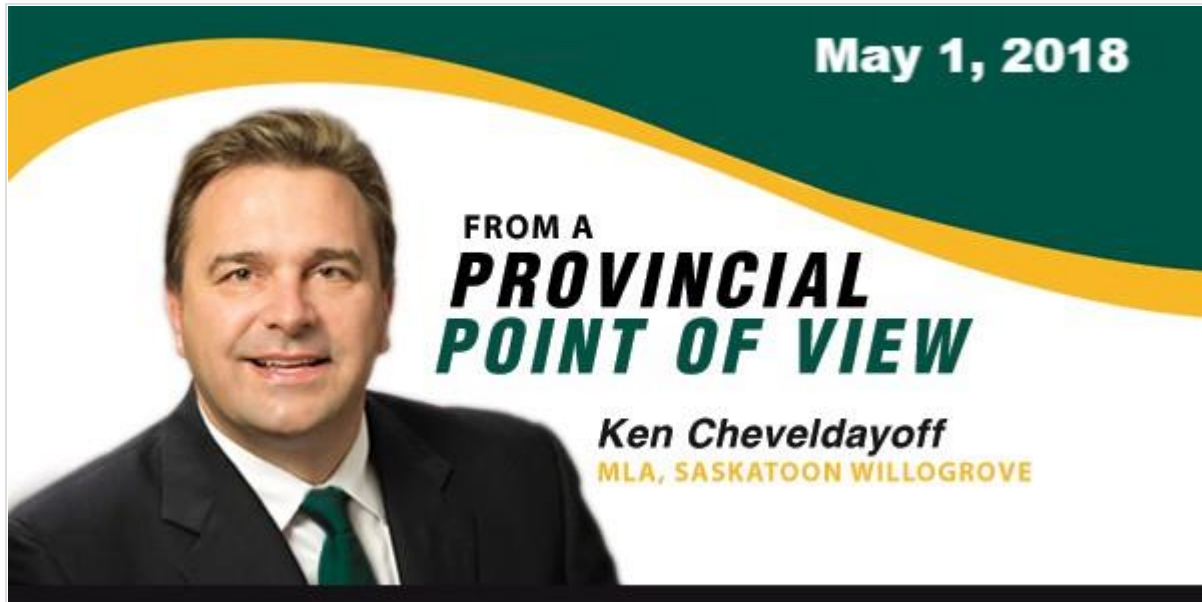


Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



HUMBOLDT BRONCOS BENEFIT CONCERT



I was pleased to rise in the Legislature to speak about the incredible fundraiser held in Saskatoon for the families of the Humboldt Broncos tragedy. Click [here](#) to listen to my Member's Statement.

Special thanks to Country Thunder for hosting this spectacular benefit. The group established the Country Thunder Foundation that saw all proceeds directed to Humboldt Broncos players, staff, families and billets.

DAY OF MOURNING FOR WORKERS KILLED OR INJURED ON THE JOB OBSERVED SATURDAY, APRIL 28



On April 28, Canadians will take a moment to remember workers killed or injured on the job.

The National Day of Mourning will be marked as groups hold vigils, light candles, wear armbands and participate in other activities to honour those who died or suffered injuries and illnesses on the job.

In Saskatchewan, 27 people died from workplace-related injuries or illnesses in 2017. The Workers' Compensation Board recently reported that more than 22,000 people were injured at work in the same year.

“Our deepest condolences to family and friends who have lost a loved one,” Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister Don Morgan said. “We need to honour the memories of those we have lost by making health and safety a priority in everything we do.”

“There is no greater reminder for us than today,” Workers' Compensation Board Chairperson Gord Dobrowolsky said. “We must create safe workplaces where lives are never at risk. This is not the responsibility of one, but of us all. We must continue to fight to make every workplace in Saskatchewan safe. We all must work to prevent and eliminate workplace injuries and fatalities.”

Flags will fly at half-mast at the Saskatchewan Legislature and on Parliament Hill. Today, there was a moment of silence in the Legislature and the names of each of the 27 Saskatchewan workers who lost their lives in 2017 were read in tribute.

Day of Mourning vigils will be held in communities throughout the province. A list of events open to the public can be found at www.worksafesask.ca/resources/national-day-of-mourning/

NEW TEMPORARY MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT UNIT SET TO OPEN



I was pleased to join colleagues The Honourable Gord Wyant, The Honourable Greg Ottenbreit and MLA's Eric Olason and David Buckingham at the Saskatoon University Hospital April 27th to celebrate the opening of the new temporary mental health unit. Please see the news release below.

The Saskatchewan Health Authority is pleased to announce the grand opening of the temporary Mental Health Assessment Unit (MHAU) at the Royal University Hospital (RUH) Emergency Department in Saskatoon.

“Thank you to the Dubé family for their generosity, the RUH Foundation, and the SHA for taking on this important project,” said Greg Ottenbreit, Minister Responsible for Rural and Remote Health. “The Mental Health Assessment Unit will now provide a more suitable space for patient-centered care for people facing mental health issues.”

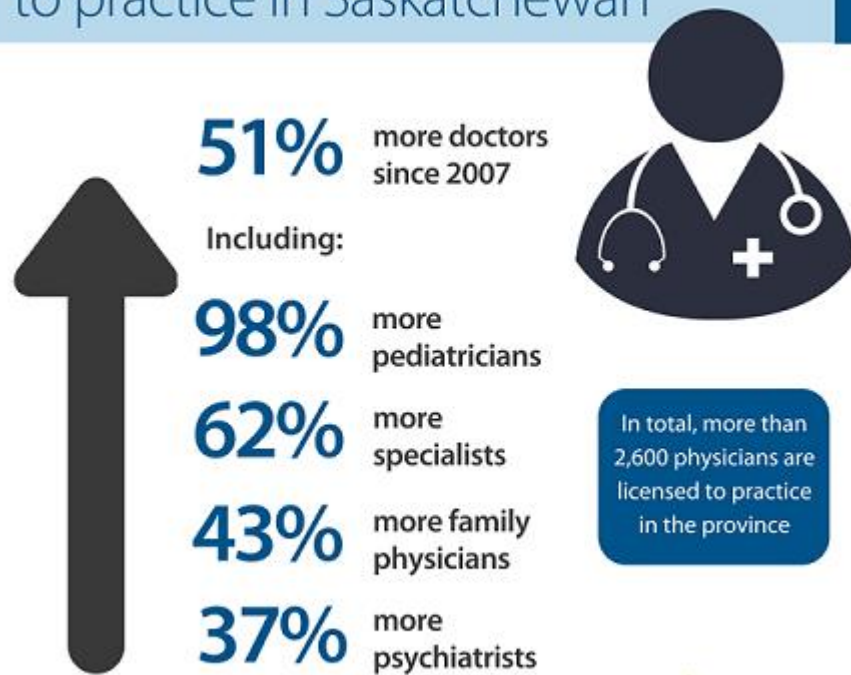
Renovations began for the MHAU in October to create seven private assessment rooms, a large washroom with a shower, a nurses' station, and a waiting area for patients and families.

“Our mental health and emergency departments have worked so hard on the operational planning and design for this unit,” said Tracy Muggli, Director of Mental Health and Addictions for the Saskatchewan Health Authority in Saskatoon. “We are thrilled to finally see it all come together and to have this unit available for our patients who really need it,” she said.

<https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/news/releases/Pages/2018/Apr/MHAU-set-to-open.aspx>

NEARLY 900 MORE PHYSICIANS WORKING IN SASKATCHEWAN SINCE 2007, AN INCREASE OF 51 PER CENT

Nearly 900 more doctors licensed to practice in Saskatchewan



Saskatchewan residents continue to have improved health care access with nearly 900 more physicians providing service than in 2007, an increase of 51 per cent. In total, more than 2,600 physicians are licensed to practice in the province.

“The ability to see a doctor, whether they are a specialist or a general practitioner is one of the most important aspects of our health care system,” Health Minister Jim Reiter said. “Our government prioritized physician recruitment and retention upon coming to office in 2007, and since then we’ve seen a 51 per cent increase or nearly 900 more doctors available to provide high-quality, timely health care services to the people of Saskatchewan.”

Saskatchewan also continues to heavily recruit pediatricians in advance of the opening of the Jim Pattison Children’s Hospital. The number of pediatricians practicing in Saskatchewan has increased by 98 per cent (from 62 to 123) since 2007.

“We’ve made huge strides over the past decade, a 43 per cent increase in the number of general practitioners means better care that can be accessed closer to home for many of our rural residents,” Rural and Remote Health Minister Greg Ottenbreit said. “While we are pleased with this level of growth, we continue to work with our health sector partners to recruit for vacant positions across Saskatchewan.”

Read the rest of this news release [here](#).

SASKATCHEWAN'S IMPROVED 2018 BIG GAME DRAW OPENS ONLINE MAY 1



Saskatchewan’s big game draw opens online May 1, and hunters have until midnight on May 25 to submit their online applications. This year’s draw introduces improvements to better allocate and prioritize licences for Saskatchewan residents.

“The big game draw is an exciting and popular milestone each year for hunters across the province, and we felt it was important to work with stakeholders, improve the process, and address the growing number

of applications each year,” Environment Minister Dustin Duncan said.

Find out more [here](#).

ORGAN AND TISSUE TRANSPLANTS AND DONATIONS



On Green Light Day last week, April 25, landmarks in Saskatoon and Regina were lit green to help raise awareness about the importance of organ and tissue donation.

The Saskatchewan government is committed to modernizing our organ donation system and improving organ donation rates. If more people identify themselves as willing to be organ donors, we can help more people receive a transplant.

There are typically 60 people waiting for a kidney in Saskatchewan, but only enough donations for about 30 transplants each year. The need for other organs and tissues remains high, particularly for people who are hard to match with donors. [Learn more about organ and tissue donation and about organ and tissue transplantation.](#)

Becoming a Donor

To indicate your intention to be an organ and tissue donor:

1. **get an organ donor sticker and Intention to Donate card from [eHealth Saskatchewan](#),**
2. **put the sticker on your Saskatchewan Health Card,**
3. **fill out an Intention to Donate card,**
4. **keep both cards in your wallet, and**

5. **most importantly, talk to your family and let them know you support donation.**

Conversation with your loved ones is important, as donation is only possible with the consent of next of kin.

SASKATOON DOCTOR HELPS RESUSITATE BABY IN LA LOCHE USING ROBOTICS



Story credit: CTV News - Published Friday, April 27, 2018 / Laura Woodward

For the first time in Saskatchewan, a Saskatoon doctor remotely treated and admitted a patient to a local hospital using a robot.

Sixteen-month-old Angel was suffering from severe dehydration and had an abnormal heart rate. Instead of traveling to a Saskatoon hospital to see a pediatric specialist, the doctor came to her in her home in La Loche.

“The idea that we could extend ourselves and a child in crisis at home, and not uproot their family to receive care in Saskatoon, but rather extend ourselves to them – it was very meaningful,” Dr. Tanya Holt said.

Angel’s condition improved and doctors were able to diagnose her with pneumonia using robotic technology.

The robot used to help Angel has a camera, microphone and stethoscope. Doctors can assess patients and give instruction to on-scene physicians.

“We were actually able to utilize their diagnostics to make a diagnosis and come up with a treatment plan together,” Holt told CTV News.

Medical professionals say it’s important to cut down on travel time and expenses for families in remote communities.

“The less we have to bring children to Saskatoon, or other big centres, the more successful we are. Why is that? Because they’ll be able to be treated in their home environment with their parents next to them,” Saskatchewan’s head of pediatrics Dr. Laurence Givelichian said.

He said the department will be getting an additional three robots soon, with the plan to add more each year.



Since 2007, the number of general practitioners has risen by 43%, the number of specialists is up by 62% and the number of psychiatrists has increased by 37%.

WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES



Premier Scott Moe, "Thanks to our great group of [Saskatchewan Party MLAs](#) for supporting "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" to help end violence and sexual assault against women.

This year, we'll be thinking especially of our friend, the late Kevin Phillips, past MLA for Melfort, remembered as a passionate advocate for this cause."

It is no secret that Kevin Phillips was a huge support of Walk-A-Mile in Her Shoes. He walked in the red high heels a few times to show his support in ending Domestic Violence, Rape, Sexual Assault & Gender Violence. This year many will honor Kevin as they support this worthy cause.

CALLS FOR PROPOSALS FOR SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITY LITERACY FUND 2018-19



The Ministry of Education is now accepting proposals for the 2018-19 Saskatchewan Community Literacy Fund (SCLF). The SCLF provides funding for Saskatchewan-based not-for-profit organizations to develop and deliver new family and community literacy projects that contribute to enhanced community and family literacy. Qualified projects may receive up to \$50,000 in funding.

“These funds allow communities to respond to identified family or community literacy challenges in our province,” Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. “They support community-based initiatives targeted at improving literacy rates and offering everyone the opportunity to get an education, gain skills and participate in the Saskatchewan economy.”

Read the news release [here](#).

SHARING A POEM WRITTEN BY JUANITA STRAUB

I WROTE THIS POEM IN HONOUR OF THE HUMBOLDT BRONCOS
AFTER 16 MEMBERS OF THE TEAM , COACHES AND STAFF LOST THEIR LIVES.
APRIL 6, 2018

In An Instant

In an instant
a heart stops beating,
a young life is no more.
A mother's heart is broken,
a dad falls to the floor.

In an instant
a loved one disappears,
a sibling's heart is crushed.
No calls, no texts, no teasing words,
their familiar voice is hushed.

In an instant
a bright young future
is halted in its path,
all hopes, all dreams, all goals in life,
now a memory in the past.

In an instant
a father and husband,
so loved and so adored.
With so much more to offer still,
will not walk through the door.

In an instant
it all was over,
all lives forever changed.
some were left to carry on,
their hearts in so much pain.

In an instant
a town was rallying,
with shock and disbelief.
The loss was inconceivable
Our boys! Our sons! Our team!

In an instant
a nation held them tight!
All parents hearts relate.
The love that's shared by all of us
will strengthen each new day.
And as we go about our days,
let's hold our loved ones close.
For we never know what's up ahead,
or what our future holds.

Our lives can change forever... *In an instant!*

by Juanita Straub

CRISIS NURSERY DINNER MAY 11TH



The Crisis Nursery continues to be an essential service for families and children in Saskatoon. We simply can't do what we do without the generous support of our community and people like you! Your help enables us to continue to be a beacon of support to people in our own community during the darkest of times.

K+S Potash Canada is the Title Sponsor for the annual fundraising dinner. Last years dinner was a huge success, please join us in making Saskatoon a better place to live by agreeing that caring for our cities most vulnerable is important and essential work.

Click [here](#) for sponsorship opportunities or for information to purchase tickets.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2 IS McHAPPY DAY



Buy a Big Mac, Happy Meal or hot McCafe beverage at [McDonald's Canada](#) and \$1 will go to [Ronald McDonald House Charities Saskatchewan](#) to support our families.

Ronald McDonald House Charities serves over 25,000 families from 1,800 communities across Canada each year! Please visit McDonald's Canada on Wednesday, May 2nd to show your support and help families stay together while their sick child is being treated.

CITY WIDE FOOD DRIVE THIS SATURDAY, MAY 5



Saturday, May 5th is the City Wide Food Drive! Please remember to fill your bag with healthy non-perishable food items and set your bag on your doorstep by 10 am. Volunteers will collect your bag between 10 am and 2 pm. If you live in a condo or apartment or if your bag is accidentally missed, please take it to your nearest grocery store. The food drive is hosted by **Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Centre.**

STUDENTS CELEBRATE CAA SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL WEEK



Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant proclaimed the week of April 30 to May 4, 2018 as CAA School Safety Patrol Week.

“Student safety is a top priority at all Saskatchewan schools,” Wyant said. “The dedication of the 4,700 students who participate in this program, helping ensure their peers get to and from school safely, shows their ongoing commitment to safety and learning. I commend the efforts of these young leaders and of CAA for their commitment to the safety of our students.”

“As safety patrol supervisor and organizer, I am extremely proud of our Grade 7 and 8 students at St. Peter School,” St Peter’s Grade 7 and 8 teacher Mike Nowosad said. “They are wonderful leaders that take into consideration the safety of others before their own. They manage the traffic responsibly and play a very important role in not just

our school but in the community as well.”

Click [here](#) to read more.

[MISSING PERSONS WEEK IN SASKATCHEWAN](#)



The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed the week of April 29 to May 5 as Missing Persons Week. This year’s theme is “We All Have a Role.”

“Most people can only imagine the heartbreak and anguish a family goes through when a loved one goes missing,” Corrections and Policing Minister Christine Tell said. “As a province, it’s important that we come together to support the families of missing people and work together to address issues and improve our ability to prevent, intervene, and provide support in missing persons cases.”

Long-term missing persons include men, women and children from all areas of the province.

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

COMMUNITY GROUP SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES OPENS NEW OFFICE SPACE IN SASKATOON



“Our goal has always been to help individuals with intellectual disabilities live fulfilled lives within our community,” Saskatchewan Alternative Initiatives Executive Director Tim Jones said. “This new space allows us to offer expanded opportunities for people with connectedness and community at the forefront.”

The work of organizations such as SAI supports the Saskatchewan Disability Strategy, which was released in June 2015. It focuses on six priority areas: transportation, respite, accessibility legislation, residential services, service co-ordination and navigation, and awareness/understanding of the rights of people experiencing disabilities.

Saskatchewan residents and communities who have done work that supports the Disability Strategy are encouraged to share their accomplishments using the hashtag #SKDisability.

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

GOVERNMENT INTRODUCES SASKATCHEWAN TECHNOLOGY START-UP INCENTIVE LEGISLATION TO BOOST INVESTMENT IN THE TECHNOLOGY SECTOR

Minister Responsible for Innovation Saskatchewan Tina Beaudry-Mellor, today introduced Bill 129, *The Saskatchewan Technology Start-up Incentive Act*, for first reading in the Saskatchewan Legislature.

Designed to increase investment in early stage technology companies, the incentive will offer a 45 per cent non-refundable tax credit for individual and corporate equity investments in eligible technology start-up businesses, capped at a maximum annual benefit of \$140,000 per investor.

“Saskatchewan has a growing technology sector, and government is committed to providing an attractive business environment to support its expansion and success,” Beaudry-Mellor said. “The Saskatchewan Technology Start-up Incentive will help us achieve this commitment. It will create the conditions for increased early stage investments in technology start-ups in Saskatchewan, which will in turn help enhance the growth, attraction and retention of start-ups and talent in the province.”

Read more [here](#).

EVERGREEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS CLEAN UP THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD AND ARE PREPARING FOR THEIR 4TH ANNUAL TRADESHOW THIS SATURDAY!



The organizers and community volunteers did an outstanding job last weekend as they helped clean up the green spaces in Evergreen! In just one hour they were able to pick up around 40 large bags of garbage. They ask everyone to do their part to keep our neighbourhood clean! [#WePitchIn.](#)

This Saturday, the community association is hosting their 4th Annual Evergreen Tradeshow at the Sylvia Fedoruk Public School Multiplex.

In addition to the awesome variety of vendors offering products and services, there are also activities plans so be sure to come check those out too! Kreative Mum is returning again this year to offer free face painting between 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Girl Guide's booth will be offering activities for kids to learn what guiding is all about! Click [here](#) for additional information.

EARLY LEARNING INTENSIVE SUPPORT PILOT ACCEPTS FIRST STUDENTS



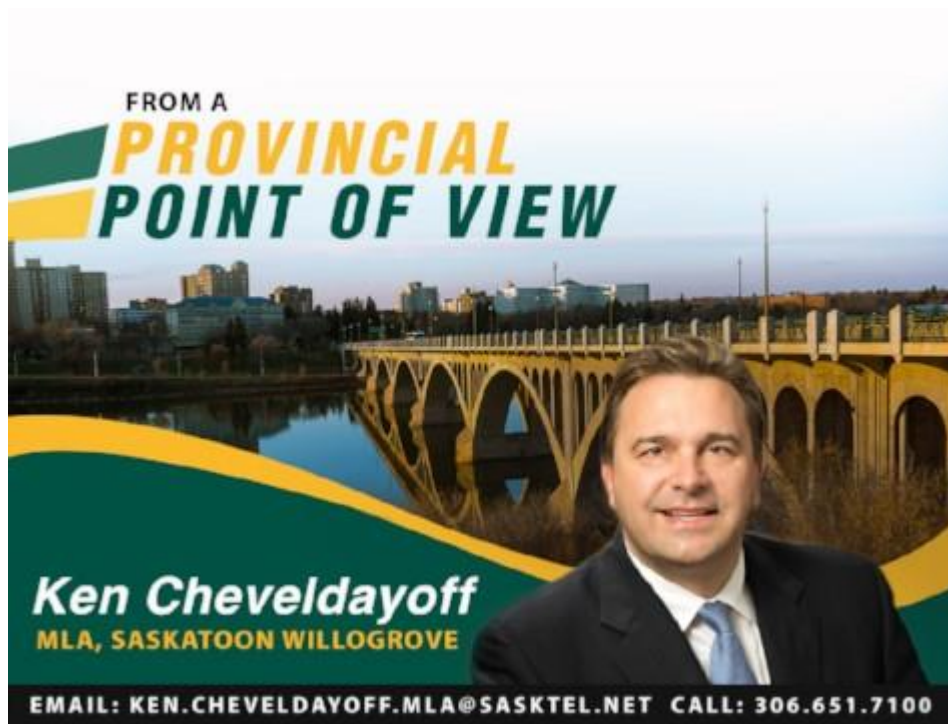
The Early Learning Intensive Support Pilot is now operational and the first 12 students have begun attending Prekindergarten programs in Regina and Saskatoon. Announced in March, with funding through the Canada-Saskatchewan Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, the Early Learning Intensive Support Pilot provides additional space in existing Prekindergarten programs in Regina and Saskatoon for children who require intensive supports.

“We are very pleased to see the first students participating in this pilot,” Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. “This is great news for families with children who require intensive supports, as they can now experience the benefits of Prekindergarten. High-quality early learning programs give children a good start in life and help ensure they reach their full

potential.”

Click [here](#) to read more.

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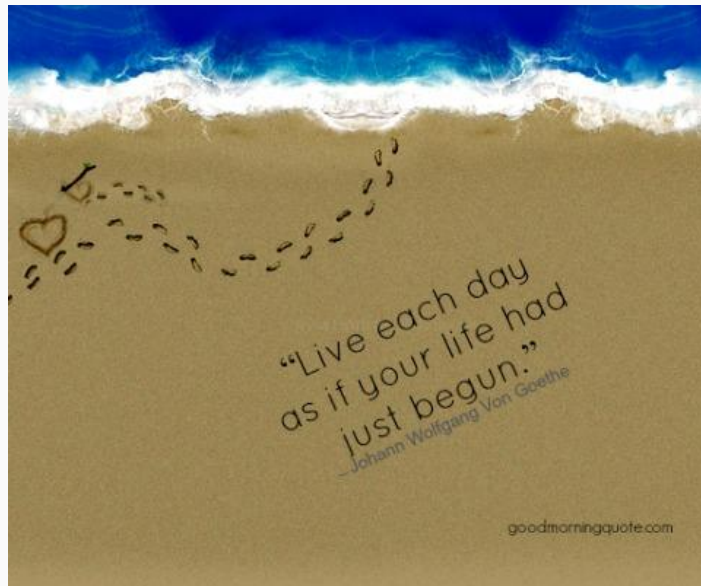
I appreciate the many opportunities to make a positive difference in my constituency. Your phone calls, letters, and emails make a big difference in keeping me informed on the issues that matter to you.

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.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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