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Provincial Point of View

July 2, 2015

Celebrating Canada!

CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS IN SASKATOON



I had the honour of bringing greetings on behalf of Premier Brad Wall and the Government of Saskatchewan at the Canada Day celebration held at Diefenbaker Park in our beautiful city of Saskatoon. It was great to join dignitaries, members of the Optimist Club and hundreds of people at this annual event that has grown to be one of the biggest celebrations in Western Canada.

This volunteer event under the leadership of Saskatoon Silver Springs constituent Brad Sylvester always amazes me. The organization of this special July 1st celebration is possible because of the dedication of Brad and the work of the Optimist club members and sponsors.

July 1 is a great opportunity to take some time to think about the freedom we enjoy as we celebrate a country rich in history and culture. I also had the special privilege of conducting the reaffirmation of Citizenship Ceremony.

Special thanks to everyone involved in making Canada Day in Saskatoon such a success. Happy 148th birthday Canada!



I had the pleasure of joining the beautiful children you see in the photo at the Canada Day celebration of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at. It was a wonderful afternoon of fellowship with members, neighbours and their families.

GOVERNMENT FULFILLS FOUR-YEAR COMMITMENT TO INCREASE SENIORS' BENEFITS

Starting July 1, seniors across the province who qualify for either the Seniors Income Plan (SIP) or Personal Care Home Benefit (PCHB), or both, will see a boost to the monthly benefits they receive. With this latest increase, the Government of Saskatchewan is fulfilling its four-year commitment to improve the quality of life for seniors across the province.

“Our government made a commitment under the Seniors Affordability Plan to provide seniors

with the supports they need,” Social Services Minister Donna Harpauer said. “We are proud to have delivered on this commitment, and we will now see approximately 14,000 seniors in need benefit from a better quality of life.”

“Seniors are extremely important to our province and our government, and we are committed to ensuring they have access to the care they need,” Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. “The increase to the Seniors Income Plan and the changes to the Personal Care Home Benefit will support seniors’ ability to make the care choices that are best for them, whether they choose to access care in their communities or in their homes.”

Read more [here](#) about the benefits announced

FIRES PERSIST IN NORTHERN SASKATCHEWAN



We are all thinking about the many people affected by the wildfires in Northern Saskatchewan and are grateful to to the Wildfire Management team and everyone who is helping with fighting the fires. There are over 500 people fighting the fires, 40 helicopters, 16 tankers/bird dogs, 41 ground crew from Ontario, 2 planes from Quebec and one more plane from Newfoundland.

Premier Wall, Minister Reiter and Minister Cox are in regular contact with officials in the northern communities and are grateful for their leadership as their communities continue to face nearby fire threats. The province is and will be there.

For information click [here](#)

GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN ANNOUNCES 2019 WESTERN CANADA SUMMER GAMES HOST COMMUNITY

The Government of Saskatchewan has announced that the City of Swift Current will host the Western Canada Summer Games in 2019.

“The City of Swift Current will provide a great setting for a fun and exciting Western Canada Summer Games,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Mark Docherty said. “Our government is pleased to partner with the city and we look forward to showcasing the community and our province when the games come to Saskatchewan in 2019.”

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

DO YOU NEED A MOBILE BARBEQUE FOR YOUR CHARITY EVENT?



Saskatoon residents Robin and Morgan Bellamy have purchased a mobile stainless steel barbeque that they graciously lend out to anyone or any group that is raising money for a charity. There is absolutely no cost and this incredible barbeque comes with a large grilling area, five feet of stainless steel counter, two propane tanks, two - one hundred quart coolers, two folding tables, A-frame signage that can be used for a thank you, a menu or advertising your event. The mobile BBQ also contains an electrified outlet.

What a fantastic opportunity for groups to raise money for their charitable event. If you're interested in finding out more, please contact Robin at 306.230.0045.

Thank you Robin and Morgan for everything you do to help us make our communities and cities a better place!

CITY CAUTIONS RESIDENTS ABOUT UTILITY PAYMENT SCAM

The City of Saskatoon is cautioning customers about a new telephone scam. Customers are receiving calls where the caller claims to represent the City of Saskatoon and says utilities will be disconnected if a payment is not received, and possibly asking for credit card or bank information.

The City of Saskatoon is reminding customers that credit card or bank account information is never collected over the telephone. The City of Saskatoon will send notices regarding outstanding utility account balances in the mail, and use an automated dialer to remind customers to contact Corporate Revenue before utility services are impacted. Customers are asked to report suspicious calls by contacting Corporate Revenue at 306-975-2400 or the Saskatoon Police Service at 306-975-8300.

For more City of Saskatoon Public Service Announcements, News Releases, Traffic Detours and Service Alerts, visit www.saskatoon.ca.

SEE ORANGE? SLOW DOWN!

When we're in a hurry, signs like "Construction Zone Ahead" and "Workers Present" may seem like an inconvenience. However, as warmer summer months kick off the construction season in Saskatchewan, drivers are urged to consider the true costs associated with speeding in work zones.

"Crews building and repairing highways often work near moving vehicles, so we need to ensure every precaution is taken so they can work safely," Highways and Infrastructure Minister Nancy Heppner said. "Our ministry has implemented a number of safety measures to protect them but ultimately it is up to the drivers to follow the rules and pay close attention."

Read the entire news release [here](#)



Don't miss being part of Saskatoon's largest corporate and community river event. FMG's 2015 Saskatoon Dragon Boat Festival will be held July 24 & 25 in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

This is an opportunity to enjoy the thrill of the competition and camaraderie of peers and colleagues while hitting the water of the South Saskatchewan! Unite as dragon boaters to experience this one of a kind event. Even more, you'll be helping to raise life-saving funds in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

[Click here](#) to learn more about FMG's Saskatoon Dragon Boat Festival or call 306-361-3253.

The Festival is 90 percent sold out, so reserve your spot today!

SASKATCHEWAN FINISHES 2014-15 WITH A \$62 MILLION SURPLUS

The Saskatchewan government hit its budget targets in 2014-15, finishing with a surplus of \$62 million, down just \$9 million from budget projections. The province's year-end financial results were released today.

Total revenue was \$14.06 billion, down just \$14 million or 0.1 per cent from budget. Total expense was \$14 billion, down \$5 million or 0.03 per cent from budget.

“The fact we were able to conclude such a challenging year on budget and with a modest surplus demonstrates, once again, the resilience of the Saskatchewan economy,” Finance Minister Kevin Doherty said. “Although revenue from oil was less than anticipated at budget, revenue from potash and other sectors—combined with the government's careful management of expense—helped keep Saskatchewan on the path of steady growth.”

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COMING EVENTS

SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival

When: June 25 - July 5

Where: Various venues throughout Saskatoon

For additional details, click [here](#)

Downtown Sidewalk Sale

When: July 9 - 11

Where: 2nd Avenue and 21st Street

Click [here](#) for additional information

Canada Remembers Our Heroes Air Show

When: July 11 & 12, 11 am - 6 pm daily

Where: Auto Clearing Motor Speedway

Click [here](#) for additional information

Hands on Ministries Golf Tournament

When: July 13

Where: Willows Golf Course

Click [here](#) for additional information

One Voice Fundraiser - The Neural Health Project

Date: July 24

Click [here](#) for additional information

Saskatoon Exhibition

When: August 4 - 9

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

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"Don't make excuses, make improvements." Tyra Banks

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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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