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Provincial Point of View

**KEEPING SASKATCHEWAN STRONG
MARCH 26, 2015**

NORTH SASKATOON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

"SOLID AS A ROCK!"



I had the pleasure of attending the North Saskatoon Business Builder Awards March 19, along with the Honourable Don Morgan and the Honourable Gord Wyant.

Nearly 700 people were in attendance marking the 18th occasion that the NSBA membership gathered to honour outstanding recipients. The theme of the Business Builder Awards was "Solid as a Rock".

There are many parallels that can be drawn from their chosen theme to the city of Saskatoon and its economy, which is fueled largely by the ever-growing NSBA membership.

I sincerely congratulate the NSBA President Chad Leverick and the entire membership for all they have accomplished in building enduring businesses and contributing to our vibrant community. They are true examples of the impressive business culture we are privileged to have in Saskatoon.

Businesses honoured exemplified qualities that demonstrated business excellence. Just to name a few, Walter Klassen was named Member of the Year and Wayne Wilson received the Shirley Ryan Lifetime Achievement Award. It was just incredible to see all of the exceptional recipients and hear about their accomplishments!

I sincerely congratulate Emcee's Cary Bowman and Sara Wheelwright along with the sponsors, committee and staff who once again did a terrific job preparing for this outstanding event. It was a fantastic opportunity to honour our Saskatoon business community who were very deserving of recognition, accolades and praise.

SASKATOON REDWING CLINICS SEASON ENDS WITH A GREAT GAME!



The Saskatoon Redwing Clinics hockey team lost in the city final against Clavet 3 - 2 in a great game at the Cosmo Arena last week.

Trish and I thank the great coaching staff and congratulate the efforts of everyone on our son Carter's team. They had a fantastic season and showed excellent skill and sportsmanship.

As the Minor Hockey League draws to a close, I sincerely congratulate all Redwing and Wild players, coaches and parents.

\$98 MILLION IN NEW SAVINGS ACHIEVED THROUGHOUT SASKATCHEWAN'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Combined purchasing power has resulted in more dollars available to patient-centred care in Saskatchewan. Resulting in \$98 million in cumulative savings, joint contracting allows 3sHealth to contract to purchase services and products in bulk on behalf of health regions and the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency.

This process has reduced the cost of medical surgical supplies, drugs, and services like

telecommunications and liability insurance while improving or maintaining quality and safety for patients, families and staff.

“I want to commend the health regions, the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency, and 3sHealth, for collaborating to identify savings which can be redirected to patient care,” Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. “A high-quality, sustainable health system means care will be here for our children and grandchildren.”

[Read more about new savings in health care](#)

THIS IS WHAT MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE IS SAYING ABOUT SASKATCHEWAN'S BALANCED BUDGET



MORE IMPROVEMENTS TO SASKATCHEWAN'S IMMIGRANT NOMINEE PROGRAM

The Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP) will be introducing improvements to its entrepreneur category following consultations with a wide-range of stakeholders that will improve processing times, attract investment and foster the creation of more jobs in Saskatchewan.

“Over the last several months, we have incorporated feedback from stakeholders, researched best practices and worked with the federal government to make some positive changes to the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program,” Immigration, Jobs, Skills and Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “As a result of these changes, Saskatchewan will continue to have one of the best nominee programs in Canada.”

[Read additional information here](#)

PROVINCIAL JUVENILE CHAMPS!



Congratulations to the Saskatoon curling team members: Skip: Rylan Kleiter, Third: Trevor Johnson, Second: Josh Mattern, Lead: Matthieu Taillon and Coach Dean Kleiter who were successful in Nipawin last weekend, winning the U18 Saskatchewan Juvenile Championship. What an accomplishment!

The boys curl out of Sutherland Curling Club and Rylan, Josh and Mattieu are in grade 11 at St. Joseph High School and Trevor is in grade 11 at Holy Cross.

Please join me in wishing the team continued success as they represent our province in Edmonton at the U18 Optimist International Championships!

SASKATOON RESIDENT AMONG THE EIGHT SASKATCHEWAN VOLUNTEER MEDAL RECIPIENTS

"Truly the best part of my job is that every day, I get to meet Saskatchewan volunteers," Lieutenant Governor Vaughn Solomon Schofield said. "These latest recipients of the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal stand out in a province that stands out. Their collective impact is, quite frankly, immeasurable. I am grateful to each of them for their outstanding service and I congratulate them on this well-deserved honour."

"Congratulations to these remarkable men and women for this achievement," Premier Brad Wall said. "As the heart and soul of our neighbourhoods and communities, volunteers make positive things happen each and every day, which improves our quality of life and truly makes Saskatchewan a better place."

The medal recognizes an outstanding volunteer or someone who exemplifies exceptional community involvement. Don McDonald from Saskatoon was one of the worthy recipients.

[Read the entire news release here](#)



JUST THE LINKS

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DID YOU KNOW?

Listening and responding to the needs of my constituents is the most important thing I do as your Member of the Legislative Assembly!

Please see the following information regarding the Graduate Retention Program:

GRADUATE RETENTION PROGRAM

THE TOTAL BENEFITS YOU CAN RECEIVE THROUGH THE GRP HAVE NOT CHANGED. THE ONLY CHANGES ARE THAT YOU MUST BE WORKING AND PAYING SASKATCHEWAN INCOME TAX TO ACCESS YOUR BENEFITS AND YOU NOW HAVE UP TO 10 YEARS TO CLAIM YOUR REBATE.

If you are a single person, earned a degree and paid over \$20,000 in tuition, you would need to make \$36,000 in income to collect the \$2,000 GRP tax rebate. If you made less than \$36,000, you now have up to 10 years to collect the full GRP rebate.

If you are a single person with one child, earned a degree and paid over \$20,000 in tuition, you would have to earn \$54,500 to maximize the full tax benefit. You still have 10 years to collect the full GRP rebate.

If you earn sufficient income and pay income taxes, you will continue to receive the full GRP benefit for which you are eligible. If you have very little income tax payable, you will now have up to 10 years to claim your full GRP tuition rebate.



Tax credits reduce your taxes. Most tax credits are non-refundable which means that they can only be used up to the amount of taxes you owe.

58,000 students have benefited from approximately \$200M in GRP rebates from 2008-2013.

The seven year rebate claim schedule is:

- 10 per cent of a graduate's maximum tuition rebate for the first four years; and
- 20 per cent in each of the remaining three tax years.

Changes to the GRP take effect in the 2015 tax year.

Graduates will continue to receive the GRP rebate as a reduction of their income taxes. Where the tax credit is greater than the income tax payable, the excess will be carried forward and applied in a future tax year. You now have up to 10 years to claim.

saskatchewan.ca/grp

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COMING EVENTS

Saskatoon Prayer Breakfast

Date: April 18

Where: Prairieland Park

When: 7:30 am - 10 am

[Click here for additional information](#)

Bust a Move

Date: April 18

Where: Saskatoon Field House

[Click here for additional information](#)

WUHCA Earth Day Clean Up

Date: April 22

Where: Willowgrove Square

When: 10 am - 3 pm

Watch for further details

City Wide Food Drive

Date: May 2

Where: throughout the city

When: 11 am - 1 pm

Note: There will be a barbeque at 1 pm on May 2 for all volunteers at the Circle Drive Alliance Church

[Click here for additional information](#)

Teen Aid Saskatoon - Fundraising & Silent Auction

Protecting Our Children In A Digital Age

Date: May 3

Where: Smiley's Buffet & Event Centre, 702 Circle Drive East

When: 5 pm

[Click here for additional information](#)

Child Find Charity Breakfast

Date: May 6

Where: Hilton Garden Inn

When: 7:15 am - 8:30 am

[Click here for additional information](#)

WUHCA Community Garage Sale

Date: May 7, 8 & 9

Watch for further details!

SABEX Awards - Celebrate Success

Date: May 14

Where: Saskatoon Prairieland Park

[Click here for additional information](#)

MLA Ken Cheveldayoff's Annual Picnic in the Park

Date: June 18

Where: Forestry Farm

When: 4 pm

Mark your calendars and watch for details!

ZOOGALA

Date: June 19

When: 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo - Lions Event Pavilion

[Click here for additional information](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Happiness comes in through doors you didn't even know you left open.

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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 Silver Springs. 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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