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Provincial Point of View

March 28, 2018



[YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE BUDGET ADDRESS APRIL 10TH](#)



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

Please contact our office by noon, Thursday, March 29th at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net if you are interested in attending the Budget Address at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, April 10th. I have a limited number of tickets available. My constituency assistant will confirm your request. Guests are asked to be seated no later than 1:00 pm. Seating is on a first-come, first served basis. A tea will follow the Budget Address.

I look forward to seeing you!

FROM CANADIAN LIVING: WHY PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE FLOCKING TO THE "PARIS OF THE PRAIRIES"



Image credit Saskatoon Tourism

This Canadian city is becoming more popular than Banff.

Once a humble prairie town and certainly never popular as a tourist destination, Saskatoon is attracting international tourists like never before. In past 18 months alone, Vogue declared the city an "absolute must-visit" destination, and later Saskatoon usurped the likes of Banff and Niagara on the *USA Today's* Best Destinations in Canada list. Perhaps most notably, *The New York Times* listed it at number 18 on their "52 Places to Go in 2018" list. All of this palaver begs the question, why is everyone suddenly flocking to Saskatoon?

The answer is obvious to those who have ventured into the heart of the city. Coined "the Paris of the Prairies" by the late Gord Downie, Saskatoon is distinguished by a series of artful bridges traversing the South Saskatchewan River and connecting the city's east and west sides. From the centrally located Broadway, University, Victoria and Sid Buckwold bridges, a mix of both the well-established and the burgeoning treasures that are drawing people from around the world can easily be discovered.

Read the entire article from Canadian Living [here](#).

THIS YEAR MARKS THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SASKATCHEWAN DIVISION, CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY



Premier Scott Moe, "This year marks the 80th anniversary of Canadian Cancer Society, Saskatchewan Division, ahead of daffodil month.

Thank you to Jordana, Darcy, Cheryl, and Donna with the Cancer Society of Saskatchewan for your work to improve the lives of those living with cancer in our province.

MORE CODING AND ROBOTICS COMING TO SASKATCHEWAN CLASSROOMS



Saskatoon University MLA Eric Olauson on behalf of Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant announced today new coding and robotics opportunities for middle years and high school students in Saskatchewan, which will ensure classrooms are meeting the needs of 21st century students. In response to requests from the education and tech sector stakeholders, robotics curricula that incorporates coding will be developed in the area of provincial Practical and Applied Arts. These elective courses will be available to all Saskatchewan high schools, while middle years (Grades 7-9) teachers can also introduce students to coding and robotics.

“Our government is following through on our commitment to develop Saskatchewan students’ computer coding skills that will help prepare them for emerging careers in science, mathematics, engineering and technology,” Wyant said. “Today’s announcement will build upon local successes we have seen across the province in coding and robotics education.”

Click [here](#) to read the entire news release.

CHANGES TO FEES AND CHARGES IN 2018-19

Certain fees and charges paid by Saskatchewan residents and businesses will change in 2018-19 to better reflect the cost of related provincial services.

The changes will add about \$17.7 million to the General Revenue Fund (GRF) in 2018-19, and about \$784,000 in revenue to non-GRF agencies and funds (Water Security Agency, Commercial Revolving Fund, and Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority).

To read about the changes, click [here](#).

REPORT ON FRENCH-LANGUAGE SERVICES POLICY RECEIVED



Provincial Secretary Nadine Wilson has received the Advisory Committee on Francophone Affairs' latest report on the implementation of the Government of Saskatchewan's French-Language Services Policy.

“This report shows that there has been progress made in offering services in French to the people of Saskatchewan, but more importantly, it outlines how the Government of Saskatchewan is continually making an effort to improve access to French-language services,” Wilson said. “I want to extend my thanks to the Advisory Committee and to those who met with them for this important look at access to French-language services in Saskatchewan.”

Continue reading this news release [here](#).

5TH ANNUAL AIM FUNDRAISER A GREAT SUCCESS!



It was a pleasure to attend an evening in support of [The AIM Program](#). The [Kids of Note / The Notations](#) put on a outstanding performance. Also in attendance were colleagues David Buckingham, MLA Saskatoon Westview, Eric Olauson, MLA Saskatoon University and Paul Merriman, MLA Saskatoon Silver Springs. Special thanks to Derek Reimer and Allison Hunter for the invitation to attend!

MONTHLY FOCUS - SEATBELTS



Failing to #BuckleUp: Apparently, this IS still a thing.

Police forces from across Saskatchewan reported 400 offences related to seatbelts or car seats in February: <https://www.sgi.sk.ca/news?title=failing-to--buckleup--apparently--this-is-still-a-thing>.

**PREMIER MOE PARTICIPATES IN THE JIM PATTISON
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL SUPERHEROES NIGHT AT THE
SASKATCHEWAN RUSH GAME**



It is always exciting to attend the Saskatchewan Rush games. Last Saturday I was pleased to be at SaskTel Centre to watch our Saskatchewan Rush take on the Rochester Knighthawks. We didn't win but it was an exciting game and the evening was incredibly special as the Superheroes Night, presented by TD, benefited the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation. Our Premier, Scott Moe was also in attendance.

Premier Scott Moe, "Great to be at tonight's [Saskatchewan Rush](#) game, especially on such an important night for the [Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation](#) Superheroes.

Thanks Rush Nation for supporting our province's kids tonight."

**PROTECT YOUR ELM TREES: DON'T PRUNE FROM APRIL 1 TO
AUGUST 31**



Dutch elm disease (DED) is caused by a fungus spread by tiny elm bark beetles that breed under the bark of dead or dying elm wood. If that wood contains the DED fungus, each new generation of beetles can infect healthy elms.

You can help prevent DED:

- **Keep your own elm trees healthy;**
- **Don't prune elm trees from April 1 to August 31;**
- **If you see signs of DED, report them to your municipal authority;**
- **Don't buy, sell, store, transport or use elm firewood; it's illegal;**
- **Remove and dispose of the tree promptly if DED is confirmed; and**
- **Support DED management in your community.**

Click [here](#) to read the news release.

PROVIDING \$11 MILLION FOR THE SASKATCHEWAN ADVANTAGE SCHOLARSHIP



Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship

High school grads receive up to **\$500** per year for four years towards tuition at a SK post-secondary institution

Expected to help over **21,000** SK students reduce their tuition costs this year

saskatchewan.ca/sas

Government of Saskatchewan

So far this year, nearly 21,500 students have received the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship, totalling \$11 million from the Government of Saskatchewan.

The Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship reduces tuition for students entering post-secondary programs in Saskatchewan. It provides \$500 per year to a lifetime maximum of \$2,000 to all Grade 12 graduates since 2012.

“The Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship is an example of our government’s commitment to the future of our students and our province,” Advanced Education Minister Tina Beaudry-Mellor said. “This scholarship is helping ensure thousands of students have access to affordable post-

secondary education in our province.”

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

McORMOND-COLLEGE INTERCHANGE ON TRACK FOR OCTOBER COMPLETION



Photo credit Greg Pender / The StarPhoenix

A key interchange on Saskatoon’s east side looks like it will hit its Halloween deadline, a city official says. A 250-tonne crane will be at the site of the McOrmond Drive and College Drive interchange starting Monday to lift 56 girders into place to support the bridge deck, reporters were told Thursday.

Bryan Zerebeski, the City of Saskatoon’s project manager, said the contractor has taken steps to address a construction timeline that was deemed to be behind schedule last fall.

“There’s weather problems that could happen in 2018, but we’re happy with the plan they put together to get it back on schedule for 2018,” Zerebeski told reporters at city hall.

PCL Construction Management Inc. is building the McOrmond-College interchange along with an interchange at Boychuk Drive and Highway 16. The Boychuk interchange is scheduled for completion in July of 2019.

Read the entire Saskatoon StarPhoenix article [here](#).

MORE FINANCIAL LITERACY COMING TO SASKATCHEWAN CLASSROOMS



Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant announced today that writing is set to begin in April for new financial literacy courses. These courses will soon be available to help ensure Saskatchewan students are prepared for a successful future.

In response to requests from the education sector and industry stakeholders, including the Saskatchewan School Boards Association and the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, new financial literacy curricula are being developed for Grade 11 and 12 students. Grades 7 - 9 teachers will also be able to introduce their students to financial literacy topics by using modules from these curricula in middle level Practical and Applied Arts courses.

“The ability to manage personal finances is an essential skill in our daily lives,” Wyant said. “We want our students to be prepared for their futures, and that’s why it’s so important to engage students in financial literacy.”

Continue reading [here](#).

SASKATCHEWAN FORESTRY SECTOR EXCEEDS \$1 BILLION IN SALES FOR 2017



Saskatchewan's forestry industry is emerging as one of the province's strongest growth sectors, generating sales of nearly \$1.2 billion in 2017—a 21 per cent increase over the previous year, with the highest value of forestry product sales in over a decade.

Prices for all forest products were very strong in 2017, reaching their highest levels since 2005. Prices are forecast to remain high over the next several years, largely due to strong demand from major export markets.

Click [here](#) to read the entire news release.

DO NOT TAKE PHONE CALLS FROM TRADE 12



Released on March 28, 2018 The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan (FCAA) has issued a Temporary Cease Trade Order against Trade12, Global Fin Services Limited, and Exo Capital Markets Limited for running an unregistered online platform that allows people to trade binary options (www.fcaa.gov.sk.ca/binaryoptions), contracts for difference, and FOREX (www.fcaa.gov.sk.ca/investmentfraud).

Trade12 has contacted residents of Saskatchewan by phone asking people to open accounts to facilitate trading. Personal identification is required to open an account.

“People should never give personal information or send money to businesses they do not know,” FCAA Deputy Director of Enforcement Ed Rodonets said. “Before you conduct any business with a company make sure they are allowed to trade securities in Saskatchewan. You can check the registration status of any person or company selling investments by using the Canadian Securities Administrators’ National Registration Search database at www.aretheyregistered.ca.”

Continue reading [here](#).

SASKATOON MIXED CURLING TEAM WINS PROVINCIALS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 46 YEARS



In the picture from Left to Right: Kim Lendvay, Daymond Bernath, Madison Kleiter, Garrett Huber, Rianna Kish, Dean Kleiter. In the front: Naomi Lendvay

Congratulations to the St. Joseph Guardians from Saskatoon that won the Mixed Curling Provincial Championships. The team consists of Daymond Bernath, Madison Kleiter, Garrett Huber, Rianna Kish and are coached by Dean Kleiter.

They began their quest for a Provincial title at Regionals in Blaine Lake with three dominating wins which locked them up a spot in Provincials which were hosted the following weekend in Rosetown.

The momentum carried over to Provincials where they went undefeated in Round Robin action which had them qualify for the Medal Round. At this point in time, the team decided to dedicate the next couple games to Naomi Lendvay. Naomi is a 9-year old daughter to a teacher at St. Joseph High School that has been battling cancer for the last couple of years. Each of the students and coaches wore Team Naomi socks in the medal round.

In the semi-final game, STJ had a dominant performance over Spiritwood with an 11-4 victory to advance to the gold medal game. In a very exciting and well-played game, the championship came down to the last shot in extra ends. The Guardians were able to make a great shot and seal the provincial gold medal with a 5-4 victory! Over the course of their playoff run, the team outscored the opponents 65-18!

This is the first time a mixed curling team from Saskatoon has one Provincials in 46 years!

THE GANG'S ALL HERE - MEERKAT HOUSE SET TO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018!



City of Saskatoon News Release: The newest members of the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo (Zoo) family have quickly settled into their new digs at the Meerkat House and embraced their new life as Saskatonians.

“The new exhibit is quite amazing,” says Tim Sinclair-Smith, Zoo Manager. “It features a naturalistic habitat with desert sand dunes, termite mound replicas, nest boxes, and specially made tunnel systems. We are also working on setting up nest box cameras that will provide an up-close look at the meerkat tunnels throughout the exhibit.”

Transforming the former Komodo Island exhibit to the new Meerkat House was made possible through the generous support of the Saskatoon Zoo Foundation who raises funds for capital projects and improvements within the Zoo. Following up on the success of the Komodo Island exhibit, the Foundation provided the required funding to bring the Meerkat House exhibit to life.

“The Saskatoon Zoo Foundation is very excited to play a role in bringing the meerkats to the Zoo,” says Dawn Woroniuk, Executive Director, Saskatoon Zoo Foundation. “We embraced the opportunity to provide the funding to flip the exhibit space in order to bring a species that most of us never imagined coming to the Zoo.”

The new Meerkat House also features original artwork created by students from Georges Vanier Catholic Fine Arts School. The school has been working with the Zoo to create cut-out displays highlighting various animals, with the latest installation featuring the meerkats. Visitors to the Zoo will have their first opportunity to see the meerkats in their new permanent home when the exhibit officially opens to the public on Sunday, April 1, 2018.

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WILL YOU FIND DINO EGGS AT THE ROYAL SASKATCHEWAN MUSEUM?



The Royal Saskatchewan Museum (RSM) is excited to announce that free WiFi will be available throughout the building starting in April and, with Easter break around the corner, a great lineup of family-friendly activities is planned throughout the week and month.

School's out from March 30 until April 8 and Megamunch's Dino Egg Hunt is back for a third year. The popular activity challenges guests to search for "dino eggs" hidden throughout the galleries, record the letter from each egg and unscramble a puzzle to win a prize. Throughout the break, come check out different egg types in the lobby display or visit the Paleo Pit featuring a colouring table, climbing structure and discovery wall, open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“Once again, the staff at the RSM have organized an educational and entertaining visit for guests of all ages,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. “The RSM strives to offer unique experiences through new and innovative programming, services and exhibits and this spring they continue that trend. I hope citizens soon take the opportunity to visit the museum to spend quality time with friends and family, and to learn more about our great province.”

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

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WORK ARRANGEMENTS OR HOURS PERMITS?



Do you want to learn more about modified work arrangements or averaging of hours permits? Sign up for a webinar on April 4.

The Employment Standards Division offers free online training webinars that provides basic information about the employment standards in Saskatchewan. These webinars address commonly asked questions that affect most employers and employees, including employers based outside of Saskatchewan with employees in the province.

Click [here](#) for information so you can attend the webinar from your home or office using a computer, tablet or smartphone!

\$388 MILLION AGREEMENT INVESTS IN SASKATCHEWAN AGRICULTURE

Canada's hard-working farmers and food processors are the foundation of the economy and continue to see a growing global demand for their world-class products. Federal, provincial and territorial governments are working together to give farmers and food processors the support they need to meet these demands.

Today, the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan announced Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) program details for the agricultural sector in Saskatchewan. The Canadian Agricultural Partnership is a \$3 billion, five year investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments to help Canada's agricultural sector innovate, grow and prosper.

"This joint investment supports continued growth and profitability for Saskatchewan's agriculture industry," Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister Lyle Stewart said. "The programs, services and investments supported by the agreement are responsive to the needs of Saskatchewan's industry now and in the future."

Click [here](#) to read the entire news release.



Draggins Rod & Custom Car Show

When: March 30th & 31st

Where: Prairieland Park

Click [here](#) for information



Saskatchewan Living Green Expo

When: April 13 - 15, 2018

Where: Prairieland Park

Click [here](#) for information

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Saskatoon Prayer Breakfast

When: Saturday, April 21

Where: Prairieland Park, Hall A

Doors open at 7:30 am

Click [here](#) for information



Children's Hospital Jeans & Jewels Gala

When: April 27th

Where: TCU Place

Click [here](#) for additional information



Husky Dogs' Breakfast

When: Thursday, May 3rd

Where: Holiday Inn Express, College Quarter at the U of S

Click [here](#) for information



Save the Date for the 5th Annual Quinn Stevenson Memorial Golf Tournament

When: Friday, August 17th @ the Willows

Watch for more details



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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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