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## Provincial Point of View

**June 14, 2016**

**Happy Father's Day Weekend!**

### AUTISM SPEAKS SASKATOON WALK 2016



Trish and I had the pleasure of joining colleagues Paul Merriman and Eric Olauson and their families at the Autism Walk last Sunday at Wanukewin Heritage Park. Courtney Merriman is such a special young lady and we were indeed honoured to be part of THE "Courtney's Crusaders" team.

At Autism Speaks Canada, their mission is to change the future for all affected by Autism

Spectrum Disorder. The Walk included [fun activities, performers and snacks](#), before and after the Walk. It was a fantastic event and everyone enjoyed lots of time to visit with family and friends!

## **HAVE A GREAT FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND!**



Father's Day is an unofficial holiday to celebrate fathers around the world - although the date for celebration varies. It's an emerging holiday as it's celebrated in more and more countries nowadays as fathers are more and more involved in raising children and are recognized for their efforts.

I think one of the best things in life is being called "dad". I hope all the dads out there get to spend time with their kids this weekend! As years go by, we fondly remember the great times spent together on father's days. Cheers to you, dads!

## **EMPLOYMENT UP, UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DOWN IN SASKATCHEWAN**

In May 2016, Saskatchewan's unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 6.0 per cent, down from 6.3 per cent in the previous month. Saskatchewan's unemployment rate is now second lowest among the provinces and lower than the national unemployment rate of 6.9 per cent.

There were 577,800 people employed in Saskatchewan in May 2016, down 4,900 from May 2015. However, there were 2,200 more people working in Saskatchewan in May than in April (seasonally adjusted), suggesting that the employment market, which has been hit hard by the downturn in the resource sector, may be stabilizing.

“Resource sector challenges have hit Saskatchewan’s labour market,” Immigration, Jobs, Skills and Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “However, we are optimistic as forecasters predict our economy will begin to recover in the coming year. In last week’s budget we made the choice to control spending, invest in people, and invest in infrastructure in order to keep Saskatchewan strong as our economy begins to recover from low resource prices.”

Read additional highlights [here](#).

## **GOVERNMENT INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE SASKATCHEWAN AUTO INJURY COVERAGE**

Coverage amendments introduced today will improve Saskatchewan’s auto injury programs to better meet the needs of people who are injured in vehicle collisions. Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance Don McMorris introduced the amendments to *The Automobile Accident Insurance Act* today in the Legislative Assembly.

“These amendments will provide better benefits for people who are injured, address inconsistencies and close gaps in coverage, and keep coverage affordable,” McMorris said. “This will help improve the quality of life for people that have been seriously injured in a collision.”

Read more [here](#).

## **PREMIER WALL - PROMOTING ENERGY EAST IN TORONTO, NEW BRUNSWICK AND QUEBEC**



*Wall Will Also Meet With Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard and New Brunswick Premier Brian Gallant to Discuss Energy Issues*

Premier Brad Wall is in Toronto and Saint John this week to speak in support of Energy East, a proposed \$15.7 billion pipeline that will transport more than a million barrels of western Canadian oil a day to refineries in eastern Canada and a marine terminal in New Brunswick.

“For years, energy producers in Alberta and Saskatchewan have not received world prices because Canada lacks the pipeline capacity to get oil to tidewater,” Wall said. “We’ve left billions of dollars on the table because we have just one export customer – the United States. Energy East will give our oil producers access to new markets, and can help reduce the need for Canada to import foreign oil. That’s the message I want to impart this week.”

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

## **OFFICIAL OPENING OF A NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT IN SASKATOON**

The Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan, along with Westgate Heights Attainable Housing Inc., celebrated the official opening of a new affordable housing complex June 10. Located at 3333 Centennial Drive in Saskatoon, this project will provide 10 units of affordable rental housing and support services for families with complex needs and 30 units of affordable housing to individuals and families for a total of 40 units.

“Our government is committed to making Saskatchewan grow and thrive,” Campeau said. “Affordable and comfortable housing is an important part of that vision. We are proud to work with the Government of Canada, the City of Saskatoon and Westgate Heights Attainable

Housing to provide more housing for individuals and families in this community and improve their quality of life.”

“Every family deserves a clean, safe place to call home and when a family has complex needs that home becomes even more important for stability and safety,” Atchison said. “Forty families and individuals will soon have the security of knowing they have a place to call home as they build their lives. The partnerships with the governments of Canada and Saskatchewan and Westgate Heights Attainable Housing are a model for a successful city.”

Read some quick facts and the entire news release [here](#).

## **MR. HOCKEY, GORDIE HOWE PASSES**




It was with profound sadness we bid farewell to Gordie Howe. I was honoured to rise in the House Monday to pay respect to Mr. Hockey, Gordie Howe.

The Hockey community lost a legend.. humanity lost a hero... and the Province of Saskatchewan said goodbye to a son. Known as Mr. Hockey, the great Gordie Howe played a remarkable 33 seasons of pro hockey. A humble man and a fierce competitor, hockey fans everywhere have their own treasured memories of this remarkable man. Rest in peace Gordie.

Please click on this link to watch my member's statement: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OToRf9-QNmo&feature=youtu.be>

*Let's Do  
Lunch*



**Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**11:30am to 2:00pm**  
Conexus Arts Centre  
200 Lakeshore Drive, Regina, Saskatchewan

Proceeds of this event go the Self-Esteem Workshop  
for girls and their moms or mentors.

\$50.00 per person

[www.picatic.com/letsdolunch2016#](http://www.picatic.com/letsdolunch2016#)  
For more info call: 306.584.8846  
email: [letsdolunch@sasktel.net](mailto:letsdolunch@sasktel.net)

**Laura Ross, Christine Tell and Tina Beaudry-Mellor**

Colleagues Laura Ross, Christine Tell and Tin Beaudry-Mellor have been working hard organizing "Lets Do Lunch". This is an opportunity to engage women in the political process and raise money for the Leaders of Tomorrow self esteem workshop for girls. The self esteem workshop takes place in fall, it is open to girls ages 10 to 13 accompanied by their Mom or mentor. The workshop is held on a Sunday from 2:00-4:00, free of charge however you do have to register at [selfesteemregina@sasktel.net](mailto:selfesteemregina@sasktel.net)



If you're able to attend, tickets to support this worthwhile cause can be purchased by clicking on this link: [www.picatic.com/letsdolunch2016](http://www.picatic.com/letsdolunch2016)

**Hands On**  
Outreach & Development Centre Inc.

Hands On Outreach & Development Centre Inc.  
along with the  
Golf Tournament Planning Committee  
are excited to present...

with a  
**BLAST  
FROM  
THE PAST**

Monday July 11 | The Willows Golf & Country Club

**The Fourth Annual  
Hands On Golf Tournament**

RESERVATIONS 306-653-4182 OR [info@handsonoutreach.ca](mailto:info@handsonoutreach.ca)

**Cost**  
\$175/per person

**Format**  
Texas Scramble

**Registration**  
12:00 - 1:00pm

**Shotgun Tee Off**  
1:00pm

4 Amazing  
Hole-in-One Prizes

**Steak Supper**

**Live Music**

**Live Auction  
with Auctioneer  
Frederick Bodnarus**

50/50 Draw at 7:00 pm

**DON NARCISSE**  
SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

*the Willows*

Hands on Outreach and Development Centre founder Rick Langlais along with the board of directors and the golf tournament planning committee are excited to present former Saskatchewan Don Narcisse as their special guest speaker at their fourth annual golf tournament fundraiser to be held July 11 at the Willows Golf and Country Club. Enjoy a mouth-watering steak supper, live music and auction. Reservations call 306-653-4182

The committee is looking for volunteers! You have an opportunity to enjoy a great day of golf while helping to raise funds to serve Saskatoon's inner city youth and children. I encourage you to consider participating in this exciting tournament and have the opportunity to see and hear what is sure to be an inspiring message on behalf of the at risk children and youth in Saskatoon that are being served by the good work of Hands On Outreach and Development.

For additional information email: [info@handsonoutreach.ca](mailto:info@handsonoutreach.ca)

## SASKATCHEWAN'S COMPASSIONATE CARE LEAVE BENEFITS INCREASING

Saskatchewan employees who need to take time away from work to care for a loved one will soon be eligible to receive up to 28 weeks of job-protected leave. This is an increase from eight weeks.

“During the election, we promised to increase compassionate care leave and today we have fulfilled this promise,” Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister Don Morgan said. “These amendments recognize that families are important and generational needs are changing.”

For additional information, click [here](#).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - PLEASE CONSIDER THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OUT!



DAKOTA DUNES  
GOLF LINKS

June 20-26, 2016

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO GET INSIDE THE ROPES AND SEE ONE OF GOLF'S FUTURE STARS TODAY!**

*CELEBRITIES, PREMIERE GOLF, MUSIC, PRO-AM, NETWORKING, RECEPTIONS AND MORE THROUGHOUT EVENT WEEK - ALL WITH THE AIM OF SUPPORTING THE SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITY THROUGH THE GRAHAM & RUBY DELAET FOUNDATION.* The 9th edition of the SIGA Dakota Dunes Open will once again be held on the challenging Dakota Dunes Golf Links. Over the years, the tournament has established its roots in the community and become one of the



key events in the province during the summer schedule.

Moving forward, the event has partnered with the Graham and Ruby DeLaet Foundation. With Graham DeLaet and his foundation as the driving force, the event will raise funds for local charitable initiatives while integrating a community-centric focus. Graham and his wife Ruby have a long-standing support of children's health and junior golf. Since 2011, the Graham Slam charity golf tournament has supported Saskatchewan-based organizations such as the Children's Wish Foundation of SK, Ronald McDonald House Charities of SK, Golf Saskatchewan, and the Saskatchewan Children's Hospital Foundation.

If you have some time to help fill some volunteer spots, please contact Bobbi Bates, [bobbi.bates@usask.ca](mailto:bobbi.bates@usask.ca) or Terry Nielsen, [terry.sk@shaw.ca](mailto:terry.sk@shaw.ca).

## **PATIENT CHOICE MEDICAL IMAGING ACT INTRODUCED TO ALLOW PRIVATE CLINICS**

Health Minister Dustin Duncan introduced *The Patient Choice Medical Imaging Act*, which will give Saskatchewan residents the option to privately pay for a CT scan. This follows the launch of private-pay MRI services in February 2016.

"We made a commitment in the election campaign to expand private-pay diagnostics to CT scans," Duncan said. "With the introduction of this legislation, patients will soon have more choice in how they receive diagnostics, while at the same time increasing public capacity and reducing wait times to CT services."

For additional information, click [here](#).

## **NEW LEGISLATION PROVIDES PROVINCIAL REGULATION FOR SASKCENTRAL**

The government passed new legislation to transition regulation of SaskCentral from the federal government to Saskatchewan.

The Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan Act, 2016 appoints the Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation (CUDGC) as the supervisor of SaskCentral, and assigns responsibility for oversight of CUDGC to the Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority's Registrar of Credit Unions. Recent changes to federal legislation require the province to assume responsibility for SaskCentral from

the federal government by January 2017.

“The government is a strong supporter of credit unions and understands their importance to Saskatchewan’s farmers, small businesses and rural communities,” Justice Minister and Attorney General Gordon Wyant said. “The Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation and SaskCentral both have extensive experience in regulating and supporting credit unions, and we are confident this new relationship will be beneficial to Saskatchewan’s credit unions and their members.”

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

## **COMING EVENTS**

**Thank you for sending items to include in our newsletter. I welcome the opportunity to highlight your event or fundraiser!**

### **Zoogala**

**When: June 17**

**Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm and Zoo**

Click [here](#) for details

### **Motorcycle Ride for Dad**

**When: June 18, 8:00 am**

**Where: Western Development Museum**

For information contact: [skmrfd@sasktel.net](mailto:skmrfd@sasktel.net)

### **Ride for Sight - Motorcyclists Fighting Blindness**

**When: June 24 - 26**

**Where: Elbow Fairgrounds, Elbow, SK**

For additional information contact [rfssask@accesscomm.ca](mailto:rfssask@accesscomm.ca)

### **SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival**

**When: June 24 - July 3**

**Where: Venues throughout Saskatoon**

For additional information, click [here](#)

### **Canada Day Celebrations in Saskatoon**

**When: July 1**

Click [here](#) for the schedule that begins at 8 am!

**2nd Avenue Sidewalk Sale**

**When: July 7 - 9**

**Where: 2nd Avenue from 20th to 23rd Streets, and 21st Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues**

**Click [here](#) for additional information**

**Saskatoon Exhibition**

**When: August 9 - 14**

**Where: Saskatoon Exhibition Grounds**

**Click [here](#) for information**

**2016 Abex Awards**

**When: October 22**

**Where: TCU Place**

**For information, click [www.saskchamber.com](http://www.saskchamber.com).**

**JUST THE LINKS**

**[FAMILY MATTERS PROGRAM AVAILABLE PROVINCE-WIDE](#)**

**[JUNE SALE OF SASKATCHEWAN PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS RIGHTS RAISES \\$3.9 MILLION](#)**

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**[CONSUMER ALERT - BUYER BEWARE, CONCERT TICKET SALES](#)**

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**[HEALTHY FAMILIES INITIATIVE SUPPORTS FAMILIES MOST IN NEED](#)**

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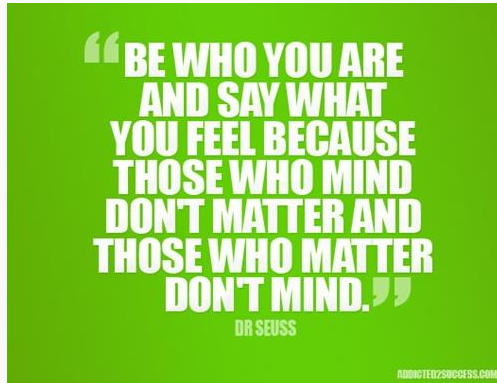
**[FOSTER FAMILIES HONOURED AT GALA BANQUET](#)**

**[IMPROVEMENTS TO ACCESS AND PRIVACY LEGISLATION](#)**

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**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 Saskatoon 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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