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## Provincial Point of View

**November 19, 2015  
Winter is here!**

### **RECORD TURNOUT AT THE SASKATOON SANTA CLAUS DAY PARADE**



It was an incredible day Sunday, November 14 for the annual Santa Claus Day Parade in Saskatoon. Trish, Carter, Paige and I had a great time participating and waving to the hundreds of people lined the streets of the parade route. The weather was spectacular for mid November and it was wonderful to see all the children anxiously waiting to see Santa!

"Wish families" from across the province joined the parade in both Regina and Saskatoon for the Santa Claus Parade. The Wish Families were decked out in Santa hats and reindeer antlers, and cruised through the parade dancing to Christmas music and spreading holiday cheer.

### **PROVINCE ESTABLISHES REFUGEE SETTLEMENT CENTRE, REMAINS CONCERNED ABOUT YEAR-END DEADLINE**

Premier Brad Wall today announced the Saskatchewan government will establish a Refugee Settlement Centre to co-ordinate the arrival of Syrian refugees into the province.

Wall said while the province continues to have serious concerns about the December 31 deadline for the arrival of 25,000 Syrian refugees into Canada, it's important to ensure that refugees who come to Saskatchewan make a successful transition to life in Canada.

"No one should doubt our desire to help refugees," Wall said. "We need to ensure their settlement in our province is successful. I remain concerned that a rushed political deadline could compromise the success of the refugee resettlement effort.

"That said, we need to be ready to welcome the refugees whenever they start to arrive. The Refugee Settlement Centre will bring together the appropriate government ministries to work with municipalities, settlement groups and other community-based organizations to ensure the best possible outcomes for these new Saskatchewan residents."

Read the entire news release [here](#)

**PLEASE READ ABOUT THIS GREAT PROJECT "GOT GINCH"  
TAKING PLACE NOVEMBER 25!**



I received an email this week regarding a special project that I am happy to spread the word about. Since 2010, The Bridge on 20th Fellowship Centre has been receiving an annual donation of boxes full of brand new men's and ladies underwear through the Got Ginch project. This project really epitomises the generosity and spirit of Saskatchewan people.

It all started when somebody asked a homeless shelter "what do you need?" and the first response was "men's underwear". A need was heard, and compassionate hearts responded. This year, NSC Minerals, Neil Cameron, Malcolm Leggett, and John Beckman, QC. are the generous Saskatoon sponsors.

The Bridge, a non-denominational street ministry has been serving the inner city of Saskatoon for over 16 years. The underwear received from "Got Ginch" is given out from The Bridge's give-away-room, where seasonal clothing, hygiene packages and small household items are given to those in need.

I encourage you to go and check out The Bridge and support this compassionate group's effort to help those in need this Christmas season. Join the "Got Ginch" underwear drop-off on November 25th at 11am, at 919 20th Street West! For more information about the Got Ginch project or The Bridge, email Sarah Enns at The Bridge ([sarah@thebridgesaskatoon.com](mailto:sarah@thebridgesaskatoon.com)).

## **PLANNING SASKATOON'S FUTURE SOUTH FREEWAY INFORMATION SESSION TODAY, NOVEMBER 19**

You are invited to attend another information session for Saskatoon's future South Freeway (formerly known as Perimeter Highway). The purpose of this study is to plan for a future high-speed freeway in the area (City of Saskatoon), which will also improve safety and traffic flow. It will also allow for effective planning for future development in the area.

Through an informal come and go session, this will be an opportunity for you to learn more about options and share your opinions on various routes. Representatives from the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure, and the project consultant, Associated Engineering will be on hand to provide information, answer questions and gather input which is critical to the planning process.

**DATE:** Thursday, November 19, 2015 from 4 pm - 8 pm

**LOCATION:** German Canadian Club Concordia, 160 Cartwright St. E., Saskatoon

**PLAN TO ATTEND THIS GREAT EVENT IN OUR CONSTITUENCY**



**Ecole Forest Grove School**  
501 - 115<sup>th</sup> Street, Saskatoon

**Annual Christmas Shopping Event**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
**10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

**FREE ADMISSION**  
**50/50 DRAW**  
**BAKE SALE**  
**CONCESSION**

Experience all your holiday shopping in one location as we host over 30 vendors with cash and carry items!

For a full list of vendors go to:  
*"Ecole Forest Grove Christmas Shopping Event"* on Facebook.  
*Nonperishable food items will be gratefully accepted for the Food Bank.*

**MINISTER STEWART AND MINISTER OTTENBREIT RAISING THE  
MOVEMBER FLAG AT THE LEGISLATURE THIS WEEK**



Congratulations to colleagues involved in fundraising for Movember - they are having an everlasting impact on the face of men's health

**GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES EDUCATION  
SAVINGS WEEK**

The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed November 15-21, Education Savings Week in the province. Education Savings Week is a nationally recognized week, aimed at increasing the financial literacy of citizens and encouraging them to save for their children's education.

“Our government wants to ensure that as many students as possible have the financial resources they need to participate in and complete their post-secondary education,” Advanced Education Minister Scott Moe said. “In 2014, the government launched the Saskatchewan Advantage Grant for Education Savings (SAGES) to help them accomplish this.”

Click [here](#) to read more about the Saskatchewan Advantage Grant for Education Savings (SAGES)

### **BHP BILLITON ENCHANTED FOREST HOLIDAY LIGHT TOUR**



The BHP Enchanted Forest Light Show begins November 21! If you want to get into the Christmas spirit, plan to visit the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo. The most spectacular drive-through Christmas display in Canada will feature 75 custom displays throughout the forest. This holiday season marks the 17th anniversary of this Saskatchewan Family Christmas Tradition. What a perfect place to take visiting friends and family! The BHP Billiton Enchanted Forest is a true Saskatchewan Family Christmas Tradition and a source of tremendous pride for the residents of Saskatoon.

Click [here](#) for additional information.

## **OUT-OF-PROVINCE HEALTH COVERAGE EXTENDED FOR SNOWBIRDS**

Health Minister Dustin Duncan announced Saskatchewan will amend regulations to increase the amount of time residents are allowed to be out-of-province while still maintaining their health care benefits. Residents will now be able to maintain health coverage after spending a maximum of seven months outside of Saskatchewan.

Currently, residents are only allowed to be absent for a maximum of six months over any 12 month period before their health benefits are discontinued. The new policy will take effect January 1, 2016.

“Our government is pleased to make this change,” Duncan said. “Many Saskatchewan residents have asked for this increased coverage, and will now have a little more time be able to enjoy their travel outside the province.”

Read the entire news release [here](#)

## **RECORD NUMBER OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN STUDENT FIRST ANTI-BULLYING YOUTH**

This week, more than 9,000 Saskatchewan students in Grades 6 through 12 are participating in the province’s largest ever Student First Anti-Bullying Forum.

The forum kicked off this morning with a live broadcast from Regina’s Campbell Collegiate to schools across the province where students watched in real time. This is the first year that students have been able to participate from their own school.

The forum is taking place this week in recognition of Bullying Awareness Week in Saskatchewan which was proclaimed by Education Minister Don Morgan to bring awareness to the importance of safe schools. The theme of this year’s forum is Stand-Up to Bullying: Activating the Bystander.

“Every Saskatchewan student deserves to feel welcomed and accepted for who they are,” Morgan said. “The Youth Forum is about educating kids on the effects of bullying, how they can prevent it and what they can do if they see, hear or are bullied. I’m thrilled that a record number of students are going to hear those messages first hand this year.”

Click [here](#) to see the link to the online reporting tool

## **FUTURE OF LIQUOR RETAILING IN SASKATCHEWAN: EXPANDED PRIVATE RETAIL SYSTEM**

Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA) Minister Don McMorris announced the new direction at a news conference November 18 in Regina. The direction includes converting 40 government liquor stores to private stores and adding 12 new private liquor stores in underserved communities.

“Saskatchewan consumers will enjoy more choice, more convenience and more competitive pricing,” McMorris said. “This new direction allows government to collect the same amount of revenue through a new wholesale markup while also correcting many inequities that have existed among the province’s various liquor retailers.

“We received a lot of valuable feedback from stakeholders, customers and the general public regarding their thoughts on the future of liquor retailing in the province. This new direction reflects what we heard and I want to once again thank everyone who took part in the consultation process.”

Read more [here](#)

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon Grassroots Family Gala**

**When: November 19**

**Where: Saskatoon Farmer's Market**

[Click Here To Buy Your Ticket](#)



**BHP Enchanted Forest Light Show**

**When:** November 21, 2015 - January 09, 2016, 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. nightly

**Where:** Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo, 1903 Forest Drive

Click [here](#) for additional information

**Got Gitch and Need Knickers Project**

**When:** November 25, 11 am - 11:30 am

**Where:** The Bridge Interim Space, 919, 20th Street W - Auditorium of Ukrainian Orthodox Church

See the story above!

**Ecole Forest Grove School Annual Christmas Shopping Event**

**When:** November 28, 10 am - 4 pm

**Where:** Ecole Forest Grove School, 501-115th Street

Over 30 vendors with cash and carry items along with a bake sale and concession

**Children's Wish Luncheon featuring Lisa Dutton and Kevin Stanfield as MC's**

**When:** December 17, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

**Where:** Travelodge Hotel, Galaxy A

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**JUST THE LINKS**

[ROYAL SASKATCHEWAN MUSEUM LAUNCHES PROVINCIAL FOSSIL EXHIBIT](#)

[GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK](#)

[GOVERNMENT KEEPS \\$10 MILLION COMMITMENT IN PROVINCIAL PARKS](#)

[PUBLIC SERVANTS TO BE HONOURED TONIGHT IN PROVINCIAL CAPITAL](#)

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**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**



**Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the people killed and wounded, their loved ones and all of the people of France**

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### **KEEP IN TOUCH**

**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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