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Provincial Point of View

October 10, 2017

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REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE - STATEMENT FROM PREMIER BRAD WALL



TransCanada has cancelled its application to build the Energy East pipeline.

Energy East would have created thousands of jobs, contributed billions of dollars in tax revenue and boosted Canada's economy by around \$55 billion – all from exclusively private sector investment.

The federal government is blaming “business decisions” for the termination of Energy East. In reality, they have failed to champion this project and see it through for the benefit of all Canadians.

It is clear that the Trudeau government's energy policies, including their NDP-inspired carbon tax plan, are to blame for the death of the Energy East pipeline and Canada's energy independence.

The following is a statement from Premier Brad Wall:

Today is not a good day for Canada. It is not a good day for the federation. It is a very bad day for the west.

TransCanada made the decision to cancel Energy East – but make no mistake, the reasons for it fall at the feet of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the federal government. They have been, at best, ambivalent about the project and then moved the goalposts at the last moment by asking the regulator to consider the impact of upstream greenhouse gas emissions.

Imagine if something like this was considered prior to the construction of auto assembly plants in Ontario or the factories that manufacture heavily subsidized jets in Quebec or the highways and rails that transport those products.

Former federal Liberal Cabinet Minister, and now Montreal Mayor, Denis Coderre cheers the cancellation of this pipeline. He who leads a city that, just two years ago, used a pipeline to dump 4.9 BILLION litres, or nearly 2,000 Olympic-sized swimming pools, of raw sewage into the St. Lawrence Seaway.

It is a good thing that Mr. Coderre's hypocrisy needs no pipeline for conveyance, for it would need to be very large and could never get approved for construction.

When Coderre cheers for the end of this pipeline, he cheers for the imported oil we buy from Saudi Arabia, where women can now drive, but the public beheadings continue.

He is cheering against an energy sector in our country that employs thousands and has paid, on average, over the last three years \$17 billion annually in taxes and royalties to Canadian governments.

\$17 billion is enough to pay for 680 new schools, 1.8 million knee replacements and 4.25 million child care spaces. We have lost an opportunity to strengthen quality of life in Canada.

Beyond the immediate impact, there are other reasons to be concerned.

A new Liberal carbon tax, new Liberal tax changes for small business (that will hurt many in the energy sector and farmers), changes to the NEB applied only to this sector and not to others, and methane regulations that will not be mirrored south of the border, with whom we must compete for job creating investment dollars.

We have a company that committed more than a billion dollars to a project and made earnest efforts to address the concerns of the public and regulators. A company that made 700 changes to its plans as part of that response. Make no mistake, other companies' decisions to invest in Canada will be informed by this debacle.

The expectation of course from the federal government, and some powerful central Canadian interests, is that the west will just grin and bear this latest blow to our economy and our people. That our taxpayers in Saskatchewan and Alberta will continue to send, without question, about \$2.5 billion in equalization payments to help support Quebec that receives \$11 billion in equalization per year and \$1.4 billion to Ontario. All of this despite the fact that low energy prices have resulted in job losses and lower revenues for the last four years.

Something needs to change. For the west to continue on like this in our federal system is the equivalent of having Stockholm syndrome.

The decision by TransCanada to cancel the Energy East project was made because of a lack of interest and leadership – or worse, intentional decisions and policies of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his government. He should answer for this. He needs to be held accountable for this.

His actions and his government's actions may well have some westerners wondering if this country really values western Canada, the resources we have, and the things we do to contribute to the national economy and to quality of life for all.

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER MONTH



At the Canadian Cancer Society, the month of October is about more than just raising awareness of breast cancer, it's about taking action to save lives. [Learn more](#) about the fight against breast cancer and how you can show your support by taking action against this disease.

In communities across the country, events in support for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation are raising vital funds, spreading awareness about breast cancer and engaging Canadians affected by breast cancer. There are many ways you can support the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. Every contribution moves us one day closer to achieving our vision of creating a future without breast cancer. Click [here](#) to find out how a little time can make a big difference!

AUGUST BUILDING PERMITS SECOND BEST IN THE NATION



Building permits in Saskatchewan took a big leap in August – rising 17.5 per cent over last August (seasonally adjusted) and well above the 0.6 per cent recorded nationally. Saskatchewan had the second highest percentage growth rate among the provinces.

“There was a significant jump in building permits in August which is good news for Saskatchewan,” Economy Minister Steven Bonk said. “It translates into more jobs, more investment, and more growth for our economy.”

Regina’s building permits were up 25.2 per cent on a year-over-year basis, while Saskatoon’s were up 20.6 per cent. Building permits totalled \$184 million in August. Residential permits rose 9.1 per cent, while non-residential permits were up 26.6 per cent.

Month-over-month, building permits were up 24.4 per cent, second highest percentage increase among the provinces and well ahead of the 5.5 per cent decline posted on a national basis.

[YOUR INVITATION TO ATTEND THE THRONE SPEECH](#)



The Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, Her Honour the Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield will formally open the Second Session of the Twenty-Eighth Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan in the Assembly Chamber at two o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 on which occasion you are invited to be present. Speaker's Tea to follow.

If you would like to attend this special event in Regina, please contact my office at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net. Invitations are limited, so please call soon as they will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. I look forward to having you attend! You will receive confirmation of your request for attendance.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR



Get a head start on your Christmas shopping! Plan to attend the Christmas Craft Fair being held at the Western Development Museum. The Christmas Craft Fair is open October 13 from 4 pm - 10 pm and October 14 from 10 am - 5 pm. Browse over 100 booths featuring handmade specialties including jewelry, wood working, crafts, home décor, food vendors and more. Click [here](#) for details.

NSBA SMALL BUSINESS WEEK LUNCHEON OCTOBER 18TH



The NSBA Small Business Week Luncheon Series, presented by BCD will be featuring Chris Dekker, STEP and Kyle Reid, Export Development Canada. The topic will be International Trade and Saskatchewan. A brief overview of challenges / changes with currency volatility, interest rate hikes, and changing trade regulations. Learn what small business should do to protect their interests and positions in light of all of this. Check our coming events for the link for additional information.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A FUN EVENT TO ATTEND THIS WEEKEND?



The 3rd annual Quinn Stevenson Halloween Spooktacular is being held this Friday, October 13th from 7:30 pm - 1:30 am at the ACT Arena, 107-105th Street, Saskatoon. The evening will be a lot of fun. The Kal Hourd Band is will provide music for the dance. Plan to attend! Click [here](#) for details.

[CRESTLINE UNVEILS CANADA'S FIRST HYBRID AMBULANCE](#)



September 27, 2017 – Saskatoon, SK, Canada – Crestline Coach, a global leader in ambulance and specialty vehicle manufacturing, is unveiling Canada's first hybrid ambulance today at the Ontario

Association of Paramedics Conference (OAPC) in Ottawa, Ontario. Attendees can view Crestline's revolutionary "green" ambulance today and tomorrow by visiting booth #115 at the Shaw Centre.

Crestline's Fleetmax XL3 Hybrid ambulance incorporates several "green" technologies, including the XL3 Hybrid System and ACETECH's ECO-Run module. The XL3 Hybrid System seamlessly installs onto original equipment manufacturer powertrains, using regenerative braking to help fleets increase fuel economy by 25%, lowering CO2 emissions by 20% while reducing its carbon footprint on the environment.

ACETECH ECO-Run module is an idle-management tool that eliminates excessive idling on scene. The module monitors battery levels and compartment temperatures, automatically shutting the engine off when they are at optimal levels. When levels fall below set parameters, the module turns the engine back on. The module also includes security and safety features, emergency override, driver control and administrative lockout. The ECO can be installed as a stand-alone module on new and existing ambulances.

Solar panels were installed onto the roof of the ambulance to assist in powering the lifesaving equipment onboard as well as the conversion batteries, resulting in less maintenance and further enhancing fuel economy.

Crestline worked in partnership with [Oxford County Paramedic Services](#) (Oxford County, Ontario) to develop and customize the two Fleetmax XL3 Hybrid ambulances specific for their fleet. With these technologies in place, Oxford will be able to capture a multitude of data in relation to fuel saving reports, engine run and idle times, in addition to being able to understand the amount of savings on carbon emissions and footprint. The new ambulances will reduce Oxford's annual greenhouse gas emissions by 10.7 eCO₂ tonnes. [Learn more](#) about Crestline & Oxford's partnership.

HONOURING SASKATCHEWAN'S TOP CADETS



The contributions and achievements of some of Saskatchewan's finest young people will be acknowledged over the next several weeks.

The province's top Sea Cadet Corps, Army Cadet Corps, and Air Cadet Squadron will receive the annual Saskatchewan Premier's Commendation of Achievement. Saskatchewan's Provincial Military Liaison Greg Lawrence, will present the commendations and achievement pins to the Cadets at ceremonies to be held in Saskatoon, Regina and Oxbow.

This year's top Cadets are:

- #45 Jervis Bay – Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps, Saskatoon;
- #155 Royal Regina Rifles – Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, Regina;
- #67 Bow Valley – Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron, Oxbow.

The Cadet Program is a national program for youth aged 12 to 18. As of June 2017, there were more than 1,600 youth enrolled in Saskatchewan's sea, army and air corps and squadrons.

Click [here](#) to read the entire news release.

CROP REPORT FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 26 TO OCTOBER 2, 2017



Warm and dry weather earlier in the week allowed many producers to return to the field after several days of rain delays. Eighty-nine per cent of the crop is now in the bin, up from 78 per cent last week. Harvest progress remains ahead of the five year (2012-2016) average of 82 per cent for this time of year. Eight per cent of the crop is swathed or ready to straight-cut.

Harvest is most advanced in the southwestern region, where 98 per cent of the crop is now combined. The southeastern and west-central regions have 92 per cent combined and the east-central region 89 per cent. The northeastern region has 78 per cent combined, while the northwestern region has 69 per cent combined.

Many producers worked long hours over the last week to combine remaining crops prior to the rain. Some crops have been taken off tough and placed into aeration bins.

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

CONNECTING WITH THE HIGHWAY HOTLINE



With a busy traffic weekend expected for Thanksgiving, the Government of Saskatchewan would like to remind motorists that the Highway Hotline is always at your fingertips.

“Motorists travelling to visit family and friends this Thanksgiving weekend are reminded to continue watching for work zones,” Highways and Infrastructure Minister David Marit said. “Remember to slow to 60 km/hr when approaching the work zone and watch for flaggers, signs, equipment and other hazards.”

Motorist can connect to the Hotline in a number of different ways including online through a mobile website or by calling 511. Several other provinces use the 511 system for road conditions including Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario.

Click [here](#) to see the link to the weekly highway construction update and the highway hotline.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS IN SEPTEMBER

Saskatchewan’s unemployment rate in September was 6.2 per cent (seasonally adjusted), down from 6.4 per cent a month ago and 6.9 per cent from September 2016.

“Recent economic indicators showed that Saskatchewan is leading the nation in growth in wholesale trade and manufacturing sales, as well as having the second-highest retail sales growth rate, and we are beginning to see the effects of that in our economy,” Economy Minister Steven Bonk said. “What is encouraging about today’s job numbers is that unemployment rates are down both month-to-month and year-over-year, and that full-time jobs increased over last year.”

There were 1,600 full-time jobs created in Saskatchewan year-over-year, while part-time employment decreased by 3,000 for a net employment decline of 1,400.

Nationally, the unemployment rate in September was 6.2 per cent.

GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



Women's History Month *Opening the Door for Women*

The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to join with the federal government and other provinces in celebrating Women's History Month.

Women's History Month, celebrated each year in October, marks the anniversary of the "Persons Case" of 1929, in which Canadian women were formally recognized as "persons" under the law.

This year, the focus is on women in the economy.

As of 2016, Saskatchewan women make up 51 per cent of the population and bring their own unique perspectives to social, economic, political and public policy issues. In 2015, the employment rate for women in Saskatchewan was 76.3 per cent, highest among the provinces. Women had the strongest representation in the health care, social services, education and retail trade sectors.

"Our government is proud to support Women's History Month and to celebrate the vital role women play in the workforce," Minister responsible for the Status of Women Bronwyn Eyre said. "In Saskatchewan, we have a lot to celebrate."

The number of women working in Saskatchewan in 2015 was 263,100, up seven per cent from 2010.

"Women in Saskatchewan are strong contributors to our province's prosperity, and are a vital part of its growth," Economy Minister Steven Bonk said. "In addition, through their various roles across our diverse economy, Saskatchewan women provide goods, services and countless opportunities that enhance the quality of life and standard of living for all who live here."

Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

Western Development Museum Christmas Craft Fair

When: October 13, 4 pm - 10- pm, October 14, 10 am 5 pm

Where: Western Development Museum

Click [here](#) for information



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ABEX Awards

When: October 21, 5 pm - 10 pm

Where: TCU Place

Click [here](#) for ticket info and additional information



Knights of Columbus 4th Annual 2017 Celebrity Dinner - Presented by Les & Irene Dubé

When: October 27, 5:30 pm - 10:30 pm

Where: Holy Family Cathedral, 123 Nelson Road

Click [here](#) for information



Lows in Motion - Canada's Most Attended Parkinson's Fundraiser

When: October 28, 6:45 pm

Where: Prairieland Park

Click [here](#) for details



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Choc 'la Cure

When: November 3, 6 pm

Where: Dutch Growers

Click [here](#) for details



Pitch Party - Save the Date

When: November 6, 5:30 doors open

Click [here](#) for details!



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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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