

# Provincial Point of View **July 24, 2014**

# NEW RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY DESIGN UNVEILED IN WILLOWGROVE SQUARE







Our constituency continues to see new development! Monday, July 21, it was a privilege to bring greetings on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan at the Sod Turning Ceremony for Phase One of "The Myriad", a new project near Willowgrove Square. It was a pleasure along with Mayor Atchison and MP Brad Trost to join Ma Developments as they begin this incredible project.

We will see the start of construction on Phase One of the Myriad. This development near Willowgrove Square will mix commercial, retail, condominium, town home & food court space with a variety of investment opportunities.

This unique and exciting development will help meet the needs of the growing Willowgrove community and is another example of the optimism we see in our city.

# CITY OF SASKATOON TO BEGIN PROCESS TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF RECREATION AND PARKS

The City of Saskatoon provides a wealth of opportunities for citizens to participate in and enjoy the benefits of sport, recreation, and park activities. These activities contribute to the high quality of life residents and visitors enjoy; they are also essential to individual and community health.

To sustain and enhance that quality of life, the City is developing a Recreation and Parks Master Plan. The Master Plan will provide an overall framework to guide the development, delivery, and continuous improvement of recreation and parks programs, services, and facilities.

"Recreation and parks services and programs help improve our overall health, strengthen families, and enhance our entire community," said Director of Community Development, Lynne Lacroix. "I strongly encourage everyone to provide their input and have their say about the new Master Plan when given the opportunity. Together we can help shape the provision of recreation and parks services in the city for years to come."

City of Saskatoon to Begin to Plan for the Future of Recreation and Parks

#### MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING INCREASING \$8.3 MILLION IN 2015-16

Saskatchewan municipalities will be receiving \$8.3 million more in revenue sharing next year, thanks to an increase in Provincial Sales Tax (PST) revenues in 2013-14.

"Saskatchewan's economy continues to be strong, and that activity is translating into more revenue for municipalities," Government Relations Minister Jim Reiter said. "Municipalities are on the front lines of dealing with growth, and I am pleased that in next year's budget, they will be receiving a record high \$265.3 million from the province in revenue sharing."

Municipal Revenue Sharing Increasing \$8.3 Million in 2015-16

# HIGHWAY 16 TWINNING PROJECT BETWEEN SASKATOON AND CLAVET TO BENEFIT FROM GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP



I had the pleasure of being present on July 18, as Tom Lukiwski, Member of Parliament for Regina—Lumsden—Lake Centre and the Honourable Nancy Heppner, Minister of Highways and Infrastructure, announced the first eligible project in Saskatchewan under the New Building Canada Fund.

This project will include the construction of 19.5 km of new twinned highway; the construction of a bypass north of the Village of Clavet which includes approximately 7 km of new highway for both lanes, and the construction of a CN railway crossing. This project will improve safety and efficiency for travellers. It will also support the economic growth of Saskatchewan, in particular the agricultural sector, by providing better access to one of the largest canola crush facilities in Canada.

The New Building Canada Fund is a component of the New Building Canada Plan, the largest and longest federal infrastructure plan in Canada's history. This unprecedented commitment will provide \$53 billion over the next decade to support provincial, territorial and municipal infrastructure.

Highway 16 Twinning Project Between Saskatoon and Clavet to Benefit from Government Partnership

# **RECORD RETAIL SALES IN MAY**

Retail trade for May 2014 hit record levels, according to a report released by Statistics Canada. Retail sales hit \$1.6 billion in May, the highest ever recorded for the month.

"Saskatchewan's economy is advancing, creating jobs and opportunities, which in turn is attracting more people and investment to the province," Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. "The level of optimism and confidence has been steadily increasing and retailers have benefited from consumer demand for more goods."

Record Retail Sales in May

## PINK CADILLACS MALT SHOP & DINER GRAND OPENING



Saturday, July 19, Trish and I were thrilled to attend the grand opening of "Pink Cadillacs Diner", located at Willowgrove Square.

Pink Cadillacs Malt Shop & Diner celebrated their opening with a vintage car show and shine, an authentic costume contest, music and a dance.

It was great to see the support of our community at another unique business in our growing constituency.

Congratulations to Jon Tyson and the staff for the enthusiasm and effort they put into their grand opening. It was a pleasure meeting Jon and seeing the excitement of his staff as they embark on this new venture.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ISSUED FOR THE CITY'S TWO NEWEST BRIDGES

Just six weeks following the confirmation of project funding, the City is pleased to announce it has embarked on the first of a two-stage procurement process for the North Commuter Parkway and the new Traffic Bridge, both part of the City's Bridging to Tomorrow initiative.

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) has been issued to secure a private sector partner that will design, build, finance, operate and maintain this important project.

"The RFQ stage is crucial as it gives us the information we need to ensure the best teams with the best experience and qualifications move on to the Request For Proposals (RFP) stage, where they'll provide more details like bridge designs and roadway alignments for the projects," says Dan Willems, the City's Bridging to Tomorrow Project Manager. "This procurement process is very comprehensive and will clearly identify the most qualified private sector partner to work with the City on this important project."

The RFQ, which will remain open until September 10, 2014, will lead to a shortlist of up to three proponents who will participate in the RFP process.

Request for Qualifications Issued for the City's Two Newest Bridges

#### **GOVERNMENT PROVIDES \$1.9 MILLION IN CHARITABLE GAMING GRANTS**

More than 700 groups and organizations in Saskatchewan are benefiting from approximately \$1.9 million in charitable gaming grants being provided by the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA).

"These groups and organizations are made up of volunteers who give themselves to their communities in order to enhance the lives of others," Minister responsible for SLGA Don McMorris said. "Our government is pleased to provide additional financial support through the charitable gaming grant program that will further enhance those efforts."

Government Provides \$1.9 Million in Charitable Grants

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!** 



The Silverspring Community Association is looking for volunteers for the following positions:

Treasurer
Indoor Coordinator (2 vacancies)
Rink Coordinator (2 vacancies)
Social Coordinator
Softball Coordinator
Civics Coordinator

If you have time to help out with the Silverspring Community Association, I encourage you to visit <a href="https://www.silverspringcommunity.ca">www.silverspringcommunity.ca</a> for additional information.

# **INTERESTING EXHIBITION HISTORY...**

- ...The first annual Exhibition was in 1886, and was called the Central Saskatchewan Agricultural Society. It was held at the top of Long Hill in Nutana.
- ... The first Exhibition that had electricity was in 1907.
- ... In 1909, the Exhibition was held at it's current site.

### **JUST THE LINKS**

July 24, 2014 - Permanent Repairs Well Underway on Flood-Damaged Bridges July 24, 2014 - Crop Report for the Period July 15 to 21, 2014

July 24, 2014 - STC Passenger Fare Increase Effective August 1, 2014

July 23, 2014 - Emergency Response and Recovery Update: July 23, 2014

July 18, 2014 - Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation Provides Funding to Historic Commercial

Hotel

July 18, 2014 - New Judge Appointed in North Battleford

# **COMING EVENTS**

#### **Living History Young Pioneer Camp**

Date: July 21 - 25

When: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Where: Western Development Museum** 

### Taste of the Exhibition Pancake Breakfast

Date: July 26

When: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Where: University Heights Safeway - McOrmond Drive

#### Saskatoon Dragon Boat Festival

Date: July 25 - 26

When: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Where: Rotary Park

### **MOM Trade Show**

Date: July 28

When: 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm Where: Alice Turner Library

# PotashCorp Fringe Theatre Festival

Date: July 31 - August 9

When: Daily

Where: Broadway District

#### **Saskatoon Exhibition Parade**

Date: August 5 When: 10:00 am

Where: Downtown Saskatoon: 24th Street, 3rd Avenue and Spadina Crescent

#### Saskatoon Exhibition

Date: August 5 - 10

When: 12:00 pm - 12:00 am Where: Prairieland Park

# **THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

"When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too."

~ Paulo Coelho

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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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