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The Saskatchewan legislature resumes sitting today, March 2nd at which time our government will deliver a budget that builds on the goals outline in the new Growth Plan.

24TH ANNUAL RAJ MANEK MEMORIAL BANQUET



Pictured above with Kanchan Manek

It was an honour to bring greetings and present the Raj Manek Above and Beyond Award on behalf of Premier Scott Moe and the government of Saskatchewan at the Raj Manek Memorial Banquet.

The Raj Manek Above and Beyond Award was created to recognize the efforts of Saskatchewan-based employees and entrepreneurs who have made outstanding contributions to the success of entrepreneurship - above and beyond what is expected of a person in their position. Raj Manek was one such individual, so it was certainly fitting that this award was named in his honour.

The award was presented to Gord and Maureen Haddock of Trek 2000 Companies. Their entrepreneurial journey has spanned almost 50 years, during which time they've owned and operated businesses in retail, entertainment, publishing, and real estate.

The Keynote address by guest speaker, Janet Podleski - one of the authors of the Looneyspoons cookbooks was enjoyed by all. Everyone attending this event had a wonderful evening celebrating the entire business community supporting the Raj Manek Mentorship Program. Congratulations to everyone participating in making the 24th Raj Manek Memorial Banquet a huge success.

REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



The Trudeau Carbon Tax – imposed on a number of provinces including Saskatchewan – is unconstitutional.

In a four to one decision, the Alberta Court of Appeal has ruled that the imposition represents a wholesale takeover of a collection of clear provincial jurisdictions and rights, calling it a “constitutional trojan horse” that ultimately could allow the federal government to exert authority over other areas of provincial jurisdiction.

The court ruled that the federal government cannot simply take over matters that otherwise fall within provincial authority. This supports the minority opinion that was expressed in our own Saskatchewan Court of Appeal and confirms what we have been arguing all along; that the Trudeau government does not have the authority to impose their carbon tax against the will of provincial governments, as they have done.

The ruling confirms that the federal government has no right to impose a carbon tax on some provinces but not others based on how some provinces have chosen to exercise its own legislative jurisdiction, as written under the constitution. This means that Saskatchewan has the full authority to implement our Prairie Resilience Plan to fight climate change, to reduce emissions and to do so without a federal carbon tax.

The Alberta Court of Appeal decision strengthens our resolve as we prepare to move Saskatchewan’s case to the Supreme Court of Canada. And until the Supreme Court rules, we are calling on the federal government to cancel their costly and unconstitutional carbon tax on hard-working Saskatchewan people.

Meanwhile, Ryan Meili and the NDP are not on our side. While advocating for a carbon tax, they have wrongly dismissed our legal case, calling it “a pointless crusade”.

The Saskatchewan legislature resumes sitting in March at which time our government will deliver a budget that builds on the goals outlined in the new Growth Plan.

Saskatchewan's Growth Plan for the Next Decade is a roadmap for a growing province of 1.4 million people and a strong economy with 100,000 more jobs.

Business and investment growth over the next decade will create stronger communities. Adding value to the products we export around the world will support the growth of new industries and new investment in our province.

Technology and innovation will be a catalyst for growth in our core economic centres and the growing diversification of our economy.

Growth will create new jobs and more opportunities for young people to realize their future in our province while attracting skilled and entrepreneurial newcomers from around the world.

These are just some of the benefits of a growing province over the next decade.

Most importantly, growth affords the ability to invest in a better quality of life for Saskatchewan families and communities – that is the purpose of growth.

A growing population and a strong Saskatchewan economy provided the means to build 46 new schools and add of 1300 teachers to our education system, equal to one new teacher for every eighteen new students enrolled.

Recently, the Government of Saskatchewan announced \$6 million in new funding to support growing student enrolment with the purchase of 15 new relocatable classrooms for schools across the province.

An additional \$5 million was announced to support the province's Preventative Maintenance and Renewal program with funds helping school divisions address infrastructure needs in their schools.

Our government is committed to meet the needs in our classrooms, and ensure every student receives the education they deserve. While there is more to do, we know the way to address class size is to keep building classrooms and put teachers in them.

You can learn more about our plan for a strong economy, strong communities and strong families at saskgrowthplan.ca.

\$10 MILLION TO SUPPORT COAL COMMUNITIES' TRANSITION



February 28th, Premier Scott Moe announced the Government of Saskatchewan will invest \$10 million to support Estevan, Coronach and area transitioning from coal-based industries to other economic opportunities.

“Our government will work hard to ensure this part of our great province can successfully move to cleaner energy sources and new business developments to remain prosperous and vibrant,” Moe said. “This situation was unfortunately imposed on Saskatchewan much earlier than planned by new federal regulations. This provincial funding will help advance economic development and diversification opportunities, while demonstrating our commitment to these impacted communities.”

The City of Estevan will receive \$8 million and the Town of Coronach will receive \$2 million of the total \$10 million. This provincial funding will be provided to these two communities who will also be expected to partner with neighbouring municipalities to allocate the funding to regional initiatives.

“I grew up in Estevan and spent a decade on its city council, so I know first-hand the tenacity, determination and hard-work ethic of everyone in the area,” Government Relations Minister and Estevan MLA Lori Carr said. “It’s those characteristics that will help us re-imagine this great part of our province and leverage new economic opportunities as we go through this time of change.”

Current federal regulations require all coal-fired power stations to be decommissioned after 50 years of operation, or to close by 2030, whichever comes first. This will impact three power stations, several mines and hundreds of jobs in southeast Saskatchewan.

SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS UNVEIL GREY CUP FESTIVAL PLANS



Preparations are well underway to make the 2020 Grey Cup in Regina one of the biggest and best in CFL history. Regina and the entire province of Saskatchewan is set to host a Grey Cup that will perhaps set a new standard!

I was pleased to join colleagues, the Honourable Gene Makowsky and Regina Pasqua MLA Muhammad Fiaz as festival details were announced last Friday at Mosaic Stadium. It was great to hear the exciting plans from CFL commissioner Randy Ambrosie and Craig Reynolds, Roughrider President and CEO.

Read the [leader post](https://leaderpost.com/news/local-news/grey-cup-festival-will-feature-free-entertainment-50k-esports-tournament) article, *The countdown to the 2020 Grey Cup in Regina has begun.*
<https://leaderpost.com/news/local-news/grey-cup-festival-will-feature-free-entertainment-50k-esports-tournament>



Craig Reynolds

photo credit, Troy Fleece / Regina Leader Post

Saskatchewan Roughriders: "It's going to be BIG." With Mosaic Stadium as the backdrop to [#GreyCup2020](#), [Riderville](#) is raising the bar for Canada's championship.

SASKATCHEWAN BUDGET DAY - MARCH 18, 2020



Watch this newsletter next week for details regarding the delivery of the Saskatchewan Budget to take place on March 18, 2020. This Budget will build on goals outlined in Saskatchewan's new Growth Plan. A Plan for the Next Decade is a roadmap for a growing province of 1.4 million people and a strong economy with 100,000 more jobs.

NEW LUTHERCARE GROUP HOME OPENS IN SASKATOON



Four adults with intellectual disabilities will have a new place to call home thanks to LutherCare Communities and the Government of Saskatchewan.

“Our government is so pleased to work hand-in-hand with our partners, families and people with disabilities to create a province where everyone can participate in their community to the best of their ability,” Social Services Minister Paul Merriman said. “I want to thank LutherCare Communities for being a part of creating an inclusive community in our province.”

The government provided more than \$530,000 in annual funding to cover residential and day program supports for the new residents. This funding is part of the more than \$5.5 million provided to LutherCare Communities each year.

LutherCare Communities operate a variety of group homes, a supported independent living program and a day program. They provide services to people with intellectual disabilities, high medical needs and complex needs.

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/february/28/luthercare-group-home>

NEW, PERMANENT ACUTE CARE BEDS OPENING AT SASKATOON'S ROYAL UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL



Thirty-six additional permanent acute care in-patient beds are opening March 9 at Royal University Hospital (RUH) in Saskatoon to accommodate patients admitted through the Emergency Department.

The new unit has expanded to 48 beds total, including 12 previously existing adult medicine overflow beds. It is located in a space that became available following the transition of maternal services to the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital this past September.

“Our government is committed to improving patients’ health care,” Health Minister Jim Reiter said. “Investing in these additional acute care beds allows our health system to better meet the urgent care needs of our residents.”

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/february/28/ruh-acute-care-beds>

NEW GUIDELINES FOR TRAVEL REGARDING CORONAVIRUS



As Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) is detected in new jurisdictions, Saskatchewan public health is updating recommendations to residents and health care providers related to travel to and from countries with confirmed cases.

“The number of countries that have confirmed COVID-19 cases continues to grow,” Saskatchewan Ministry of Health’s Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Saqib Shahab said. “While the risk to residents travelling abroad remains low, people travelling to and from affected areas should monitor for fever, cough and difficulty breathing for 14 days after travel. If you have these symptoms, contact HealthLine 811 for assessment and direction.”

The active travel health notices and travel advice are available at Health Canada - Latest Travel Health Advice page at <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latest-travel-health-advice.html>.

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/february/27/coronavirus-update>

THE JUNO AWARDS ARE SET FOR MARCH 15TH AT SASKTEL CENTRE - BE SURE TO GET YOUR TICKETS SOON



Pictured above with Todd Brandt, President and CEO, Tourism Saskatoon

The biggest night in Canadian Music is approaching! Saskatoon is hosting the Juno Awards 2020, March 15th at 6 pm at the SaskTel Centre. A mix of young and old, fresh and familiar, is set to highlight the 2020 Juno Awards in Saskatoon. The Juno Awards are made even more exciting with 6 nominees from Saskatchewan.

The 2020 Juno Awards are set for March 15 at SaskTel Centre. **Juno Week** — with performances and festivities leading up to the awards show — runs from March 9-15.

Tourism Saskatoon: Are you ready Saskatoon? JUNOfest Presented by CBC Music is near and we have an exciting jam-packed roster with your favourite Canadian artists! Get your passes for \$30 ea. (plus taxes/fees) and enjoy two days of music performances by 50+ musical talents. Passes are available here: <http://bit.ly/2vQynD7>

Check out the whole line up here: <https://junoawards.ca/events/junofest/>

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1 PASS

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Saturday March 14

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The Government of Saskatchewan and Sask Sport Inc., are launching the second phase of a joint marketing campaign to ensure a healthy, safe and respectful environment for all participants in amateur sport in the province.

“We are proud to partner with Sask Sport, recognized as a leader across Canada for their dispute resolution services and tools, on this important initiative,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. “Following a growing movement of what is no longer acceptable in sport, this campaign increases awareness of the valuable tools available to assist coaches, athletes and parents.”

Today, the second phase of the online campaign kicks off with ads on Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. This campaign first launched in October 2019 to build awareness of resources to address bullying, abuse, harassment and discrimination in sport.

In particular, the campaign focuses on the Respect Resource Line, where expert staff provide information, bilingual support, resources and referrals by phone, text or email. This confidential and

anonymous resource is intended to assist coaches, athletes and parents in determining the most appropriate course of action.

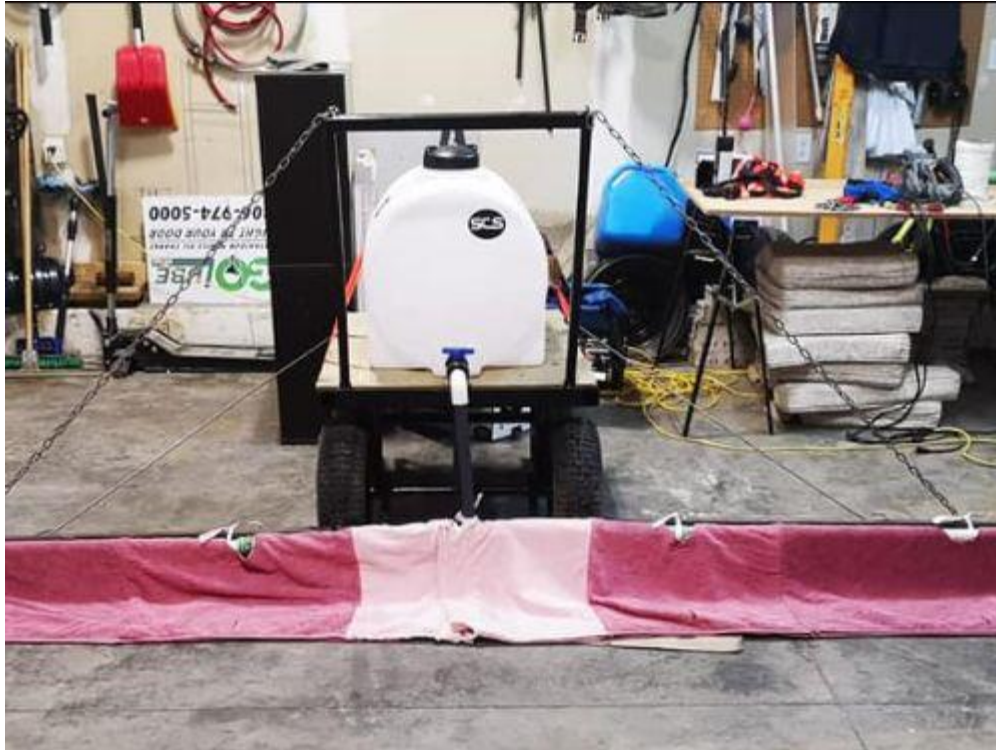
<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/february/24/safe-sport-campaign>

SASKATCHEWAN POLYTECHNIC - TOMORROW IN THE MAKING



It was great to join my colleagues, MLA Eric Olauson, MLA David Buckingham and MLA Lisa Lambert at Saskatchewan Polytechnic on February 25th. Their slogan is very fitting ... Tomorrow in the Making. Their revamped centre will provide value into the future. The IMC is cutting-edge technology answering industry questions in real-time. Read more: <https://saskpolytech.ca/.../innovative-manufacturing-centre.a...>

VOLUNTEER INNOVATION RIGHT HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY!



Volunteers continue to make our community a better place. Volunteer Rink Coordinator, Gregg and his friend Ryan built a zamboni for the rink. What an incredible accomplishment. They hope everyone in the community is enjoying all the hard work Gregg has put into maintaining the rink this season! If you haven't been to the outdoor rink, I encourage you to check it out. Its a great place to skate and meet your neighbours.

**ERINDALE ARBOR CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SPRING
REGISTRATION IS OPEN**



Spring Sports Registration Is Now Open. Check out all the details in their newsletter

<http://www.erindlearborcreek.org/newsletter> Register online at <https://registration.erindlearborcreek.org/>

**RESIDENTS TO BENEFIT FROM MADE IN SASKATCHEWAN
TECHNOLOGY**



Virtual reality is being tested as a way to improve both medical diagnostics and patient care, in a collaborative project led by Innovation Saskatchewan. The software is among four new tools being evaluated through the agency's Made in Saskatchewan Technology Program (MIST), an initiative which aims to improve government services with privately-developed technology.

"MIST connects Saskatchewan tech companies with provincial government partners who can use their innovation, provide feedback on the experience and help grow the technology," Minister Responsible for Innovation Saskatchewan Tina Beaudry-Mellor said.

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/february/26/mist-project>

**HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW THE SASKATCHEWAN
HIGHWAY HOTLINE IS UPDATED!**



Ever wonder how they update the [Saskatchewan Highway Hotline](#)?

On top of the manual work, there's also a lot of tech involved. TV monitors are constantly broadcasting feeds from cameras around the province. This technology happens in real time and allows staff to see what's happening in the field without having to be there physically.

Read more at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/gov.../our-stories/highway-hotline>

HOUSING PROJECT FOR FAMILIES WITH DISABILITIES OPENS IN SASKATOON



The Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan, along with the City of Saskatoon and SaskNative Rentals Inc. (SNR), officially opened a new affordable rental housing project for six families in need of a safe, comfortable home.

The project consists of three semi-detached houses containing a total of six, two- and three-bedroom units. Units are located throughout Saskatoon and are designed for families with one to three children. The project is designed for independence and affordability and is fully accessible to individuals with varying mobility.

“Together with SaskNative Rentals and other key partners, we are pleased to help six families with disabilities find homes that meet their unique needs in Saskatoon,” Merriman said. “Our government is committed to building an inclusive Saskatchewan, and housing is a very important step in ensuring people with disabilities have equal opportunities to participate in society. Congratulations to everyone involved in creating these homes and, most importantly, to the families who will be living in them.”

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/february/28/housing-project-in-saskatoon>

GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND SASKATCHEWAN ANNOUNCE ENHANCEMENTS TO THE 2020 CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM

February 25th, Federal Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau and Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit announced enhancements to the 2020 Crop Insurance Program.

This year, Saskatchewan producers will continue to access high coverage while seeing a decrease in premiums. The Crop Insurance Program continues to adapt to the changing agricultural landscape in the province.

“We are dedicated to maintaining a strong, growing agricultural economy,” Marit said. “That is why we invest in business risk management programs to provide producers with protection against the unexpected. In these times of market uncertainty and adverse weather conditions, support through a comprehensive suite of programs is important for Saskatchewan producers.”

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/february/25/crop-insurance-program>

DID YOU KNOW

Premier Scott Moe, "As K-12 enrolment has grown, so has the number of teachers in Saskatchewan - an average of one new teacher for every 18 new students since 2007.



Our government is committed to meet the growing needs in our classrooms, and ensure every student receives the education they deserve".

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Perfect happiness is a beautiful
sunset, the giggle of a
grandchild, the first snowfall. It's
the little things that make happy
moments, not the grand events.
Joy comes in sips, not gulps.

-SHARON DRAPER

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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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