that Saskatchewan had the lowest unemployment rate in Canada. Nationally, unemployment was 6.8 per cent in June.

“Maintaining the lowest unemployment rate is thanks to the hard work of Saskatchewan people and our strong, diversified economy that continues to create jobs,” Minister of Immigration, Jobs, Skills and Training Jeremy Harrison said. “One of the initiatives that helps maintain the lowest rate is our government’s investment in training for in-demand jobs. This helps employers fill their labour needs and helps Saskatchewan people get good jobs that they can turn into rewarding careers.”

Read additional highlights [here](#)

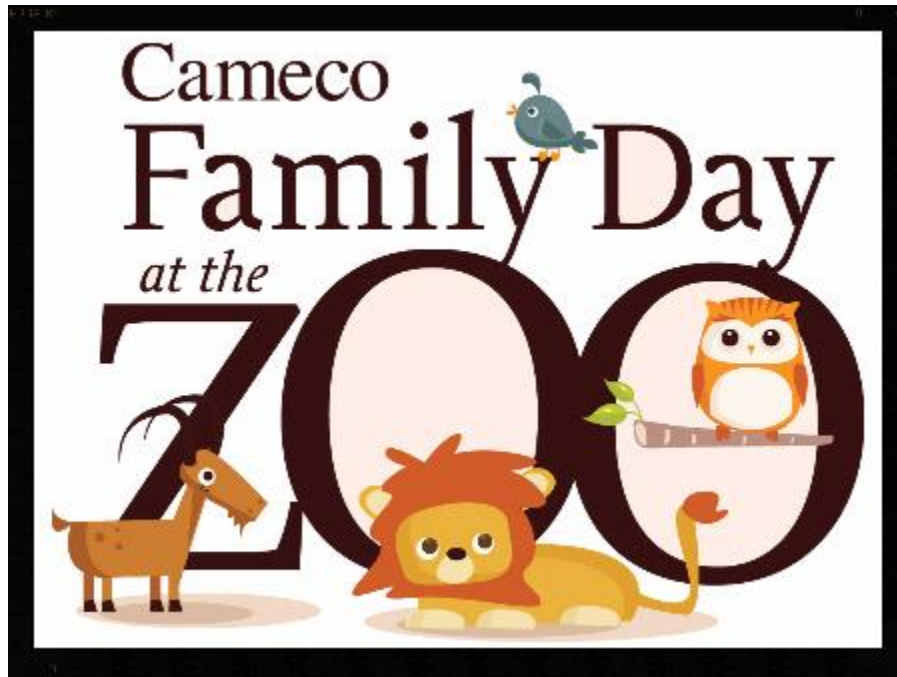
PROVINCE ANNOUNCES RELIEF FOR EVACUEES AND BUSINESSES

The utility Crown corporations and SGI are offering temporary relief to people under mandatory evacuation from having to pay their utility bills, insurance premiums and driver’s licence fees that are currently due.

“Being away from your home and your community is stressful enough without worrying about bill payments or insurance coverage lapsing,” said Premier Brad Wall.

Read the entire news release [here](#)

CHECK OUT THIS FANTASTIC EVENT HAPPENING AT THE FORESTRY FARM PARK AND ZOO THIS WEEKEND!



Are you looking for a great family activity this weekend? It's the Saskatoon Zoo Society's annual fundraiser at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo on Sunday, July 19. The day will be filled with activities for children of all ages and runs from 10 am - 4 pm. I encourage you to click [here](#) to see admission prices and all the events taking place.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, SGEU AND HEALTH REGIONS WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Health Minister Dustin Duncan, Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union (SGEU) and three health regions – Kelsey Trail, Mamawetan Churchill River, and Keewatin Yatthé – signed a partnership agreement on January 12, 2015, as part of a shared commitment to patient first care and health system transformation.

“Health care workers are key partners in our efforts to improve access to safe, quality care for Saskatchewan people,” Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. “This new partnership recognizes our shared commitment to putting patients first as we work toward transforming our health care system.”

“SGEU looks forward to partnering with the health regions and provincial government to provide a better care environment for patients, improved working environment for our members and as a forum to address the unique challenges of our rural and northern areas,” SGEU's Health Provider Bargaining Unit Chair Bonnie Erickson said.

“We are excited about the opportunity to build our relationships with SGEU and look forward to working together in exploring new and innovative ways to improve patient care,” Kelsey Trail Health Region’s Vice President of Health Safety and Culture Lyle Bittman said, on behalf of the health regions. “This partnership will enhance our ability to proactively address questions and challenges with health care delivery in our regions.”

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

WILDFIRES HIGHLIGHT SASKATCHEWAN'S STRENGTH



It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to join Tim Gitzel, President and CEO of Cameco, along with colleagues Rob Norris, Roger Parent and Jennifer Campeau at the Carnival held at Prairieland Park for some of the Northern Saskatchewan evacuees last week. Cameco, Kitsaki Management, Points Athabasca, Des Nedhe Development and West Wind Aviation sponsored a fantastic carnival. The children had a wonderful time playing football toss, hockey shooting and soccer kick while many had their faces painted, enjoyed the bouncy castles and the Disney princesses. Thanks to the many volunteers for providing the evacuees with great entertainment during this difficult time.

Saskatchewan's greatest strength is Saskatchewan people – people who work hard and help others in need. At a time of unprecedented wildfire activity in northern Saskatchewan, it is these people who have answered the call and made a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

When the threat of wildfires forced thousands from their homes, municipal leaders, volunteers, firefighters and members of the military started working day and night to provide for people, care for their pets and work to protect homes, businesses, vital infrastructure and communities.

This is a difficult time for evacuees and that's why we're doing what we can to provide them with as much comfort and peace of mind as possible. One of the ways we're doing that is by giving evacuees and affected businesses some relief on their utility and insurance bills.

Thank you to the Red Cross, our municipal leaders, and the many volunteers, businesses and organizations who are helping out across Saskatchewan. And thank you to evacuees for their patience through it all. The scale of the effort to make people feel as comfortable as possible is truly remarkable and, from many peoples strength, we will carry on.

SASKATCHEWAN HOUSING CORPORATION ANNOUNCES RELIEF FOR TENANTS UNDER EVACUATION

The Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (SHC) is following in the footsteps of the utility Crown corporations and SGI by offering temporary relief to any of its tenants under evacuation due to fires burning in northern Saskatchewan.

If you live in a community under an evacuation order and rent a SHC-owned property from a local housing authority, you will receive a credit for the month of July towards your August rent. The same credit will be applied to September rents if your community's evacuation order extends into the month of August.

“Saskatchewan Housing Corporation has the responsibility to set an example in supporting tenants during this stressful time,” Social Services Minister Donna Harpauer said. “We want to make the return home just a little bit easier once the evacuation orders are lifted. This is what we have done in the past with floods and other evacuations and we believe it is the right thing to do.”

Read more [here](#)

WOULD YOUR CHILDREN LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXHIBITION PARADE?



The Exhibition Day Parade will be held Tuesday, August 4 at 10:00 am. Once again, Saskatoon Silver Springs will have an entry in the parade. We will be riding on an antique fire truck owned by Ken Sawatsky and this is your invitation to join me!

The parade is always a lot of fun for the kids as they wave to the hundreds of people that line the streets.

If your children are interested in riding along with me, please email ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net with your contact information and we'll get back to you with details. Please note, space is limited.

COMING EVENTS

Cameco Family Day at the Zoo

When: July 19, 10 am - 4 pm

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo

Click [here](#) for additional information

Theatre in the Park 2015 - Hercules

When: July 3 - 24

Where: in over 20 different parks around Saskatoon

Note: Theatre in the Park is Saskatchewan's first FREE live professional outdoor theatre ... suitable for all ages

Click [here](#) to find a location near you!

A Taste of Saskatchewan

When: July 14 - 19

Where: Kiwanis Memorial Park

Click [here](#) for additional information including the menu

One Voice Fundraiser - The Neural Health Project

Date: July 24

Click [here](#) for additional information

Potash Corp Fringe Theatre Festival

When: July 30 - August 8

Click [here](#) for additional information

Saskatoon Exhibition

When: August 4 - 9

Click [here](#) to see the list of activities

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margret Mead

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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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