

Provincial Point of View

November 21, 2017

GOVERNMENT INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO REPEAL PROVISIONS OF BILL 40

Deputy Premier and Justice Minister Don Morgan introduced legislation today to reverse changes made as a result of Bill 40 that was passed last spring.

"We have listened to Saskatchewan people and are making these changes because of what we heard," Morgan said. "Saskatchewan people were concerned about this legislation and the potential sale of even a small stake in a Crown corporation."

This legislation will repeal the provisions implemented by Bill 40 that allow for the sale of a partial equity position of a Crown corporation.

"We have said from the beginning that when we make a mistake, we will admit that mistake and take action to correct it," Morgan said.

The Interpretation Act, 1995 is being amended to repeal the recently-added definition of "privatize" and to repeal the ability to add additional methods of transfer of control that would constitute privatization by regulation. Instead, the term "privatize" will simply be defined to confirm that it does not include a winding-up and dissolution of a Crown corporation.

IT WAS GREAT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 27th SANTA CLAUS

DAY PARADE!



Another successful Santa Claus Day Parade last weekend in Saskatoon! Once again, the organizers did a fantastic job planning the 27th annual Santa Claus Day Parade.

I was pleased to participate in the parade, along with colleagues Don Morgan, David Buckingham and Gord Wyant. Special thanks to everyone who worked hard on their entries and provided great entertainment for the hundred of people along the parade route.

HIGHWAY 39 TWINNING PROJECT COMPLETE



A \$27 million twinning project east of Estevan along Highway 39 aimed at improving safety and efficiency for motorists and truckers, officially opens to traffic today.

"The completion of these important improvements to Highway 39 will improve the quality of life and the safety of the community as it continues to grow," said Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, on behalf of Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities. "Investing in highway projects such as these spurs the creation of well-paying jobs that help the middle class grow and thrive."

The project includes 10 km of twinning on Highway 39 from east of Estevan to southeast of its junction with Highway 18. This stretch of highway sees about 6,000 vehicles daily.

"The completion of this project demonstrates our government's commitment to investing in infrastructure that improves the safety and efficiency of Saskatchewan highways," Highways and Infrastructure Minister David Marit said. "We are pleased to see this double lane highway open to traffic and thank the residents in the area for their patience during construction. Our government looks forward to the benefits this section of highway will provide to the people of Saskatchewan as well as the trucking industry."

Read the news release here.





Our Saskatchewan Roughriders had a spectacular season. They truly are Canada's team and the fan base in our province will continue to bleed green! We're so proud of you and we look forward to next season. Go Riders! Thanks for a great year!

EXPLORE SASK PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED



Tourism Saskatchewan is pleased to announce the winning submissions in the 2017 ExploreSask Photo Contest.

The competition, launched in June, received almost 2,000 entries by the September 15 submission deadline. A winning photo was selected in each of the six categories, along with additional photographs that merited honourable mention.

The winning photographs capture the essence of Saskatchewan – its extraordinary natural beauty, impressive landscapes, unique travel experiences, exciting urban life and the remarkable spirit of its people.

Visit www.TourismSaskatchewan.com/PhotoContest to view the award-winning images.

Grand Prize Winner: Dallas Hordichuk, Regina. (picture above)

Several Saskatoon residents received recognition. Congratulations to everyone! Please click here to read more about the winners!

REGINA AND SASKATOON RECEIVE \$9.5 MILLION FOR TARGETED POLICE INITIATIVES

The Cities of Saskatoon and Regina will continue to benefit from Municipal Police Grants for targeted police initiatives to help keep communities safe and secure.

The Government of Saskatchewan is providing \$4.8 million for 43 existing police officers in Saskatoon and \$4.7 million for 40 existing police officers positions in Regina for 2017-18. In collaboration with the Provincial Response Team, the grants also include funding for three new police positions assigned to the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU) in each of CFSEU's three locations: Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Albert. The focus of these positions will be to specifically target illicit drugs such as crystal meth and fentanyl that are disproportionately driving property crime.

"Our government is focused on community safety," Justice Minister and Attorney General Don Morgan said. "These grants and the positions they fund provide the support needed to those working to protect the communities of Regina and Saskatoon."

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Distracted driving can cost you financially, but it also puts your safety, and that of everyone on the road around you, at risk.

We can drive better, Saskatchewan.

Driving distracted will cost you big time, as 486 people found out:

https://www.sgi.sk.ca/about/newsreleases/2017/distracteddriving.html

SUCCESSFUL VEHICLE RENTAL PILOT PROJECT EXPANDED PROVINCE-WIDE

\$275K

in travel savings

Government realized \$275K in travel savings after a yearlong pilot project using private sector short-term vehicle rentals.



customer satisfaction

Ninety per cent of customers were either satisfied or very satisfied with these vehicle rental services.



improved convenience

Benefits include more modern vehicle access, longer hours of service from vehicle providers, and more drop-off and pick-up locations.

Government Travel Savings



Significant savings, increased convenience and positive customer feedback have resulted in the province-wide expansion of the Government of Saskatchewan's use of short-term vehicle rentals from the private sector.

The one-year pilot project used rental vehicles from the private sector to fulfill government business needs for short-term travel required in Saskatoon, Prince Albert and North Battleford. It resulted in \$275,000 in travel savings.

"The success of this pilot project and further expansion is part of our commitment to not only be fiscally responsible, but to also look for the most efficient ways to deliver services," Central Services Minister Christine Tell said. "Business commitments can take our employees across Saskatchewan and we want to ensure they have the best access to vehicles to help them in their jobs serving the people of our province."

Continue reading this release here.

GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN TO DONATE TO WILDFIRE RELIEF FUND

November 16th, the Government of Saskatchewan announced it will donate up to \$100,000 in matching cash donations to the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association Wildfire Relief Fund set up to help farmers and ranchers impacted by recent grassfires in the province's southwest.

"Under these circumstances and following this unprecedented event, our government believes contributing financially to this fund is the best, most flexible and fastest way to help affected farm families in the region," Government Relations Minister Larry Doke said. "I encourage all Saskatchewan people to donate to this fund and to help our rural neighbours during a difficult time."

Read the entire news release here.

PROVINCE CONTINUES FUNDING FOR CANADIAN WESTERN AGRIBITION



November 20th, Agriculture Minister Lyle Stewart announced a renewed \$200,000 partnership with Canadian Western Agribition that will provide \$50,000 in funding for each of the next four shows. Stewart made the announcement at Canadian Western Agribition's annual Burning of the Brand.

"Canadian Western Agribition is a testament to our agriculture industry and a signature event that the Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to invest in," Stewart said. "It brings together thousands of producers, consumers, agribusinesses and international buyers, building our economy, trade relationships and tourism."

As the largest livestock show in the country, Canadian Western Agribition attracts producers from across western Canada. In addition to livestock shows and sales, the event hosts international visitors, an indoor trade show, entertainment and educational displays.

Read more here.

SASKATCHEWAN REMEMBERS HOLODOMOR WITH A SPECIAL SERVICE AT THE LEGISLATURE



Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan-Ukraine Relations, Greg Ottenbreit, joined with members of Saskatchewan's Ukrainian community and Saskatchewan's Legislative Assembly in a service to remember those who perished during the Ukraine famine in 1932-1933. A memorial candle was lit and will remain lit during Holodomor Memorial Week to show solidarity with those around the world marking the Holodomor genocide.

"It's important for people in Saskatchewan and around the world to reflect on this dark page in our global history," Ottenbreit said. "Today we remember the Holodomor victims, and honour the survivors by ensuring this genocide isn't forgotten."

Holodomor means "extermination by hunger" in Ukrainian. In 1932-1933, Joseph Stalin imposed a man-made famine, killing up to 10 million people. Those years had significant grain crops,

which were confiscated by the government. The regime then imposed regulations preventing people from leaving their communities in search of food.

The Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan was the first jurisdiction in North America to recognize this genocide with the passing of The Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act in 2008.

The memorial service is held in conjunction with Holodomor Memorial Week, November 20 to 26. International Holodomor Memorial Day is recognized on the fourth Saturday of November and this year falls on November 25.

HUNTING SEASON IS UPON US



Rifle season for white-tailed deer opens on November 20 in much of the province.

Please hunt safely and respect all posted private land instructions.

Visit **saskatchewan.ca/hunting** for a copy of the 2017 Hunters' and Trappers' Guide.



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Hunters, please get landowner permission to hunt on private land, even if it's not posted.

Future access depends on courtesy and respect.

For more information, see: saskatchewan.ca/hunting

SASKATCHEWAN MULTICULTURAL WEEK



The Government of Saskatchewan is proud to join with Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan to proclaim Saskatchewan Multicultural Week from November 18 – 26!

Diversity is our strength as we continue to grow.

NOTICE: SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS



Work in a Saskatchewan provincial park in one of the following positions:

- Park Interpreter
- Customer Service
- · Park Maintenance
- Park Ranger
- Lifeguard

For application details visit: www.careers.gov.sk.ca/provincialparks



Every year Saskatchewan Parks hires hundreds of students and seasonal staff to work in provincial parks across the province.

To learn more about the types of positions available and how to apply, visit www.careers.gov.sk.ca/provincialparks or visit SaskParks on campus at the U of R or U of S to discover what makes this the best summer job.

<u>University of Regina</u> - November 21, 2017... 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Riddell Centre, Room 163 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. - Research and Innovation Centre, Room 209

<u>University of Saskatchewan</u> - November 27, 2017 4 p.m. - Education Department, Room 2010 5:15 p.m. - North Studio Drama Department

SASKATCHEWAN HEALTH AUTHORITY PREPARING TO LAUNCH



On Monday, December 4, 2017, the new Saskatchewan Health Authority will launch. On that date, the employees and operations of the 12 Regional Health Authorities will officially transfer to the new organization. There will be no changes to health care programs, services, facilities or phone numbers as a result of transition. Residents and patients should continue to access care in the same way they always have.

"The transition to a single provincial health authority is a significant milestone, as we work to better integrate and coordinate health care services for Saskatchewan people, wherever they live," Health Minister Jim Reiter said. "The focus is on streamlining governance and management across the province. Frontline employees will carry out their day-to-day patient care responsibilities as usual."

By moving to a single provincial health authority, the provincial government will be able to reduce senior administrative staff positions by 86 per cent and reduce senior administrative staff salaries by 80 per cent or \$9 million annually.

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- The Government of Saskatchewan realized \$275,000 in travel savings after a yearlong pilot project using private sector short-term vehicle rentals.
- The provincial government provides funds to urban police services across the province to support 128 municipal police positions and policing initiatives. This grant fulfills the government's commitment to supporting the policing services within the province's municipalities.
- Saskatchewan exports to Asia increased from \$2.3B in 2005 to \$8B in 2016, making Asia the most important emerging export market for the province. In 2016, Saskatchewan exported \$1.1B of pulse crops to India.
- Since the Saskatchewan Scholarship of Honour started in 2009, 183 have been awarded, totalling \$915,000.
- A list of shelters and services for people in need is available at www.sk.211.ca.

BE A SANTA TO A CLINGTE AD SENIOR CARE®

Message from Home Instead Senior Care:

It is getting close to that time... the most wonderful time of the year. We have some news to share about our Company and a change in this year's Be a Santa to a Senior Community Program.

In our day-to-day work as a private home care company, it is a privilege to serve clients and support families; this remains our top priority as we see increased demand for our service. In addition, our lease is up for renewal, so we are in the midst of planning a move – details to follow. The demands of serving a growing number of clients and managing a big change in our office over the next few months mean that we are unable to offer the Be a Santa to a Senior program this year.

So, we need your help more than ever to brighten the 2017 Christmas season for residents of long term care. We invite you to find a way to reach out to seniors in long term care homes and other homes. We know that gifts are happily received, but the gift of time -visiting with care home residents, hearing stories, sharing a few minutes together- is even better. Arrange your visit in advance with care home staff. Click here to see the list of care homes in Saskatoon along with some behind the scenes news.

If you are interested in purchasing gifts, your can contact a care home in advance and ask if there are a few residents who are in need of personal items. Thanks in advance for your willingness to extend the spirit of the Be a Santa to a Senior program in this way.

Our goal is to continue the program next year. It might look different as we plan for a program that is sustainable every year. We appreciate your interest, generosity and continued support of this outreach to seniors.

JUST THE LINKS



MEADOW LAKE POLICE SERVICE RECEIVES \$770,000 FOR TARGETED POLICING INITIATIVES

THE CITY OF NORTH BATTLEFORD RECEIVES \$770,000 FOR TARGETED POLICING INITIATIVES

PRINCE ALBERT POLICE SERVICES RECEIVES \$2.1 MILLION FOR TARGETED POLICING INITIATIVES

NEW FAMILY HOUSING PROJECT OFFICIALLY OPENS IN REGINA

GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND SASKATCHEWAN TEAM UP WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

TO BUILD A HOME IN MOOSE JAW

PROVINCE NAMES GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES IN MEMORY OF ADAM WOOD AND MARIE JANVIER

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COMING EVENTS

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO HIGHLIGHT IN THIS NEWSLETTER, PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Provincial Point of View is a great way to connect with our community. We appreciate the opportunity to share the successes we see in our constituency and highlight the many events happening in our community. If you have a suggestion for items you would like highlighted in this newsletter, please email: ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net



Festival of Wreaths

When: November 21 - November 28, 2 pm - 4:30 pm daily
Where: Preston Park, 114 Armistice Way
For additional details, click here



Switch Charity Breakfast

When: November 22, 7 am - 8:30 am

Where: The Park Town Hotel, 924 Spadina Crescent E

Click here for details



Festival of Trees

When: Nov. 24 - December 2

Where: Western Development Museum

Click <u>here</u> for information



BHP Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour

When: November 18 - January 7

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park

Click here for details



Eaton's Once Upon a Christmas Exhibit

Where: Western Development Museum

When: 9 am - 5 pm, through to January 7, 2018

Click here for additional information



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

HOW TO BE MENTALLY STRONG

1. Don't fear alone time.

2. Don't dwell on the past.

3. Don't feel the world owes you.

4. Don't expect immediate results.

5. Don't worry about pleasing everyone.

6. Don't waste time feeling sorry for yourself.

7. Don't waste energy on things you can't control.

8. Don't let others influence your emotions.

9. Don't resent on other people's success.

10. Don't shy away from responsibilities.

11. Don't give up after the first failure.

12. Don't fear taking calculated risks.



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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 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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