

Provincial Point of View

March 14, 2018

SASKATCHEWAN CANNABIS FRAMEWORK RELEASED

Saskatchewan's Cannabis Framework Framework and Survey Results

The Government of Saskatchewan is releasing its framework for cannabis legalization and outlining a plan for the legal and responsible distribution, sale and use of cannabis in the province. Saskatchewan's Cannabis Framework outlines various aspects of cannabis legalization and regulation within the province that will ensure the safety of Saskatchewan families and communities. The framework includes details on priorities such as keeping our roads and workplaces safe; wholesale, distribution, and retail sales; and includes input from stakeholders as well as guidance from the public survey conducted in the fall of 2017.

"The top priority of the Government of Saskatchewan when creating this framework is to ensure the health and safety of our residents," Justice Minister and Attorney General Don Morgan said. "We have taken the time necessary to review the many impacts cannabis legalization will have on our province and are confident our approach addresses the many facets of legalization."

Cannabis Retail Permit Selection



The selection process for cannabis <u>retail</u> permits is now underway and closes at 2pm on April 10, 2018.



Detailed RFP Documents are available via SaskTenders.ca. You need a SaskTenders account to download the documents (it's free and only takes a few minutes to register).



All questions related to the selection process must be sent by email (only) to rfp.inquiries@slga.gov.sk.ca.



The application process for cannabis <u>wholesale</u> permits will begin in April.



Click here for additional information and to read the key details included in the framework.

THE SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE RESUMES



The Second Session of the Twenty-Eight Legislature resumed on March 12, 2018. The Assembly's first order of business was to elect a new Speaker. Congratulations to Mark Docherty, on being elected speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan.

This is the first sitting of the legislature with our new Premier, Scott Moe and Opposition Leader, Ryan Meili. Joining our Saskatchewan Party Caucus are three new MLAs. Ken Francis, Todd Goudy and Everett Hindley will serve our province well.

The proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan are available live, in their entirety, across the province via live video stream, local cable companies and SaskTel Max. Click here for additional information.

FAMILIES ENJOYING SOME GREAT WEATHER AT THE QUINN STEVENSON MEMORIAL RINK!



I was honoured today to present a members statement in the Legislature to talk about the Quinn Stevenson Memorial Rink in our constituency of Saskatoon Willowgrove. Special thanks to the many volunteers for making this rink such an enjoyable place for families to skate.

This is a message from the Quinn Stevenson Memorial Rink facebook page: Another great year of outdoor skating on the Quinn Stevenson Memorial Rink has come to an end. This year the rink was open approximately 110 days, from November... 19th to yesterday. A big thank you to all our volunteers who spend so much time to make and maintain the rink, without them this rink would not be possible.

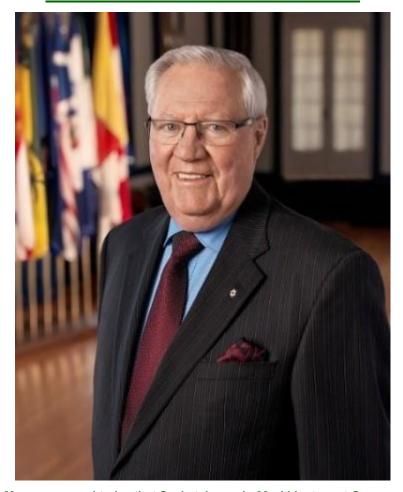
The operating costs of the rink are generously funded by the EACCA offset partially by a city grant, and allows literally hundreds of skaters of all ages to skate for free.

Also thank you to the Stevenson family and the EACCA, and the John G Egnatoff School for their continued support.

The crew is losing a couple volunteers for next year so if you are interested in becoming part of the icemen, contact Troy Carbno, it's a fun group of guys, you won't regret it!

One final thing is to just remind everyone again to please not drink and drive. See more here.

PREMIER SCOTT MOE ANNOUNCES DATE OF INSTALLMENT FOR NEW LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



Premier Scott Moe announced today that Saskatchewan's 22nd Lieutenant Governor, W. Thomas Molloy, will be sworn in during a ceremony at the Legislative Building on March 21, 2018.

"I look forward to Mr. Molloy assuming the role of Saskatchewan's Lieutenant Governor," Moe said. "The role comes with a rich history of service to our province; Mr. Molloy's background as a lawyer and negotiator will see the people of Saskatchewan well served in the years ahead."

Molloy is a respected lawyer and author from Saskatoon. He will replace the outgoing Lieutenant Governor Vaughn Solomon Schofield, who has held the position since 2012.

Molloy was appointed to the role by the federal government in January. Under the Canadian constitution, he will serve as Lieutenant Governor for a minimum of five years.

ANGLERS REMINDED TO REMOVE ICE FISHING SHELTERS BY MARCH DEADLINE



Keep our lakes clean and safe. Please remove ice fishing shelters.

With ice fishing season winding down, all fishing shelters south of Highway 16 must be removed by March 15 and shelters in areas north of Highway 16 must be removed by March 31.

If shelters are not removed, owners may be prosecuted, and the structure and contents may be removed and confiscated.

saskatchewan.ca/fishing



As ice fishing season winds down, anglers are reminded that all fishing shelters south of Highway 16 must be removed by March 15 and shelters in areas north of Highway 16 must be removed by March 31.

Every year, ice fishing shelters are abandoned on the ice, which can later pose a danger to boaters

If shelters are not removed, owners may be prosecuted and the structure and contents may be removed and confiscated. Litter must also be removed when ice shelters are taken off the ice. Structures must be moved to a location where it can be loaded and removed to the individual's residence or property. Ice fishing shelters must have the owner's complete name, address and phone number on the outside in legible letters that are at least 2.5 cm high.

Click here to read more.

NEW GRAIN BAG RECYCLING PROGRAM APPROVED



The Government of Saskatchewan recently approved a new recycling program for agricultural grain bags. The program, set to launch in March 2018, provides a responsible option for producers to return these large, heavy bags for recycling and to prevent environmental harm from open burning or improper disposal.

The recycling program will be operated by Cleanfarms, a non-profit environmental stewardship organization, and regulated by *The Agricultural Packaging Product Waste Stewardship Regulations*, which came into effect in July 2016.

"This makes Saskatchewan the first province in Canada with a regulated agricultural plastics recycling

program," Environment Minister Dustin Duncan said. "I'm pleased that our province is a leader in agricultural plastics recycling, and that our producers and sellers will have a program for grain bags to be responsibly recycled to protect our environment."

Click here to read the entire news release.

FIRST LOOK AT CANADA'S NEW \$10 BANK NOTE FEATURING CIVIL RIGHTS ICON VIOLA DESMOND



Photo and story credit, Global News

<u>Viola Desmond</u>'s trailblazing act of defiance – overlooked for decades by most Canadians – was honoured Thursday in a Halifax ceremony that cemented her new status as a civil rights icon.

A new \$10 bill featuring Desmond was unveiled by Finance Minister Bill Morneau and Bank of Canada Governor Stephen Poloz. Click here to see more stories from Global news.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN HUSKIES WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM!



It was great to attend the final game of the WBB Nationals this past weekend. Seeing Canada's top female basket ball athletes as they competed for National title was great. The Championship final saw Carleton win their first national title in program history. Our Saskatoon Huskies worked hard and made us all proud of their success.

The university of Regina hosted the 2018 U SPORTS Women's National Basketball Championship. Congratulations to the Huskie Athletics who took home the silver medal and the University of Regina who earned the bronze medal. Colleague Tina Beaudry Mellor presented the medals.

Another highlight during the final game was the presentation of \$100,961.31 raised by the women's basketball programs for the Canadian Cancer Society through their annual Shoot for the Cure Initiative.

2018 PARALYMPIANS IN PYEONGCHANG



Premier Scott Moe, "Best of luck to Saskatchewan's own Curtis Minard, Brittany Hudak (alumnus of the Sturgeon River Nordic Ski Club), Marie Wright, and coaches Wayne Kiel and Ken Babey as they represent the <u>Canadian Paralympic Team</u> at the <u>#Paralympics</u> in Pyeongchang. All of Saskatchewan joins Premier Moe and will be cheering you on!"

http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/paralympics-sask-athletes-1.4553567

Read a heart warming story by Saskatchewan Devin Heroux on Marie Wright. Marie has overcome many challenges and adversity, and represents our province well on the world stage. Click here-to-read the entire CBC story.

2018 A BIG YEAR AHEAD FOR GORDIE HOWE SPORTS COMPLEX



Photo credit Greg Pender / The Star Phoenix

Did you know: BY THE NUMBERS

\$42 million — Overall budget for Gordie Howe Sports Complex master plan expansion project.

9 — Friends of the Bowl partners involved: the City of Saskatoon, Hub City Track and Field, Saskatoon Amateur Softball Association, Saskatoon Baseball Council, Saskatoon Football, Saskatoon Lions Speed Skating Club, Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club, Saskatoon Secondary Schools Athletic Directorate and Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame.

10 — Different sports to be played at the Gordie Howe Sports Complex: football (tackle, flag and touch), softball, baseball, speed skating, cross-country skiing, track and field, ultimate frisbee, hockey, box lacrosse and soccer.

45,000 — Anticipated minor, youth and adult-league athletes, coaches and officials from Saskatoon and surrounding communities who will use the Gordie Howe Sports Complex on an annual basis.

175,000-plus — Anticipated visitors, including players, coaches, volunteers and spectators, for the park on an annual basis.

25,000 — Participants for local, provincial, national and international tournaments, camps,

championships and other events to be held at Gordie Howe Sports Complex.

Read the Star Phoenix article here.





Car shows in Saskatchewan are a popular attraction. The Draggins Rod & Custom Car Show is the longest running club-operated car show in Canada! The first show was held in 1961 at the old Saskatoon arena with attendance of approximately 1500 visitors and around 30 cars to view. It has grown to be one of the most loved and anticipated events in Saskatoon. They will be kicking off the spring season with their 58th annual car show at Prairieland Park March 30th and 31st.

The planning is underway and the organizers are looking forward to seeing lots of participants and another great crowd. Online registration is open now. Click <u>here</u> for additional information.

AGRICULTURAL SAFETY WEEK PROCLAIMED IN SASKATCHEWAN



The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed March 11 - 17, as Agricultural Safety Week. "This week helps to remind farmers and ranchers to keep farm safety at the forefront of any operation year round," Agriculture Minister Lyle Stewart said. "Taking steps to prevent injuries on the farm must always be a priority."

Each year, Saskatchewan's Agricultural Safety Week is recognized in conjunction with Canadian Agricultural Safety Week, a partnership between the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, as a way of raising awareness of on-farm safety issues.

Read the entire news release here.

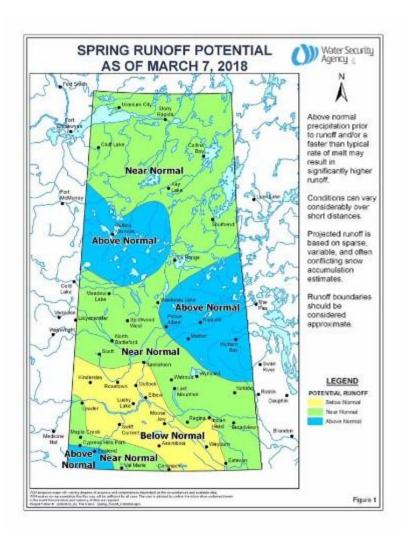
SWINGING WITH THE STARS RAISES \$153,000 FOR BREAST HEALTH CENTRE!



Dance, Raise, Inspire!! The wait is finally over!! We've just hear the exciting news that Swinging with the Stars 2018 raised record-breaking net proceeds of \$153,000 for the Breast Health Centre!!!

THANK YOU to the Dancers, Sponsors, Organizers and Fans for making this years event such a huge success! WOW!!!

MOST OF SASKATCHEWAN EXPECTED TO EXPERIENCE NEAR NORMAL TO ABOVE NORMAL RUN-OFF LEVELS, BUT DRIER AREAS REMAIN



The Water Security Agency (WSA) reports the spring runoff will be near normal to above normal snowmelt runoff across most of the province.

WSA will continue to monitor the 2018 spring runoff conditions across Saskatchewan. More information can be found here >> http://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2018/march/13/spring-runoff-update

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY - NUMEROUS OVERDOSE EMERGENCY RESPONSE CALLS



Saskatoon Police Service: Release 2018-0151:

The Saskatoon Police Service is investigating a number over drug overdoses which have occurred in the city this morning.

Saskatoon Police, along with Medavie Health Services and the Saskatoon Fire Department have responded to three locations where six people were suffering from the effects of apparent illicit drug overdoses. The men and women all received medical treatment however the conditions of all involved are not known at this point. Possible connections between the incidents are also being investigated.

The SPS is warning members of the public that any drug taken with has not been prescribed by a doctor or dispensed by a pharmacist, poses a very serious risk of injury or death.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the SPS at 306-975-8300 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Click here for additional information from the Saskatoon Police Service.

TIM HORTON'S 2018 BRIER A HUGE SUCCESS



Regina did a fantastic job hosting the 2018 Tim Horton's Brier in Regina. The hospitality shown to participants and those attending by Saskatchewan organizers and volunteers displayed the true spirit of Saskatchewan people.

Premier Scott Moe, "Great work Regina; the <u>Tim Hortons</u> 2018 Brier was a huge success, largely due to all the hard-working organizers and volunteers. Congratulations to <u>Team Gushue</u> and all of the teams that participated in this year's Brier.

Well done Team Laycock - you always represent Saskatchewan well!"

DO YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO INCLUDE?



Gardenscape

When: March 23 - 25
Where: Prairieland Park
Click here for details



North Saskatoon Business Association (NSBA) 21th Annual Business

Builder Awards - Building Bridges to Success!

When: March 28, 5 - 9 pm

Where: Prairieland Park, Hall A

Click here for information and to register



Children's Hospital Jeans & Jewels Gala

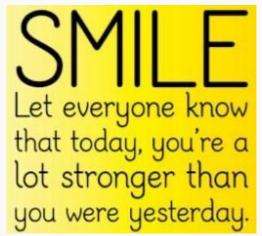
When: April 27th Where: TCU Place

Click here for additional information



READ ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES HERE

THOUGHT OF THE DAY



friend on Facebook | forward to a friend

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.

Copyright © *|Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Saskatoon Willowgrove|*

Phone: 306-651-7100

Email: ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net