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## Provincial Point of View

**June 21, 2016**  
**Congratulations Graduates!**

### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



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June is always an exciting and busy time in our schools. Hundreds of students in our constituency are looking forward to their grade eight celebration and are excited about entering high school. Grade twelve graduates at St. Joseph and Centennial High Schools are preparing to leave their high school years behind them and embark on a

new chapter in their lives. Both high school graduations in our constituency are taking place this week.

I extend my best wishes to each and every student. Graduates in Saskatchewan today have such great opportunities ahead of them. Its wonderful to see our graduates staying in Saskatchewan to pursue their education and careers.

I encourage all graduates to follow their dreams and work hard to achieve their goals. A special thanks to the dedicated teachers who have provided guidance and formed everlasting memories that will guide our children into the future. These young adults are the future of our communities and province. Congratulations grads for reaching this important milestone. I wish you success and happiness in the years ahead.

### **QUEBEC AND SASKATCHEWAN JOIN FORCES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGIES RELATED TO CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE**



Philippe Couillard, Premier of Québec, and Brad Wall, Premier of Saskatchewan, have agreed to expand their collaborative relationship to further develop the potential of carbon capture and storage (CCS) —a technology aimed at enabling major emitters to reduce their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

“We have put in place a cap and trade mechanism in Québec, an instrument recognized

throughout the world to fight climate change and reduce GHGs while fostering innovation in green technologies,” Couillard said. “To ensure our prosperity and the competitiveness of our companies, we also need that innovation be introduced in all sectors, especially with new ways to reduce GHGs emitted by production activities. The world economy is transformed and states should create an environment conducive to investment, knowing that fighting climate change is a factor of increased competitiveness. Saskatchewan has expertise in carbon capture and storage that our companies could benefit from. What is good for the economy can also be good for the environment.”

“Innovation and the development of clean technology options have great potential to help address climate change worldwide,” Wall said. “Saskatchewan’s leadership in carbon capture and storage shows that we can be part of the global solution in addressing climate change, by focussing on the development of practical technologies, without adversely impacting our economy.”

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

## **SASKATCHEWAN HAS THE 3RD LOWEST UTILITY BUNDLE IN CANADA**

Saskatchewan Crown Utilities Continue to Offer Competitive Rates to Saskatchewan Consumers  
Saskatchewan’s aggregate utility costs for telephone, electricity, heating and auto insurance continue to rank third lowest when compared to other provinces in Canada.

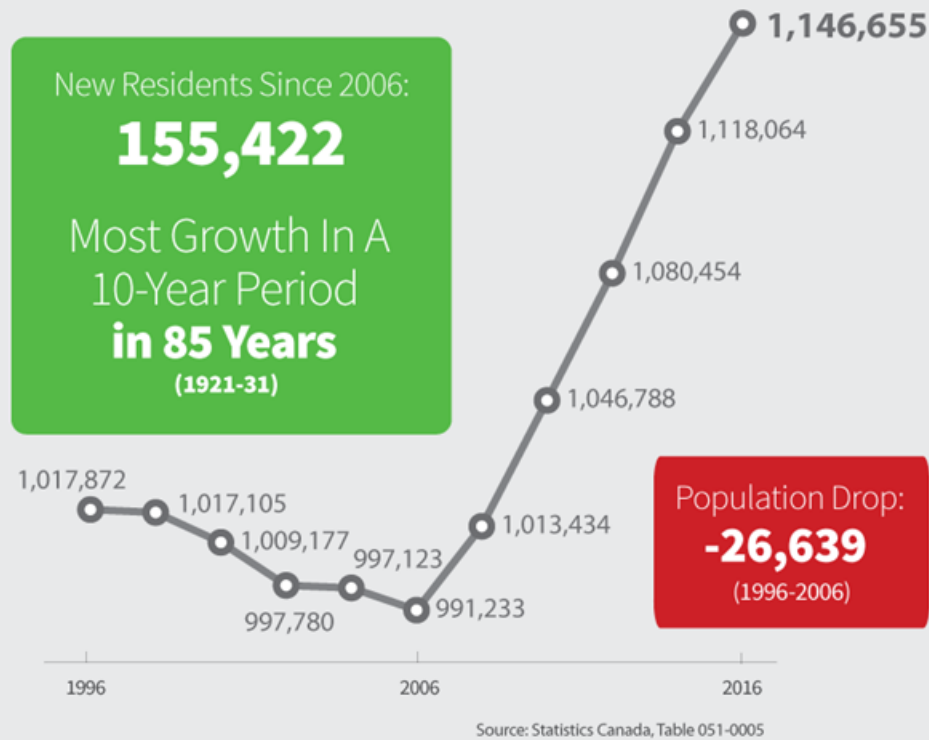
“The Crowns are succeeding in keeping utility costs among the lowest in Canada,” Crown Investments Corporation Minister Don McMorris said. “We know this is important to Saskatchewan rate payers and that is why the Crowns continue to strive to provide reliable services at affordable rates.”

Click [here](#) to read more.

## **DIVERSIFIED ECONOMY HELPS SASKATCHEWAN POPULATION CONTINUE TO GROW**

# Saskatchewan Keeps Growing

Population growth in every quarter  
for **10 straight years**



Saskatchewan's population grew to another all-time high in the first quarter of 2016, according to the latest population figures released today by Statistics Canada.

There were 1,146,655 people living in Saskatchewan as of April 1, 2016 – up 4,085 from January 1 and up 16,118 over the past year. Both the quarterly and annual population gains are the third-highest growth rates among the provinces, behind only Alberta and Manitoba.

“This consistent growth over the past decade represents a new era in our province,” Premier Brad Wall said. “It used to be that any kind of a challenge to our economy would inevitably lead to a drop in population. Not anymore. “We are now seeing a downturn in our resource sector for the second time in the past 10 years, yet the number of people living in Saskatchewan has continued to grow. That says a lot about the strength and resilience of our diverse economy. It

also says that more and more people are discovering that Saskatchewan is a great place to live."

Read the statistics [here!](#)

## **ZOOGALA A HUGE SUCCESS!**



The 19th Annual ZooGala sponsored by Christopher Moore Financial Services Limited / SunLife Financial was held last Friday at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo.

Trish and I had the privilege of joining Dawn Woroniuk, Director of the Saskatoon Zoo Foundation, the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, Her Honour Vaughn Solomon Schofield, Saskatoon Mayor His Worship Don Atichson and hundreds of supporters. It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to bring greetings right here in our constituency of Saskatoon Willowgrove on behalf of Premier Brad Wall and the Government of Saskatchewan.

Over 450 people were in attendance and enjoyed exquisite cuisine prepared by ten Chefs from the Canadian Culinary Federation, Saskatoon Branch. The fan favourite were the chefs from

Saskatchewan Polytechnic. The entertainment was excellent and everyone in attendance had a fantastic time.

The money raised goes towards capital projects and improvements within the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo. Congratulations to Dawn, the staff and the many volunteers that worked so hard to make this event such a success. We look forward to this facility continuing to provide a great destination to thousands of tourists visiting each year.

## **HOUSING INVESTMENTS CREATING JOBS IN SASKATCHEWAN**

Released on June 20, 2016 The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to meeting housing need and encouraging economic development by investing nearly \$700 million in housing since 2007. This investment encouraged an additional \$1.6 billion to be spent for a total of more than \$2.3 billion in housing initiatives since 2007, generating more than 11,000 jobs in the housing industry.

Additionally, the 2016-17 Budget saw an increase of \$2.2 million to Saskatchewan Housing Corporation, plus \$8 million in new money that has been allocated for the Graduate Retention Program First Home Plan.

“Our government is building on our commitment to keep Saskatchewan strong by providing a better quality of life for all Saskatchewan people,” Social Services Minister and Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Housing Corporation Donna Harpauer said. “These investments will further our poverty reduction strategy with improved access to safe and affordable homes, support our recent graduates, and provide job opportunities in the residential housing construction sector which will create security for people and grow the economy.”

[Click here](#) to read more.

## **COUNTDOWN TO SASKTEL SASKATCHEWAN JAZZ FESTIVAL!**





For ten days each summer, the city of Saskatoon bursts into song as the Sasktel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival plays host to hundreds of world class artists. Over 85,000 music fans devour the sounds of jazz, blues, funk, pop, and world music each year, with a program that spans as many genres as it does continents.

Mark your calendar for June 24 - July 3 and plan to visit various venues throughout Saskatoon for fantastic music and entertainment. Check our "Coming Events" for a link for additional details.



Happy National Aboriginal Day! An important day to celebrate and recognize Indigenous people across Saskatchewan.

Check out some of the events happening around the province: <http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100013322/1100100013323>

## **UPGRADES TO HIGHWAYS 322 AND 220 SET TO BEGIN**



The drive to the lake will soon be smoother for people travelling to Rowan's Ravine. Work will begin this year to upgrade Highways 322 and 220 in the area.

“Over the last couple of years, we’ve heard concerns from people in the area about the condition of Highways 322 and 220,” Highways and Infrastructure Minister Nancy Heppner said. “I would like to thank the local stakeholders that helped develop a solution that makes sense for everyone.”

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

## **CLICK HERE FOR LINKS TO MORE NEWS AND MEDIA!**

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## **COMING EVENTS**

### **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 Popcorn & Entrepreneurship Series**

**When: August 31, 5 pm**

**Where: Remai Arts Centre, 100 Spadina Cres. East**

**Registration deadline is August 22, click [here](#) for information**

### **2016 Abex Awards**

**When: October 22**

**Where: TCU Place**

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

## THOUGHT OF THE DAY



**Think Positive to Make Things Positive**

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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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