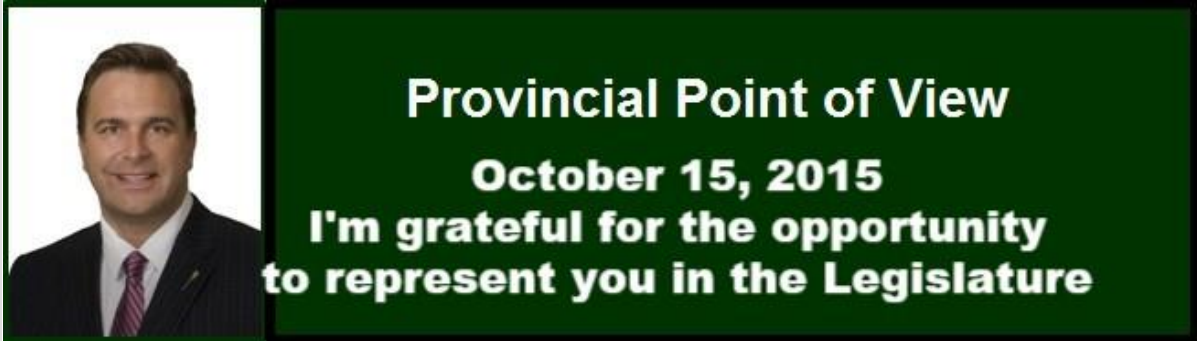


Check out What's happening in Saskatoon Silver Springs and throughout the Province!



## SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE RECONVENES



The fall sitting of the Legislative Assembly began this week, October 13. As the Saskatchewan Legislature reconvenes, our government's focus is keeping Saskatchewan strong.

As part of the 25 day sitting, MLAs will debate new legislation introduced by the government. One example is a bill to reduce wait times by allowing private MRIs in Saskatchewan.

During this session, our government will also outline its future plans for farmland ownership rules in the province, based on the results of public consultations held in recent months.

Saskatchewan welcomes the Trans Pacific Partnership Deal. Our government strongly supports Canada's participation in the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), one of the most ambitious free trade agreements in history. The Trans-Pacific Partnership includes 12 countries and over 800 million people, it removes tariffs and other trade barriers with our most important trading partners, and opens up potential new markets for exporters.

Saskatchewan exported more than \$25 billion in goods (71 per cent of our international exports) to TPP countries in 2014. The Trans Pacific Partnership agreement increases access to those markets and keeps our exporters on a level playing field with their competitors. The TPP has been endorsed by numerous exporters including virtually every agricultural organization that represents Saskatchewan producers.

International trade has always been vital to our province's economy and I know our agricultural producers are looking forward to having an even stronger presence in pacific markets. The TPP will encourage major growth and investment in our value-added agriculture sector through better access to these markets for our processed products, such as canola oil and meal, malt barley, beef and pork.

**FOLLOWING A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING WEEKEND, I AM  
HAPPY TO SHARE THIS MESSAGE I RECEIVED FROM A  
FRIEND!**



At birth we boarded the train and met our parent, and we believe they will always travel on our side.

However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant ... our siblings, friends, children, our partners.

Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum, others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats.

This ride will be full of joy, sorrow, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down.

So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive and offer the best of who we are.

It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty; we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life.

Thank you for being part of my journey!

## **MORE THAN 500 DOCTORS PRACTISING IN SASKATCHEWAN**

Saskatchewan residents are benefiting from improved access to physicians with the addition of more than 500 new doctors since 2007.

“Our government made a commitment to recruiting and retaining more physicians in Saskatchewan, and we are seeing the results of those efforts,” Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. “It wasn’t too long ago when hundreds of physicians and health care professionals were leaving the province. I’m happy to see things are different now.”

Read more about physician recruitment and retention initiatives [here](#)

## **LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE COUNTRY FOR TWO STRAIGHT YEARS**



In September 2015, Saskatchewan’s unemployment rate was 5.1 per cent (seasonally adjusted), marking two consecutive years the province has had the lowest unemployment rate among the provinces. The national unemployment rate in September stood at 7.1 per cent.

“Last week we had record population numbers, and today’s job numbers show we have had the lowest unemployment rate for two straight years – both positive indicators for our economy,” Immigration, Jobs, Skills and Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said.”

Read the entire news release [here](#)

## **PROVINCE LAUNCHES POWERFUL CAMPAIGN AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND ABUSE**

The Government of Saskatchewan continues to address the major issue of sexual violence and abuse through the #WhoWillYouHelpSK public awareness campaign. The campaign calls on all citizens to value and protect people, particularly vulnerable women and girls, who are at the highest risk of violence and abuse.

“Saskatchewan’s high rate of violence and abuse, including domestic and sexual violence, is unacceptable and has to stop,” Premier Brad Wall said. “All citizens, communities and government can play a role in ending such violence. I hope the ads help to cause us all to take action.”

Please click [here](#) to [read](#) the release and find more information on where to go for help in Saskatchewan if you are, or know someone who is, a victim of sexual violence and abuse.

## **NSBA LUNCHEON SERIES - THE HONOURABLE NANCY HEPPNER WILL SPEAK ON BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE IN A GROWING SASKATCHEWAN**

The Honourable Nancy Heppner, Minister of Highways and Infrastructure is overseeing significant improvements in Saskatchewan’s highway network. Our government’s record-setting investment in infrastructure is required as the province continues to set new standards in population. Minister Heppner will address the status of projects throughout the province, including Saskatoon’s Perimeter Freeway, and others, in her luncheon address tomorrow, Friday, October 16 as part of the NSBA Luncheon Series.

Please click [here](#) for more information or contact the NSBA office at 306.242.3060.

## **FLU VACCINATIONS ACROSS THE PROVINCE BEGIN OCTOBER**

**The publicly-funded influenza (flu) vaccine will be available in Saskatchewan beginning October 19. All residents six months and older can receive it for free.**

**The free vaccine will be offered through public health clinics across the province, and some physician and nurse practitioner offices, as in previous years.**

**This year, for the first time in Saskatchewan, pharmacists will also be able to provide free flu vaccinations as part of the province's influenza immunization program. Approximately 200 of the 360 community pharmacies in the province plan to participate.**

**"We're pleased pharmacists will offer this important service," Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. "This additional option means increased access, choice and convenience for our residents."**

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

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR OUR MINISTER OF FINANCE  
SPEAK IN SASKATOON**

# **SREDA** Quick Quarterly Coffee

Join us for an update on the Saskatoon & Saskatchewan economy.  
Tuesday, October 27, 7:30 - 8:45 a.m.

Coffee & muffins provided.

Featuring:



**Saskatchewan - Moving Forward and Meeting the Challenges**

Honourable Kevin Doherty, Minister of Finance  
Government of Saskatchewan



**Science & Innovation as a Driver for Economic Growth in Saskatoon**

Rob Lamb, CEO  
Canadian Light Source Inc.



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## CITY OF SASKATOON FINAL ROUND OF GROWTH PLAN PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

FINAL ROUND OF GROWTH PLAN PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ON NOW UNTIL SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2015, AT [WWW.GROWINGFWD.CA](http://WWW.GROWINGFWD.CA)

The City of Saskatoon invites residents to participate in the closing round of public engagement for the *Growth Plan to Half a Million (Growth Plan)*. Join the conversation, either in person or online, to provide feedback on the proposed long-term plans and implementation priorities for a new transit system with Bus Rapid Transit (BRT); redevelopment along major corridors like 8<sup>th</sup> Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Preston Avenue, and College Drive; and a new river crossing connecting 33<sup>rd</sup> Street to Preston Avenue, combined with dedicated BRT lanes on the University Bridge.

Detailed project information and an online survey will be available at [www.growingfwd.ca](http://www.growingfwd.ca) until Sunday, November 8, 2015. In addition to online engagement, two public open houses are being held for residents to learn more and provide feedback on the *Growth Plan*.

**Growth Plan Come-and-Go Public Events**

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mayfair United Church, 902 33<sup>rd</sup> Street West

4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Saskatoon Field House, 2020 College Drive

4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Growth Plan Online Survey**

October 14 to November 8, 2015

Review the final draft plan and provide feedback online at [www.growingfwd.ca](http://www.growingfwd.ca)

This will be the fourth and final round of public engagement for the *Growth Plan*. Once complete, the *Growth Plan* will help guide future infrastructure investments and land-use decisions so residents will have more choices for how they live and move around the city as Saskatoon grows to half a million people over the next 30 to 40 years.

For more information on the *Growth Plan* or to sign up for project update notifications, visit [www.growingfwd.ca](http://www.growingfwd.ca).

For more City of Saskatoon Public Service Announcements, News Releases, Traffic Detours, and Service Alerts, visit [www.saskatoon.ca](http://www.saskatoon.ca)

## **COMING EVENTS**

**Willowgrove School Playground Meeting**

When: October 15, 7 pm

Where: Willowgrove School Library

**Night With Stars Hangar Dance**

When: October 16

Where: Hangar 21, 2475 Airport Road

Click [here](#) for additional information



**International Day of the Girl**

**When: October 17, 1 - 5 pm**

**Where: George Vanier School, 820 Wilson Crescent**

**For additional information click [here](#)**

**Christmas Craft Fair**

**When: October 16 & 17**

**Where: Western Development Museum, 2610 Lorne Avenue**

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

**Random Act of Kindness Day**

**When: November 6**

**Where: Saskatoon**

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

**Lows in Motion**

**When: November 7, 6:00 pm**

**Where: Saskatoon Prairieland Park, 503 Ruth St. W**

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

**JUST THE LINKS**

**[SPEED REDUCTIONS COMING INTO EFFECT EAST OF REGINA](#)**

**[FEWER INJURIES AND FATALITIES ON SASKATCHEWAN ROADS](#)**

**[SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES VETERINARY TECHNICIAN WEEK](#)**

**[SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL](#)**

**[WATER SECURITY AGENCY AND CITY OF REGINA ADDRESS SEWAGE BYPASS ISSUES](#)**

**CLICK [HERE](#) TO READ ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES**

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**



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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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