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## Provincial Point of View

May 27, 2015

### **PREMIER NAMES NEW DEPUTY PREMIER AND NEW FINANCE MINISTER**

Last week, May 21, Premier Brad Wall named a new Deputy Premier and a new Finance Minister as part of a small cabinet shuffle resulting from Ken Krawetz leaving cabinet.

Krawetz, who has announced he will not be running in the next provincial election, has been Deputy Premier since the current government took office and Finance Minister for five years, during which time he delivered five consecutive balanced budgets.

Veteran Minister Don McMorris becomes the new Deputy Premier. McMorris retains all of his current responsibilities, including Minister responsible for Crown Investments Corporation, Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority and Saskatchewan Government Insurance.

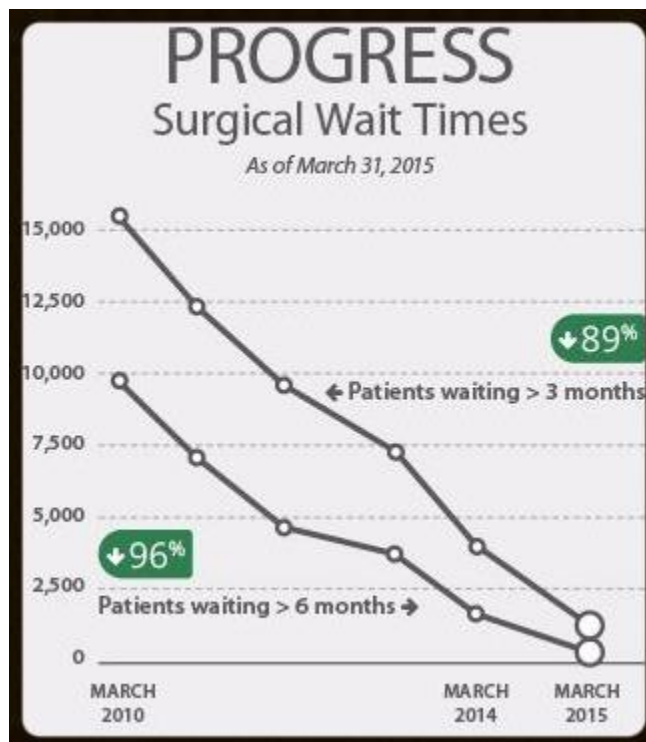
“Don McMorris has been a strong and reliable minister during his time as Minister of Health and Highways and Infrastructure and in his current portfolios,” Wall said. “He is well-respected in our cabinet and caucus and will make a great Deputy Premier.”

Kevin Doherty becomes Finance Minister.

“Kevin Doherty has been very involved in the budget process as a member of the Treasury Board,” Wall said. “This year, he played an important role in dealing with our budget challenges so we could deliver a balanced budget without raising taxes. I know Kevin working together with Treasury Board and caucus will help keep our province’s finances and our economy strong.”

Click [here](#) to read about additional changes

## MORE PATIENTS ARE RECEIVING SURGERIES SOONER



The dramatic reductions in surgical wait times that began during the four-year Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative have continued, with even more patients receiving sooner, safer, smarter surgical care a year later.

The number of patients waiting more than three months for surgery is down 89 per cent, with 13,613 fewer patients waiting that long for surgery on March 31, 2015 than in March 2010.

“Saskatchewan patients now have much better access to surgery,” Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. “The combined efforts of thousands of health system staff and physicians have transformed the surgical care experience so patients spend less time waiting and are able to recover sooner.”

Read more about the many improvement projects that began under the Surgical Initiative [here](#).

## **NEW 40-UNIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN SASKATOON**

The Government of Canada and the Province of Saskatchewan, along with community partners, May 22 celebrated the groundbreaking for a new affordable housing project for individuals and families.

“Today’s announcement is yet another example of how we can all work together to keep Saskatchewan strong,” Campeau said. “This project demonstrates the value of the public and private sectors working together to make a difference in the lives of all Saskatchewan people. This project will serve as another means for Saskatoon families with complex needs, along with individuals and families with lower incomes, to secure a better quality of life.”

Read the entire news release [here](#)

## **COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE SATURDAY, JUNE 6**



Check our coming events for details and contact information if you would like to participate in another community garage sale in our constituency. The sale will be held at the Erindale Alliance Church. There is not charge for the tables and you sell your own items.

A barbeque burger lunch will also be held on site along with a bouncy castle for the kids.

## **GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES \$2.9 MILLION INVESTMENT AT BLACKSTRAP PROVINCIAL PARK**

The Government of Saskatchewan is investing more than \$2.9 million at Blackstrap Provincial Park. This investment will include the development of a 63 site campground, new service centre, access road, RV sewage disposal, and water, wastewater and electrical distribution systems.

“Saskatchewan’s provincial parks are more popular than ever,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Mark Docherty said. “This investment will provide a greater opportunity for visitors to experience the exceptional recreation activities available at Blackstrap Provincial Park.”

Click [here](#) for additional information

## **SUMMER SPRAY PADS OPEN JUNE 1**



Cool off this summer at any of the 17 City of Saskatoon spray pads located around the city. Summer spray pads will open for the season on Monday, June 1, 2015, at 10 a.m. and will be operational daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please note, spray pad sites located on or near school grounds have timers and are set to turn spray features off during recess and lunch breaks. Shut-off times will vary according to individual school schedules. All spray pads are activated by push buttons located near the spray features.

To find a spray pad location near you, please visit [www.saskatoon.ca/spraypads](http://www.saskatoon.ca/spraypads) or call 306-975-3378.

## **PROVINCE'S WORLD-CLASS MINING INDUSTRY FOCUS OF SASKATCHEWAN MINING WEEK**

Saskatchewan Mining Week was officially proclaimed May 25 by Economy Minister Bill Boyd, highlighting the province as one of the world's most attractive targets for international investment.

The week's events are organized by the Saskatchewan Mining Association, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary of encouraging the safe, sustainable and responsible development of Saskatchewan's mineral resources. The theme for Mining Week is Mining: Fertile Ground for Saskatchewan, showcasing the industry's varied career opportunities and economic benefits.

"Saskatchewan has one of the most opportunity-rich investment climates in the world, and nowhere is this more evident than in our mining industry," Boyd said. "As the world's largest potash producer, second-largest uranium producer, and a go-to destination for global mining investment dollars, we encourage people to take time to learn about what this industry does for them and for their communities."

Read the entire news release [here](#)

### **COMING EVENTS**



**Holy Family Playground Picnic**

**Date: May 30**

**When: 11 am - 2 pm**

**Where: Willowgrove Square**

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon Race for Kids**

**Date: June 6**

**Where: River Landing**

**When: Registration 10 am, Race 11 am**

[Click here for additional information](#)

**Silverspring Community Association Garage Sale**

**Date: June 6**

**When: 9 am - 3:30 pm**

**For details or to register contact: [sscagaragesale@gmail.com](mailto:sscagaragesale@gmail.com)**

**Community Garage Sale**

**Date: June 6**

**Where: Erindale Alliance Church, 310 Perehudoff Crescent**

**When: 8 am - 3 pm**

**For additional information or to book your spot call 306.249.3393**

**MLA Ken Cheveldayoff's Annual Picnic in the Park**

**Date: June 9**

**Where: Forestry Farm**

**When: 4 - 8 pm**

**Watch for details!**

**Junior Achievement of Saskatchewan Business Hall of Fame**

**Date: June 11**

**Where: TCU Place**

**When: Reception 5:30, Dinner & Program 6:30**

**Click [here](#) for tickets and additional information**

**Wieggers Care for Kids Cabaret**

**Date: June 13**

**Click [here](#) to read about this exciting event or to purchase tickets**

**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](#)**

**Downtown Sidewalk Sale**

**When: July 9 - 11**

**Where: 2nd Avenue and 21st Street**

**Click [here](#) for additional information**

**One Voice Fundraiser - The Neural Health Project**

**Date: July 24**

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