

Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



Provincial Point of View

June 21, 2017
SUMMER HAS ARRIVED!

SUMMER IN SASKATCHEWAN!



DID YOU KNOW?



Several Constituents have asked that some facts be published in this newsletter. This week I will focus on Health. Did you know:

- Our government invested in health care infrastructure for projects such as:
 - o Children's Hospital

- o 15 new LTC Facilities
- o Moose Jaw Hospital
- o Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford
- There are now 750 more doctors and over 3,000 more nurses of all designations in Saskatchewan
- Brought STARS helicopter air ambulance service to Saskatchewan

SASKATCHEWAN KEEPS GROWING TO MORE THAN 1,160,000 PEOPLE



Saskatchewan's population continues to increase, growing by 3,026 to 1,161,365 people in the first quarter of 2017.

Over the past year, Saskatchewan's population grew by 16,047 people – a growth rate of 1.4 per

cent. That's the third-highest rate of growth among the provinces, behind only Manitoba and Ontario.

Economy Minister Jeremy Harrison said the continued growth is a sign that the economy is gaining strength.

"Saskatchewan is experiencing its longest and largest sustained period of growth since the 1920s," Harrison said. "Ten years ago, we still had under a million people in Saskatchewan. Since 2007, we have grown by nearly 164,000 people. That's a decade of growth, and a huge change from the previous decade of decline, when Saskatchewan's population actually dropped by more than 20,000 people.

"Even after three years of low resource prices, our resilient and diverse economy continues to create new jobs and attract new people to Saskatchewan."

OUR COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE: THE INVALUABLE VALUE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE



As Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission, it was a great pleasure to have the opportunity to meet and speak directly with the public service employees last week. I was pleased to recognize the efforts of 118 employees who have completed six policy workshops offered by the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy.

The Government of Saskatchewan believes strongly in investing in our employees to ensure they have the right skills to do their jobs and thrive in their careers. For nearly a decade, the Government of Saskatchewan and Johnson-Shoyama have partnered to build leadership and policy capacity within the government's public service.

Strong public service is what Saskatchewan people want and the work each of these 118 people do contributes to the progress of the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth. On behalf of a grateful Government, I congratulated everyone receiving a certificate in recognition of their accomplishment and expressed appreciation and thanks to everyone present for their hard work and dedication to making our public service stronger and more dynamic.

A HISTORIC WIN FOR THE DOME OF THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATIVE BUILDING



It was a historic win for the Legislative Building at Government House on June 14. The dome restoration project was presented with a Lieutenant Governor's Heritage Award for Architectural Conservation.

Lieutenant Governor Vaughn Solomon Schofield presented the awards on behalf of Heritage Saskatchewan to recognize the dedication of building owners, the wisdom and skill of designers and the exceptional achievements of local craftspeople who contribute to the preservation of Saskatchewan's architectural heritage.

"The Legislative Building with its iconic, copper-clad dome has immense historical significance and symbolic importance to the people of Saskatchewan," Central Services Minister Christine Tell

said. "We are honoured to receive this award acknowledging our dedication to heritage preservation."

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

20TH ANNUAL ZOOGALA



It was an honour to bring greetings at the 20th Annual Zoogala Celebration. The fun and adventure took place on Friday, June 16, 2017 at the picturesque Saskatoon Zoo right here in our constituency of Saskatoon Willowgrove.

The evening kicked off with a champagne reception and a leisurely stroll through the unbeatable ambiance of the Zoo. It was great to see the extraordinary animal encounters with familiar resident animals and get to know the Zoo's newest additions. The Chefs of the YXE Chefs created decadent dishes that were enjoyed by hundreds of guests at this exclusive one of a kind event. The feature main entertainment was fan favorite Brad Johner and the Johner Boys. The evening also featured live music by local musicians along the zoo path, door prizes, raffle, premium and silent auction.

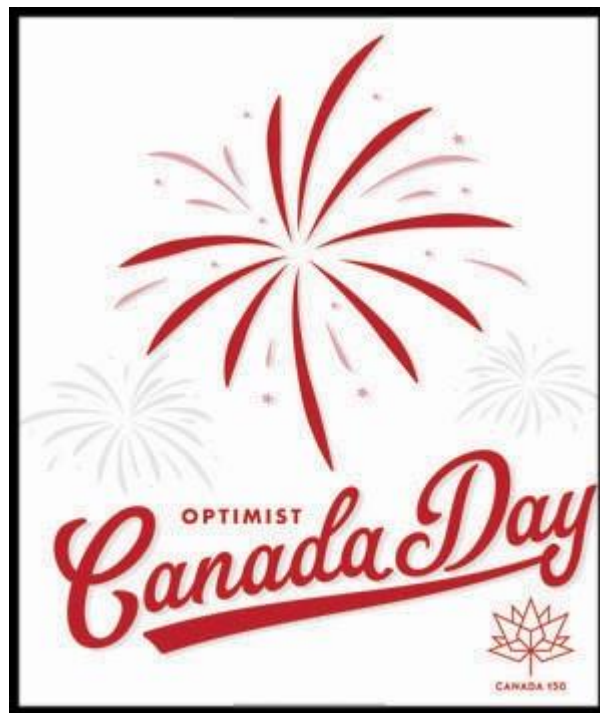
Thanks to Dawn Woronuik and the organizers for making this remarkable evening such a success. Proceeds raised help to support the Saskatoon Zoo Foundation.

CANADA DAY FESTIVITIES WILL BE EXTRA SPECIAL THIS YEAR!



Wherever you are in the province, July 1st festivities will be extra special this year as we celebrate Canada's 150th birthday.

SASKATOON OPTIMIST CANADA DAY 150 IN THE PARK!



The Canada Day Festivities organized by the Optimist Club and the hard work of constituent Brad Sylvester will be an amazing event once again this year. July 1, plan to attend the pancake breakfast

followed by the official Canada Day Ceremonies. You will be entertained by the Multi Cultural groups including the Sask Intercultural Association, First Nations Metis Group and Pavlychenko Folklorique Ensemble. St. Mary Oskayak Troupe will be performing throughout the day in front of the Indigenous Village.

The entire day will be filled with ceremony and excitement. If you've never been to a Citizenship Reaffirmation Program, I encourage you to attend. It is a special ceremony and it will be held at 12:30.

Festivities continue with Idyll Wild, Jess Moskaluke , Francophone bands on stage and The 100th Meridan, Tragically Hip Tribute Band followed by Platinum Blonde. The evening will be a crowd favourite with fireworks presented by PotashCorp.

To find out more about the schedule, transportation & parking please click [here](#).

2017 HOCKEY CANADA FOUNDATION GALA AND GOLF TOURNAMENT IN SASKATOON!



What an honour for Saskatoon to be the host city for the 2017 Hockey Canada Foundation's hallmark fundraiser, the annual Gala and Golf banquet and tournament! I had the pleasure of bringing greetings on behalf of Premier Brad Wall and the Government of Saskatchewan as I welcomed the many talented and dedicated athletes, coaches and builders in the game of hockey.

This event celebrates our national winter sport and raises funds for Hockey Canada initiatives as well as legacy programming here in Saskatoon. That legacy programming has such significance for this province. Winter sports, like hockey, play a significant role in the lives of many in Saskatchewan. The rinks in Saskatoon and across our province serve as hubs for physical activity and teamwork for most of the year. Saskatchewan's rinks have produced world class athletes and coaches. I, along with those in attendance were excited to see many of them present at the Gala.

Watching and participating in hockey deepens that pride in our province and our country, and it strengthens our different communities. The evening celebrated the 2017 Order of Hockey in Canada Distinguished Honourees including Scotty Bowman, Murray Costello and Fran Rider. They have all created a great legacy and serve as role models for many.

Special thanks to the Hockey Canada Foundation, Tourism Saskatoon and the steering committee for their work in making this event a great success.

SENDING BEST WISHES TO THE 2017 GRADS!



It is such an honour to share my congratulatory letters with the Grade 12 and Grade 8 graduating classes in schools throughout the constituency of Saskatoon Willowgrove.

I appreciated the opportunity to deliver the following letter to each grade twelve graduate from the two high schools in our constituency:

Graduating from Grade twelve is a momentous occasion and a very significant rite of passing. For the most part, we reach certain benchmarks in life - times when routines will change, the comfort of friendly surroundings will waver and the way you greet each day may become unpredictable. Grade twelve graduation is exactly that. From this point forward, you are taking those first few steps of a personal journey - one that may enlighten you with pleasant surprises or provide you with an intimate knowledge of disappointment.

There is no avoiding life but how you react to and process each experience is the true test of character. Character, in the words of author James Michener, "has to do with what you do on the third and fourth try, not the first." I encourage you to watch, to listen, ponder and move forward with an open mind and a mental note that you will kick the dirt aside and get back up from any falter.

One final thought for your consideration is to ask yourself what influence the opinion and actions of others will have on your life. Opinions are just that – opinions. To use the words of a man who forever changed the meaning of the word apple, "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition." - Steve Jobs

I hope that you will indeed find something about which you are passionate, surround yourself with individuals who support you and know that your opportunities will find you when you are ready to find them. Good luck, be well and congratulations once again.

MY LETTER TO THE GRADE EIGHT GRADS IN OUR CONSTITUENCY:



Please accept my best wishes as you celebrate your grade eight graduation. I suspect many of you can remember your first day of Kindergarten and are wondering where the past nine years have gone. I hope you will take some time during the summer to reflect on those years and understand that a formula of solid work, determination and commitment has brought you to this benchmark in your school life.

Your path through high school will present new experiences, unfamiliar routines and unique challenges. Your circle of friends and acquaintances will widen and your decision-making ability will be tested. But the formula that delivered you through nine years of elementary school need not change. I encourage you to continue to work hard, to assume that same determined spirit and deliver on your commitments to others.

As I think about the special moments in our school years, I am reminded of the New York Times bestseller by Robert Fulghum – “All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten”. Mr. Fulghum reminds us that the simplest aspect of each day holds within it – an opportunity. I hope you will be open to opportunities that present you with moments of laughter, time with friends, occasions that may challenge and an awareness of your gifts.

Congratulations once again and best wishes for many rewarding adventures in the years ahead.

HIGHWAY 7 TWINNING CONTINUES



Work on Twinning Highway 7 from Delisle to Vanscoy is Currently Underway

This year crews will twin 10 kilometres of Highway 7 between Delisle and Vanscoy. Work will also include the realignment of rural municipality roads, two new railway crossings, the movement of 570,000 cubic metres of dirt and the installation of 51 new culverts. “We are pleased to see twinning work progressing on Highway 7 between Saskatoon and Delisle,” Highways and Infrastructure Minister David Marit said. “The communities along this corridor are growing rapidly, which has contributed to a traffic increase from 5,000 to 9,100 vehicles per day in the last ten years. Twinning the highway in this area will enhance safety and improve traffic flow.”

Newly twinned lanes between Saskatoon and Vanscoy were opened to traffic last fall.

Read more [here](#).

CUTTING EDGE TECHNOLOGY FOR SASKATCHEWAN HEART PATIENTS



Patients too fragile for open-heart surgery can now get an aortic valve replaced in Saskatchewan. In the procedure, a cardiologist inserts a replacement valve into the heart via an artery in about half the time of an open-heart operation and without using general anesthetics.

Officially launched today, the Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) program provides support and treatment close to home for patients whose aortic valve no longer opens properly so blood can be pumped into the arteries. Life expectancy without a valve replacement is about two years.

The procedures are conducted at Regina General Hospital, with teams in Regina and Saskatoon providing support to patients before and after the procedure. Previously, patients had to travel to B.C. or Alberta for the procedure.

“Our government is pleased to provide \$700,000 in annual funding so patients who are not candidates for open-heart surgery are able to receive an alternative procedure here in Saskatchewan,” Regina Pasqua MLA Muhammad Fiaz said on behalf of Health Minister Jim Reiter. “Making this available closer to home has a profound effect on both the length and the quality of patients’ lives.”

Read more about this exciting new technology [here](#).

SASKATCHEWAN HEALTH AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS **APPOINTED**

Board to Help Guide Transition to a Single Provincial Health Authority

An important milestone has been reached in the transition to the new Saskatchewan Health Authority. Today, Health Minister Jim Reiter announced the creation of a Board of Directors to govern the new Saskatchewan Health Authority.

The board is composed of 10 members appointed for three-year terms. R.W. (Dick) Carter of Regina has been appointed as Board Chairperson.

“It is important to our government that the Board of Directors of the new Saskatchewan Health Authority be based on competency in order to effectively guide what will be the largest organization in the province,” Reiter said. “This distinguished group of five women and five men come from a diverse range of professional backgrounds, including governance, accounting, medicine, law, education, and business. Their experience in these industries will play an integral role in guiding the transition to a single provincial health authority and achieving our goal of delivering high-quality health care for the entire province.”

Click [here](#) to read more.

GARDINER DAM TURNING 50 YEARS OLD!



This July, the iconic Gardiner Dam, Saskatchewan’s largest piece of infrastructure, turns 50 years old.

“Gardiner Dam is the most critical piece of infrastructure in this province and we’re very fortunate to be the generation benefitting from the vision of those leaders who saw what Saskatchewan could be,” Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency Scott Moe said. “Our population and businesses are able to grow because we can support them with water which is all made possible by Lake Diefenbaker and Gardiner Dam.”

On July 14, 2017 from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the Government of Saskatchewan and SaskPower will be holding the best dam party of the summer at the Gardiner Dam Visitor Centre in Danielson Provincial Park west of Davidson. The public is invited to enjoy an afternoon of fun and celebration at the park.

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

STRONG WHOLESALE TRADE GROWTH

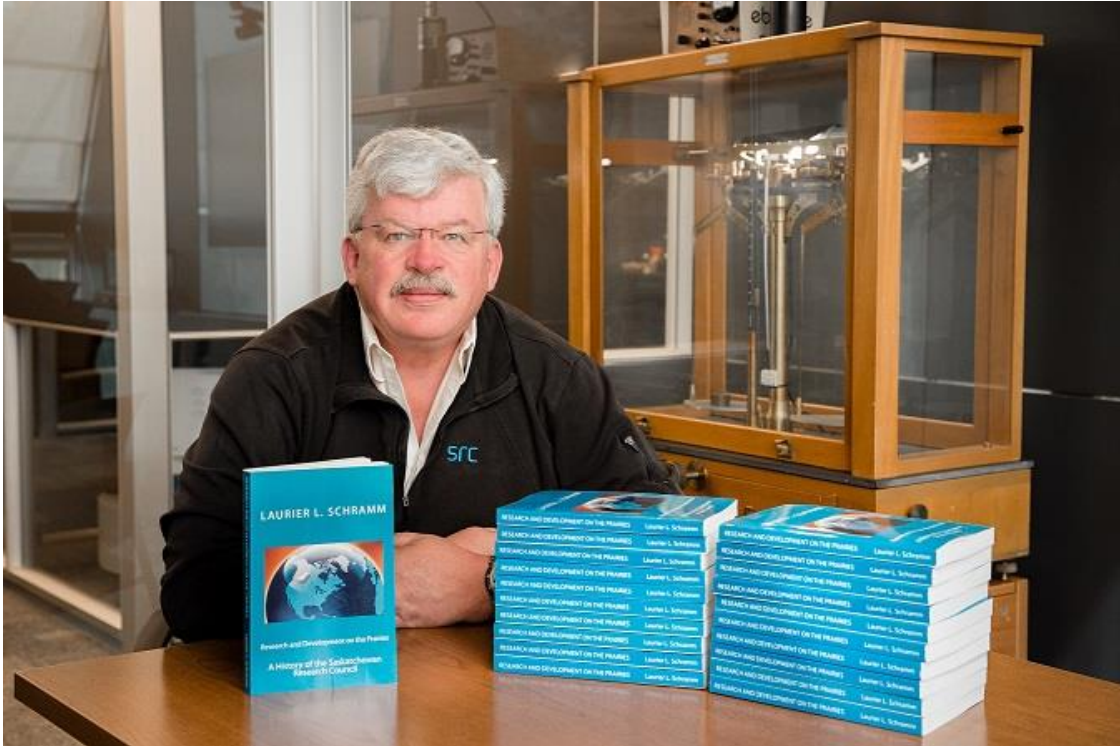


Wholesale trade in April 2017 increased by 13.0 per cent (seasonally adjusted) over April 2016—the second highest percentage growth among the provinces, and higher than the national average of 10.3 per cent.

“The sustained growth of Saskatchewan’s wholesale trade highlights continued confidence in the province’s economy,” Economy Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “Our strong manufacturing and resource sectors are all contributing to this growth, attracting investments and new opportunities that are helping to move Saskatchewan forward.”

Read the news release [here](#).

SRC CELEBRATES 70 YEARS OF SUCCESS AND INNOVATION



This year, the Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC) is marking its 70th year in business.

In April 1947, the province established SRC with a mandate of undertaking projects that would help in the advancement of the province's industrial development. SRC began from humble beginnings as a granting agency with no permanent staff and a \$20,000 budget reviewed by a board. Since then, SRC has grown to become one of Canada's leading providers of applied research, development and demonstration, and technology commercialization with more than 350 employees, \$70 million in annual revenue and 1,500 clients in 20 countries around the world.

"SRC has been helping Saskatchewan industry solve its challenging problems for seven decades now," Minister Responsible for Innovation Jeremy Harrison said. "Through continuous improvement and innovation, SRC has been able to sustain its leading-edge technical status to deliver on Saskatchewan's industrial needs."

The rest of the news release can be read [here](#).

CELEBRATE NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY JUNE 21

Celebrate National Aboriginal Day

From many peoples strength



Wednesday
JUNE
21

Saskatchewan is a land of strength, opportunity and history. As we mark the achievements of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples let's talk about making it a land of reconciliation too.

On National Aboriginal Day, let's reflect on the accomplishments of Aboriginal peoples and embrace the spirit of respect and mutual understanding.

Together we are stronger.

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Join with the Government of Saskatchewan as we celebrate National Aboriginal Day today, Wednesday, June 21.

“Our province’s very name ‘Saskatchewan’ is derived from the Cree language,” Minister Responsible for First Nations, Métis and Northern Affairs Donna Harpauer said. “Aboriginal peoples are a fundamental part of our province’s history, diversity, and identity. It’s important for all of us to recognize National Aboriginal Day, whether that’s by participating in a community event or other activity that promotes understanding of reconciliation.”

Click [here](#) to read more.

What's Happening

WUHCA Summer Yoga in the Park

When: Tuesdays 6 pm-7 pm, June 6 - July 25

Where: Willowgrove Square

Register online <https://www.registrationlogic.com/secure/Register.aspx.....>

or in person 8:30 Willowgrove school.



Saskatoon Pride Festival

When: June 11 - 25

Where: Various locations

Click [here](#) for details



Original 16 Country Concert Series at Rock Creek

ORIGINAL 16
country concert
series
AT ROCK CREEK!

TUES. JUN. 6.17 JACKIE GUY, SHANTAIA POULIN
 TUES. JUN.20.17 JJ VOSS, BRODY SIEBERT
 TUES. JUL.11.17 BRUIN, LISA MOEN
 TUES. JUL.25.17 ERIN HILL, BROCK ANDREWS
 TUES. AUG.15.17 JUSTIN LABRASH, KELSEY FITCH
 TUES. AUG.22.17 MABALEKA, AARON RIDGEN
 TUES. AUG.29.17 ALEX RUNIONS, ELLY THORN
 TUES. SEPT.5.17 DARLENE TULETA, ROLAND CORRIGAL
 WED. SEPT.6.17 AMANDA HAGEL, STEVE GIBSON
 THUR. SEPT.7.17 TENILLE ARTS, SAMARA YUNG

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 ALL CONCERTS START AT 7:30PM.

SASK MUSIC Rock Creek ORIGINAL COUNTRY MUSIC WEEK
 TAP AND GRILL 16

Summer Carnival

When: June 21-25

Where Market Mall, 2325 Preston Avenue

Click [here](#) for details



SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival

When: June 23 - July 2

Where: Various Venues throughout Saskatoon

Click [here](#) for additional information



Royal Canadian Circus "Under the Big Top"

When: June 30 - July 3

Where: Wyant Group Raceway, North of Saskatoon off Highway 12

Click [here](#) for information



Optimist Canada Day Celebrations

When: July 1

Where: Diefenbaker Park

When: 10 am - dusk

Click [here](#) for information



Hands On Outreach Golf Tournament

When: Thursday, July 17

Where: The Dakota Dunes Golf Links

Reservations 306.653.4182 or info@handsonoutreach.ca



Canadian Country Music Association Awards

When: September 10

Tickets on Sale Now, click [here](#) for details



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.

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