

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



Provincial Point of View

March 28

Maintaining the Saskatchewan Advantage

**NOTICE - MEETING TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH AT DR.
JOHN G. EGNATOFF SCHOOL**

Residents from Willowgrove have proposed a community garden for your neighbourhood.
Come learn more about this initiative and give us your feedback.
If there is community interest and support for a community garden,
the City will till the land for gardeners this spring.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Willowgrove Proposed Community Garden

Wednesday, March 29th, 2017
7:00 – 8:30 pm
Dr. John G. Egnatoff School, library
(225 Kenderdine Road)



Representatives from the City of Saskatoon, CHEP Good Food Inc. and the community garden proponents will be at the Information Meeting to share information about community gardening and the proposed Willowgrove garden. We will also share information on how you can get involved with the garden.

SPEAKING OF GARDENS... FOOD FOR THOUGHT!



PLANTING YOUR SPRING GARDEN FOR DAILY LIVING

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of Mind

Peace of Heart

Peace of Soul

Plan four rows of squash:

Squash Gossip

Squash Indifference

Squash Grumbling

Squash Selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

**Lettuce be Faithful
Lettuce be Kind
Lettuce be Patient
Lettuce Love one Another**

No garden is complete with turnips:

**Turnip for Meetings
Turnip for Service
Turnip to help one another**

To conclude our garden we must have thyme:

**Thyme for each other
Thyme for family
Thyme for friends**

**Water Freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden
because you reap what you sow!**



The 2017-18 Budget is a responsible plan to focus on core services -- those that are a priority to Saskatchewan people -- to ensure these vital services are sustainable and affordable in the long run, to rebalance revenue, to continue supporting growth and return to balance.

The Challenge Saskatchewan is Facing

- Since 2014-15, resource revenue has declined over \$1.3 billion.
- Tax revenue is down by hundreds of millions of dollars due to the resource revenue slowdown.
- The population has grown by 162,000 in 10 years, which puts pressure on vital public services.

This year's budget is Meeting the Challenge by:

1. [Controlling and Reducing Government Spending](#)
2. [Modernizing and Expanding the Tax System](#)
3. [Keeping the Economy Strong](#)
4. [Investing in Priority Areas](#)
5. [Returning to Balance over Three years](#)

OPENING OF THE SASKATCHEWAN ARTS BOARD NEW SASKATOON OFFICE



It was a pleasure as Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport and on behalf of Premier Brad Wall and the government of Saskatchewan to attend the opening of the Saskatchewan Arts Board new Saskatoon office last Thursday.

Saskatoon has a tremendous arts scene with some of the province's best know artists, along with promising emerging talent who call Saskatchewan home. We are fortunate to have a dedicated Arts Board, who, together with management, staff and volunteers work hard to support Saskatchewan artists. The new office will help to provide services to artists and organizations across the province.

Our government recognizes that investment in the arts and culture is important and realizes arts and culture help the local and provincial economies by enhancing and maintaining our cherished quality of life here in Saskatchewan. I am confident that this new facility will help the Arts Board continue to provide a level of service that Saskatchewan artists deserve.



Mark your calendars and plan to attend The Edwards School of Business Leadership Conference May 18, 2017 at TCU Place. This is a great opportunity to learn what information you should be collecting, how to collect and analyze it and how to use what you learn to support your organization at the 2017 Leadership Conference.

They have a fantastic lineup of speakers. You won't want to miss it! Click [here](#) to register and learn more about the conference. Early Bird registration deadline is April 30, 2017.

**SASKATCHEWAN IS A COMPARATIVELY STRONG FISCAL POSITION
WITH THE LOWEST DEBT PER CAPITA IN CANADA**



I WAS HONOURED TO INTRODUCE CFL PLAYERS IN THE LEGISLATURE LAST WEEK!



During CFL Week in Regina last week, I had the pleasure of introducing a number of past Grey Cup Champions and members from the CFL Players Association to the Legislative Assembly. I also had the opportunity to meet with them after to discuss the importance of concussion awareness. I sincerely thank the Canadian Football League Players Association for all of their hard work that they are doing in raising awareness.

Meeting The Challenge

Provincial Budget 2017-18

Premier Brad Wall, "This year's budget outlines our government's 3-year plan to return to balance while making our economy stronger.

We are meeting the challenge of prolonged low resource revenues by controlling and reducing government spending.

We are also shifting taxes toward consumption, like the PST, but away from income and business taxes to make them the lowest or near lowest in Canada. This ensures our investment climate remains competitive while reducing our reliance on resource revenues.

I understand many of the changes announced today are difficult. But we must ensure that our core government services like health care, education, and social services are affordable and sustainable for the long term.

Other governments have decided to delay tough choices by simply running deficits indefinitely. History has shown that leads to even tougher choices later. We will not do that.

Together, we can and will meet this challenge. We will return the budget to balance while ensuring Saskatchewan's economy maintains its strong leadership position in Canada."

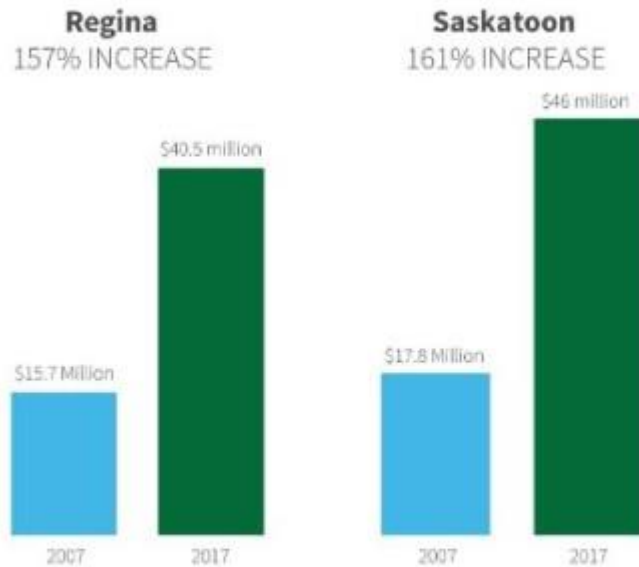
You can learn more [here](#) or see the hyperlinks below for your information.

- **Government of Saskatchewan** [Provincial Budget – Main Page](#)
- **Minister Doherty's** [Budget Address](#)
- **Key** [Facts and Figures](#)
- **Budget** [Highlights](#)

A MESSAGE FROM FINANCE MINISTER KEVIN DOHERTY ON REVENUE SHARING - JOIN OUR FINANCE MINISTER IN SASKATOON ON FRIDAY AT NOON - PLEASE CHECK OUR COMING EVENTS FOR INFORMATION

Municipal Revenue Sharing

Now more than DOUBLE from 10 years ago



When we took office in 2007, Regina was receiving \$15.7 million in revenue sharing from the provincial government. Now they receive \$40.5 million dollars. Saskatoon received \$17.8 million, and they now receive \$46 million. Both have received an increase of well over 150%.

In this year's budget, the province's resource revenues ...are down \$1.2 billion. We're asking municipalities to share in only about 3% of that decreased revenue - 1% from Regina, 1% from Saskatoon, and 1% from the rest of the province.

And we know they can afford to help WITHOUT raising local taxes because they each have large reserve funds built up over the years, in part due to large revenue sharing increases from the provincial government . According to their most recent annual reports, Saskatoon has \$141 million in reserve funds and Regina has \$236 million in reserve funds.

SASKATCHEWAN SPORTS AWARDS HELD AT TCU PLACE



Photo - Golf Saskatchewan

It was a pleasure to have the opportunity as Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport to attend and present the 2016 Saskatchewan Sport Awards last Friday in Saskatoon. The evening was a fantastic celebration of individuals who have made a positive contribution to sport in our province. We are proud of every Saskatchewan athlete, coach, official and volunteer nominated. Congratulation to all award recipients.

Sask Sport Incorporated is an important organization and trusted government partner. By promoting and supporting sport throughout Saskatchewan, Sask Sport helps create a vibrant quality of life for the people in our province.

Provincial Taxes

Family of four at \$75,000 total household income



Total Taxes Paid: \$6,096 \$4,210 **DOWN \$1,886**

**Meeting
The Challenge**
Provincial Budget 2017-18

Learn more at
saskatchewan.ca/budget

Government
of
Saskatchewan

Even with the expansion of the PST this year, every Saskatchewan taxpayer at every level of income is still paying far less in taxes than in 2007. That's because in 2008, our government introduced the largest personal tax cuts in Saskatchewan history.

This year, a family of 4 with \$75,000 of income pays \$1,886 or 31% less in tax than in 2007. Another family of 4 with \$50,000 income... pays \$2,366 or 77% less tax than under the previous government. And in this budget, we are lowering income taxes again by a half point in each bracket this year and by another half point in 2019.

This is a shift toward more stable sources of revenue for core public services while still ensuring a much lower tax burden on Saskatchewan people than before we came to office.

CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS BEGIN APRIL 4

2017 Campsite Reservation Launch Dates

Tuesday, April 4: Blackstrap, Pike Lake

Wednesday, April 5: Buffalo Pound, Danielson, Douglas

Thursday, April 6: Echo Valley, Rowan's Ravine

Friday, April 7: Duck Mountain, Good Spirit Lake,
Greenwater Lake

Saturday, April 8: Crooked Lake, Moose Mountain

Sunday, April 9: Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park

Monday, April 10: The Battlefords, Saskatchewan Landing

Tuesday, April 11: Meadow Lake

Wednesday, April 12: Bronson Forest Recreation Site,
Chitek Lake Recreation Site, Lac La Ronge, Makwa Lake

Thursday, April 13: Candle Lake, Great Blue Heron,
Narrow Hills

The Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport will be launching its provincial park campsite reservation system for the 2017 summer season on Tuesday, April 4. The launch will be staggered, with different parks opening for reservations over a 10 day period.

During the launch period, a queuing system will be implemented, as it has been in the last two years, to help manage the demand and ensure technical stability.

This year, Saskatchewan's provincial parks will be celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary. On Canada Day (Saturday, July 1) and Canada's Parks Day (Saturday, July 15), entry to all Saskatchewan provincial parks will be free. In addition to these free entry days, there will special events throughout the provincial park system, including a province-wide geocaching program and a scavenger hunt to "Picture Yourself" in a Saskatchewan provincial park.

More details on these programs will be announced later this spring, and information will be available on www.saskparks.net

Click [here](#) to read the entire news release and see the launch schedule.

**CITY OF SASKATOON WILL GET \$46 MILLION THIS YEAR IN
REVENUE SHARING!**



DID YOU KNOW?

The City of Saskatoon...

- will receive \$46M in SK revenue sharing this year – up \$28M from '07



Year	Revenue (\$M)
2007	\$17.8M
2017	\$46M

- has \$141M in reserve-funds
- plans to add 50 additional city employees this year

Premier Brad Wall, "Saskatoon City Council this year voted to add 50 additional employees to the payroll and put away another \$5 million in their reserve fund.

On top of that, Saskatoon will get \$46 million this year in revenue sharing from the provincial government, which is 2.5 TIMES more than the \$18 million the previous government gave them in 2007.

We think it is fair they use some of their reserves or perhaps reconsider spending decisions, rather than a court injunction or an increase in local taxes."

HUSKIE ALUMNI & HUSKIE TRACK AND FIELD GALA

I was pleased to attend the 2017 Huskie Alumni and Huskie Track and Field Gala last weekend in Saskatoon and bring greetings on behalf of Premier Brad Wall and the Government of Saskatchewan.

Sports play an important role in the lives of many in Saskatchewan. They enhance the high quality of life

enjoyed across our province. By participating in sports, citizens benefit from physical activity and social interactions which enhance their physical well being.

Our province continues to grow and as more and more people choose Saskatchewan as a place to call home, we see sports playing an important role in bringing our residents together. Athletes develop a sense of pride and connection with their community, making our communities stronger.

I sincerely thank the organizers for bring this event to life for a fifth year ... it is excellent that this event not only promotes athletic and academic excellence but also aims to influence education and healthy lifestyles within our community.

SASKATCHEWAN ATTENDS YOUTH BOWLING CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT!



It is always a pleasure to highlight groups that represent our province. These pictures are from the Youth Challenge Tournament held in Ottawa, March 23-26, 2017. The team below is (left to right) Coach Dean Nagel, Josie Brooks, Dylan Mandersheid, Riley Knaus, Corey Downing. Front: Caet Nicholson, Coach Coralee Frank, Liah Schmidt. The picture above is the team with all the friends and family who went to cheer. The team placed second in the consolation round. We are all very proud of these bowlers! Congratulations!



MORE NEW INVESTMENT IN SASKATOON!



**Brandt Expansion:
500 jobs planned in
Saskatoon to supply
renewable power across SK**



**\$100M Grain Millers
Expansion in Yorkton,
25 new jobs & 110
construction jobs**



**Two new G3 grain elevators
near Melville & Saskatoon**

**30 new jobs &
75 construction jobs**

Premier Brad Wall, "Saskatchewan's diversified economy continues to attract new investment with 185 construction jobs and 555 permanent jobs announced in the last week alone.

This highlights the importance of maintaining the Saskatchewan Advantage with the budget: a positive investment climate that encourages job creation across our province

I was pleased to join several colleagues last week at the Brandt Expansion. Read the article that appeared in the Saskatoon Star Phoenix: Saskatchewan's largest private company has acquired the former Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems Canada Ltd. plant in Saskatoon's north end, and plans to transform the sprawling facility into a wind turbine factory employing approximately 500 people.

Brandt Group of Companies bought the 210,00-square-foot complex from its U.S.-based owners for an undisclosed price, and expects it will help expand its revenue to \$5 billion from the current \$1.7 billion by

2025, according to its president.

“We have customers that are installing wind turbines all across the country ... We think it is something that is the future of alternative power,” Shaun Semple said of the Regina-based groups’s decision to enter the renewable power business.

Semple said the plant — which is expected to be operational “within weeks” and increase slowly — will help utilities like SaskPower, which has pledged to expand its reliance on renewable power to 50 per cent, from around 25 per cent, by 2030.

Read the entire article from the Saskatoon Star Phoenix [here](#).

NEW ER WAIT TIMES FUNDING WILL EXPAND ACCOUNTABLE CARE TEAMS



Health Minister Jim Reiter announced March 28 that a portion of new funding to improve emergency department wait times will be used to expand the innovative Accountable Care model of inpatient care. A new investment of \$12 million to improve emergency department wait times was announced in last week’s budget.

“This innovative, team-based model of inpatient care that was successfully introduced here at the Pasqua Hospital will now spread to other hospital wards in Regina and Saskatoon,” Reiter said. “This

approach improves safety and helps patients leave hospitals sooner and with less chance of a return visit.”

Patients in the Pasqua’s Accountable Care ward have been able to return home 15 per cent sooner thanks to improved communications among health care teams. The unit also reports reduced mortality, and significant improvements in patient and staff satisfaction.

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

SASKATCHEWAN'S POPULATION CONTINUES TO GROW

Saskatchewan’s population continues to grow, up by 2,946 people in the last quarter of 2016 and up by 17,217 in 2016. There were 1,158,339 people living in Saskatchewan as of January 1, 2017, according to the latest population estimates released today by Statistics Canada.

Both the quarterly and annual population gains were the third highest among Canadian provinces.

“The growing population shows that despite the budget challenges we are addressing, Saskatchewan’s economy remains strong and resilient,” Premier Brad Wall said. “Last month, Saskatchewan led the country in job growth, so I expect the population to keep growing as new opportunities attract new people to our province.”

Over the past decade (January 1, 2007 to January 1, 2017), Saskatchewan’s population grew by more than 163,000 people – the biggest increase in any 10-year period since 1921 to 1931. That’s a sharp contrast to the previous decade (January 1, 1997 to January 1, 2007) when Saskatchewan’s population actually dropped by more than 23,000 people.

Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

**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



Erindale/Arbor Creek Neighbourhood Traffic Review

When: Tuesday, April 4, 7 - 9 pm

Where: Erindale Alliance Church, 310 Perehudoff Crescent - West Entrance

An opportunity to share ideas and suggestions!

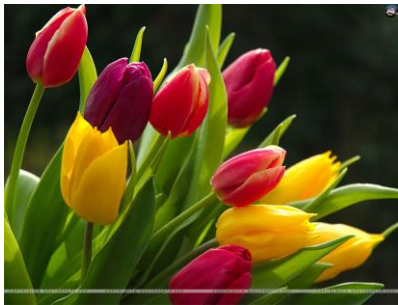


Evergreen Community Association Spring Trade Show

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

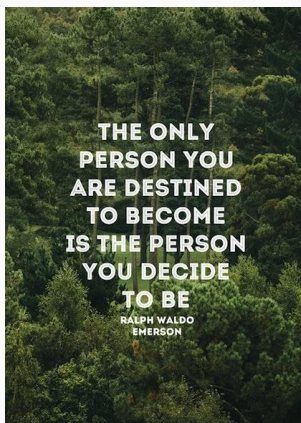
When: September 10

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



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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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