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Provincial Point of View

March 14

Spring is around the corner!

PREMIER HEADED TO IOWA TO PROMOTE IMPORTANCE OF CANADA-U.S. TRADE



Premier Brad Wall is travelling to Iowa this week to promote the critical importance of Canada's and Saskatchewan's trade relationship with the United States.

Wall will visit Des Moines, the state capital, on Wednesday March 15 to take part in a "Canada Day at the Capitol" program organized by the Consulate General of Canada in Minneapolis.

The trip comes as a result of discussions with Prime Minister Trudeau. Wall offered Saskatchewan's assistance in engaging with the United States at the national and state level.

The Prime Minister asked the Premier to represent Canada in Iowa, along with Andrew Leslie, Parliamentary Secretary to the federal Minister of Foreign Affairs (Canada-U.S. Relations).

“Canada and the United States have forged one the most successful economic partnerships the world has ever seen,” Wall said. “Millions of families on both sides of the borders benefit from trade. Now, more than ever, we need to actively promote the advantages of trade and point out the dangers of protectionism. We must be vigilant in protecting our shared prosperity.”

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

Premier Wall will begin by addressing the Iowa House at 7:30am tomorrow, followed by the State Senate. For those wishing to watch the links are below:

Iowa House Live Stream: <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/dashboard?view=videoLive&chamber=H>

Iowa Senate Live Stream: <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/dashboard?view=videoLive&chamber=S>

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Canada is the United States' largest customer, accounting for \$266B USD worth of imports last year.**
- **An estimated 100,000 jobs in Iowa depend on trade and investment with Canada.**
- **Saskatchewan exporters shipped \$355M USD worth of goods to Iowa last year, primarily potash, oats, canola oil and live swine**

SASKATCHEWAN LEADS NATION IN FEBRUARY JOB GROWTH

SASKATCHEWAN JOB GROWTH LEADS CANADA



Month-over-month

8,000
jobs created

Highest
growth rate
in Canada

15,300

Jobs created across all of Canada

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, February 2017.
Seasonally adjusted figures.

Saskatchewan!

In February 2017, 8,000 jobs were created in Saskatchewan (up 1.4 per cent, the highest growth rate in the country).

More people were employed in Saskatchewan in February than ever before with 563,600 working in our province.

“Leading the nation in month-over-month job growth is a positive indication that the economy is moving in the right direction,” Economy Minister Jeremy Harrison. “This along with recent reports on retail sales growth, manufacturing sales growth and wholesale trade growth show the continued strength and resilience of Saskatchewan’s economy.”

This is just a portion of the news release. Click [here](#) to see other February highlights.

YOUR INVITATION TO ATTEND THE BUDGET ADDRESS MARCH 22



You are cordially invited to be present in the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Chamber for the presentation of the Budget Address by the Honourable Kevin Doherty, Minister of Finance.

If you would like to attend the Budget Address beginning at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, please contact our constituency office at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net. Space is limited, so please let me know as soon as possible if you're interested in attending. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. A tea will follow the Budget Address.

**MORE THAN 750 ADDITIONAL PHYSICIANS PRACTICING IN
SASKATCHEWAN SINCE 2007**



Saskatchewan residents continue to benefit from better access to physicians with the addition of more than 750 new doctors over the past 10 years. This represents a 44 per cent increase in overall physician numbers compared to 2007, and includes a 53 per cent increase in specialists and a 37 per cent increase in general practitioners.

“Our government has shown unwavering commitment to recruit and retain physicians in Saskatchewan,” Health Minister Jim Reiter said. “Physicians play a vital role in Saskatchewan’s health care system, both in serving patients and in providing leadership as we transform the way we deliver health care. I’m pleased with the tremendous progress we’ve made in increasing the number of physicians in Saskatchewan.”

Read more about the physician recruitment and retention initiatives [here](#).

[2ND ANNUAL SPIN FOR QUINN DAY MARCH 25](#)

2nd Annual Spin for Quinn Day

Saturday March 25th

Drop in at Mawson Health and Fitness and join as many group fitness classes as you desire between 8:30am and 1:30pm for only \$20.

All proceeds from the day will be donated to the Quinn Stevenson Memorial Athletic & Spirit Trust.

With 3 classes an hour, participants can experiment and enjoy many different classes!

Classes to be offered will include:
Group Ride (spin), Group Power, Active, Zumba Tone, Zumba, TBC, Ultimate Fitness, Yin Yoga, Ashtanga Yoga, PIYO and Vinyasa Flow Yoga!

The schedule for March 25th will be as follows:

8:30 - 9:30:	SPIN, ACTIVE, ASHTANGA YOGA
9:30 - 10:30:	SPIN, GROUP POWER, ZUMBA
10:30 - 11:30:	SPIN, ULTIMATE FITNESS, VINYASA FLOW YOGA
11:30 - 12:30:	SPIN, ZUMBA TONE, PIYO
12:30 - 1:30:	SPIN, TBC, YIN YOGA

** There are 3 classes offered per hour. Pick one class per hour, and attend as many hours of classes as you like! **

Check out the Mawson Health and Fitness website for information on the classes!
mawsonhealthandfitness.ca

Sign up and register ASAP as space is LIMITED!
Contact Andrea Vogel to register at a.vogel@sasktel.net

We look forward to seeing you on March 25th!

I'm looking forward to attending the 2nd annual Spin for Quinn Day Saturday, March 25 at Mawson Health and Fitness. This will be another incredible event to honour the memory of a special constituent and friend, Quinn Stevenson.

Contact Andrea Vogel to register at a.vogel@sasktel.net. Space is limited so be sure to register soon. All proceeds from the day will be donated to the Quinn Stevenson Memorial Athletic & Spirit Trust.

A FUN WAY TO SUPPORT KIDSPORT SASKATOON!

Family Mini-Golf Tournament for KidSport Saskatoon

**SUNDAY MARCH 19th 2017
11:00 AM TO 5:00 PM**



**MARKET MALL
MINI-GOLF COURSE**
2325 PRESTON AVE NWE SOUTH

ENTRY FEE \$25 PER TEAM OF FOUR
Pre-registration is not required.

Appearances by:

- Bruiser the Saskatchewan Rush Mascot
- Pokecheck the Saskatoon Blades Mascot
- Howler the University of Saskatchewan Huskies Mascot

So ALL Kids
Can Play!

ALL PROCEEDS TO:

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CALL KIDSPORT
AT 306-975-0818



KidSport is a children's charity which assists children of families facing financial obstacles to participate in community sport programs so that all kids can play. The goal of KidSport is to provide these children with the opportunity to achieve physical, social, intellectual and moral development through participation in sport. If all children have the opportunity to play, learn self-respect, gain self-confidence, adopt active and healthy lifestyles, and realize dreams through sport, then these children may have a better chance of becoming contributing members and leaders in our communities.

Mark your calendars for this family mini-golf tournament to be held March 19th at Market Mall from 11

am - 5 pm. For more information, contact KidSport at 306.975.0818.

FIREFIGHTERS EQUIPPED WITH FENTANYL ANTIDOTE: NALOXONE KITS NOW ON TRUCKS



Fentanyl and opioid overdose continue to be described as a national health and addictions crisis which Saskatoon is not immune to; in light of this, the Saskatoon Fire Department is taking a proactive step to protect life.

“According to provincial health statistics, overdose deaths have risen dramatically for the past six years,” says Assistant Chief Rob Hogan. “This is the stark reality of our job; we want first responders to have every ability to treat patients in dire need, and so our Primary Care Paramedics are now equipped with Naloxone.”

Naloxone (nuh-LOCKS'-own) is a drug used to counteract the effects of a fentanyl (FEN'-tuh-nil) or other opioid drug overdose.

As noted, the number of deaths from the illicit use of fentanyl and carfentanil (CAR'-fen-tuh-nil) has risen dramatically in the province and across Canada.

“These drugs are extremely powerful and deadly,” Hogan says. “Fentanyl is up to a hundred times more toxic than morphine, and carfentanil is 100 times stronger than fentanyl.”

Click here to [read](#) the entire City of Saskatoon News Release.

**[PICK UP YOUR EXPERIENCE SASKATOON MARCH/APRIL 2017
EVENT GUIDE](#)**



The Experience Saskatoon Calendar of Events is available to help you plan for the next few months. Pick up your copy at Tourism Saskatoon Visitor Services Centre, or at any of their 20 information stands around the city and at local hotels and attractions.

12 SASKATCHEWAN-BASED COMPANIES SELECTED TO PROVIDE CLEANING SERVICES IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Transition to Contracted Cleaning of Government Buildings

\$3.5
million

Savings of \$3.5 million



Six of the 12 successful firms are employee-operated businesses



All successful firms moving on to the next phase* have agreed to hire current employees



The 12 successful firms moving on to the next phase are Saskatchewan companies



65 different firms submitted bids



Over 1,000 bids were received on 95 buildings

* The next phase is negotiation and awarding of contracts.



Move is Anticipated to Save \$3.5 Million Annually

The Government of Saskatchewan will save \$3.5 million annually by contracting 12 Saskatchewan-based suppliers to clean government-owned buildings. Six of the 12 successful firms set to receive contracts are employee-owned companies. All companies have agreed to hire existing government cleaning employees.

More than 1,000 bids from 65 companies were received on the 95 buildings offered to suppliers through a Request for Services process that closed February 10, 2017. The Ministry of Central Services has thoroughly analyzed and scored the submissions over the last several weeks. The evaluation process is being monitored by an independent fairness advisor from Meyers Norris Penny.

"The successful submissions have demonstrated the ministry can save \$3.5 million annually, helping the province save money during the current challenging fiscal times," Central Services Minister Christine Tell said. "Equally important is that half of the successful companies are employee-owned and all companies have committed to hiring current employees."

“We understand there are employees affected by this decision. The Ministry of Central Services is committed to working with these employees and their union, within the terms of their collective bargaining agreement.”

The ministry next will negotiate contracts and anticipates the firms will start cleaning government-owned buildings by July 1, 2017.

DID YOU KNOW?

- **All twelve firms have committed to hiring existing employees**
- **Weighting was given to firms who indicated in their submission that they would consider hiring current Government cleaning employees**
- **Additional weighting was given to employee bids, meaning employees could join together, or individually, and submit a bid for certain locations**



Gardenscape

When: March 24 - 26

Where: Prairieland Park

[Click here for details](#)



Spin For Quinn

Save the Date

When: March 25

Where: Mawson Health & Fitness

All proceeds donated to Quinn's Trust



North Saskatoon Business Association (NSBA) 20th Annual Business

Builder Awards - The Sky is the Limit!

When: March 30

Where: Prairieland Park, Hall A

Click [here](#) for information and to register



Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

Featuring: Minister of Finance, the Honourable Kevin Doherty

When: March 31

Where: Radisson Hotel

Click [here](#) for details

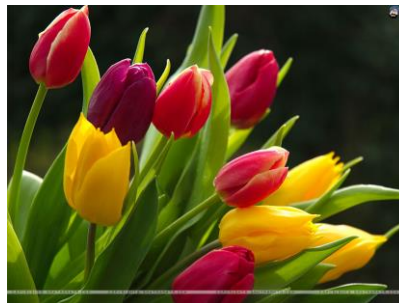


Evergreen Community Association Spring Trade Show

When: Saturday, May 13

Evergreen Community Association is seeking vendors, volunteer and entertainment

For more information contact Helen at hel_125@hotmail.com



The Teddy Bear Picnic 2017

When: May 27

Where: Deifenbaker Park

Click [here](#) for details



Team Naomi Get Well Now 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Save the Date!

When: June 3

Where: Greenbryre Golf and Country Club

For information contact teamnaomigetwellnow@gmail.com and watch this newsletter for more details



20th Annual Zoogala - Save the Date

When: June 16

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm and Zoo

Click [here](#) for information on sponsorship and tickets



Canadian Country Music Association Awards

When: September 10

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



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GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

**IF YOU HAVE
THE POWER TO
MAKE SOMEONE
HAPPY, DO IT.
THE WORLD
NEEDS MORE
OF THAT.**

KUSHANDWIZDOM

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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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