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Provincial Point of View

November 13, 2013
Remember the Santa Claus Day
Parade Sunday, November 15

REMEMBERING THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE - LEST WE FORGET



Earlier this week we celebrated Veteran's Day to honour those who served in our nation's armed forces. It was a privilege to gather to show our appreciation for their service, sacrifice and dedication to this great country. I was honoured to lay a wreath

at the annual Remembrance Day Service in Saskatoon November 11. I am always overcome with heartfelt emotion at this special service of remembrance. I joined nearly 10,000 people at the city's annual service at SaskTel Centre. It was overwhelming to see a record number of attendees at the largest indoor service in Canada. The ceremony, which marked its 84th year paid special tribute to the Royal Canadian Legion. The veterans' organization is marking its 90th anniversary this year. I encourage everyone to take a few moments every day of the year to remember the ultimate sacrifice made for our freedom.

In honour of all Saskatchewan's veterans, the eight-part video series *Stories of Courage: Saskatchewan Second World War Veterans Remember* will be rebroadcast in its entirety this Remembrance Day on City Saskatchewan. The broadcast is part of a touring program of films on the First and Second World Wars from the collection of the Yorkton Film Festival (YFF).

"We take time each November to reflect and thank the generations, that preceded many of us, for their courage and sacrifice," Provincial Military Liaison and Wood River MLA D.F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert said. "With programs like this, the stories will live on and ensure that future generations are aware of Canadian history."

Read more about Stories of Courage [here](#)

VIDO-INTERVAC'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



**Rob Norris, MLA, Saskatoon Greystone, Mayor Don Atchison, myself, Andy Potter,
CEO, VIDO-InterVac**

It was an honour to bring greetings on behalf of Premier Brad Wall, the Honourable Jeremy Harrison, Minister of responsible for Innovation, Honourable Scott Moe, Minister of Advanced Education and the Government of Saskatchewan at the VIDO-Intervac 40th Anniversary Celebration.

Our government is proud to recognize one of the largest and most advanced vaccine research laboratories in North America located here in Saskatoon. VIDO-InterVac enhances Canada's capacity to fight infectious disease and plays a significant role in Canada's vaccine industry. It is an integral part of our province's research and innovation capacity.

Congratulations to everyone involved in the high-quality research and innovation the past forty years. May the next forty years be just as extraordinary.

STATEMENT FROM PREMIER BRAD WALL ON THE REJECTION OF KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

November 6th announcement is very disappointing, not only for our energy sector but also for the signal it sends about Canada-US relations. Given the facts of the project as canvassed by the US State Department, this decision is more about US domestic politics than it is about good environmental policy.

The fact is pipelines are safer - far safer than other means of transporting oil, like rail. There are currently more than 66,000 miles of oil pipeline in the US with more than 12,000 miles - the equivalent of 10 Keystone XLs - built since 2010. Oil will move with or without pipelines. Consider the facts.

In 2008, there were 9,500 rail carloads of oil shipped in the US. By 2014, that number had jumped to 493,000 - more than 50 times as many. The US State Department even agrees that greenhouse gas emissions from rail are much higher than emissions from pipeline. Yet on Keystone XL, the US administration chose to put political interests ahead of the economic and environmental benefits that Keystone XL would provide

and ahead of its relationship with its most important trading partner, Canada.

This decision makes approval of Energy East even more crucial and it will be one of Saskatchewan's top priorities as we begin our work with the new federal government.

\$4.8 MILLION FOR SASKATOON POLICE SERVICE TARGETING POLICING INITIATIVES



I was pleased to join colleagues, the Honourable Christine Tell, Minister of Corrections and Policing and Paul Merriman, MLA, Saskatoon Sutherland at the Saskatoon Police Service Headquarters last week for the Municipal Police Grant announcement.

The Government of Saskatchewan is taking action to ensure the safety of Saskatoon communities and families by providing \$4.8 million in Municipal Police Grants to the Saskatoon Police Service (SPS).

This funding will support 42 SPS positions in 2015-16 and includes support for targeted initiatives such as the Police and Crisis Team, Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit and the Serious and Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program.

“Our government is focused on community safety,” Corrections and Policing Minister Christine Tell said. “This grant, and the positions it funds, provides the support needed to those working to protect Saskatoon communities and families.”

Read more about key community safety priorities [here](#)

NEW ESSENTIAL SERVICES LEGISLATION PASSES THIRD READING

The Government of Saskatchewan has passed the amendments to Part VII of *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*, which covers essential services and WHMIS, the workplace hazardous materials information system. The essential services amendments balance protecting the public and ensuring that alternative methods to settle labour disputes are available.

“We have always committed to working with public sector employers and the unions that represent their workers to find common ground so that our legislation not only addresses constitutional obligations but also ensures the provision of essential services for Saskatchewan citizens,” Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister Don Morgan said. “As a result of working co-operatively with public sector employers, the unions that represent their workers and government representatives, we were able to find the right balance between protecting the public and ensuring that alternative methods to settle labour disputes are available.”

Read more about the key changes [here](#)

SASKATOON HALL OF FAME INDUCTION DINNER



It was an honour to join Lieutenant Governor Vaughn Solomon Schofield, Mayor Don Atchison and many from the Saskatoon Hall of Fame to bring greetings on behalf of

Premier Brad Wall and the Government of Saskatchewan at the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame Induction dinner November 7.

Saskatoon is home to builders, athletes and teams who have been an incredible source of inspiration ...people who have proudly represented us at home, across the province, country and around the world. They have made us proud and are among the many reasons our community came together to create a Sports Hall of Fame. Sport brings communities together, teaches valuable life lessons and encourages healthy, active lifestyles.

I congratulate each of the inductees into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame. Each inductee is a tremendous ambassador for our city and province.

**SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMY CONTINUES TO CREATE
JOBS**

SASKATCHEWAN JOB GROWTH

Record October

580,000

people working in Saskatchewan

1,400*

new jobs since September 2015

October unemployment rate:

5.6%* vs. **7.0%***

Saskatchewan



Canada



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, October 2015
Seasonally adjusted figures

Saskatchewan!

In October 2015, there were 580,000 people working in Saskatchewan, a record high for the month of October according to Statistics Canada.

“Saskatchewan’s diversified economy has weathered low oil prices better than other energy producing provinces,” Immigration, Jobs, Skills and Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “We have the second lowest unemployment rate in Canada thanks to our diversified economy that continues to create jobs in other sectors.”

Read additional highlights [here](#)

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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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 Silver Springs. 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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