Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



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SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE TO RECONVENE OCTOBER 23RD - PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE THRONE SPEECH



The Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan His Honour the Honourable Russ Mirasty will formally open the Fourth Session of the Twenty-Eighth Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan in the Assembly Chamber at two o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 on which occasion you are invited to be present

If you are interested in attending this special event at the Legislature in Regina, please contact my office at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net or call 306.651.7100. Invitations are limited, so please contact me soon. Invitations 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.

PREMIER MOE WRAPS UP A SUCCESSFUL TRADE MISSION TO JAPAN



Click here to listen to Premier Moe's message about his Trade Mission to Japan.

Premier Moe was honoured to represent Saskatchewan along with an incredible delegation. Some highlights and interesting facts to share from Premier Moe's Trade Mission:

- Saskatchewan supplies Japan with 77% of its durum wheat imports and 12% of its nondurum wheat imports.
- Japan represents an incredibly important market for Saskatchewan exports, and we have a rich history of providing the food, fuel, and fertilizer that Japan has needed in the past and will continue to need into the future.
- Canola Oil is a high quality, healthy and versatile cooking oil that accounts for almost half of all Saskatchewan's exports to South Korea. Premier Scott Moe was honoured to represent our canola and agri-food producers today in Seoul when meeting with Ottogi Co. about expanding their processing volumes, and how Saskatchewan producers are ready to meet increased demand.
- South Korea represents a growing export market for Saskatchewan, with exports from our province growing by almost 40% over the last five years. Corporations like Daesang Corporation that import high-quality agri-food products from Saskatchewan are key players in increasing this trade into the future. Daesang is an important customer of Saskatchewan canola oil, and it was Premier Scott Moe's pleasure to meet to share the stability of our province as a source market of agri-food, and discuss how we can work together to grow Saskatchewan's canola and agri-food exports to South Korea!
- The Saskatchewan Flax Commission and the Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership met in Seoul to speak with Korean media on the benefits that flax products can bring to Korean consumers. Expanding the knowledge of the health benefits of flax products is key to gaining new customers in new markets.
- Institutions of higher learning are vital to innovation in Saskatchewan, and international connections expand opportunities and perspectives for our students. Premier Scott Moe joined with the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Regina and Saskatchewan Polytechnic to sign 7 MOUs to strengthen connections with Korean academic institutions.
- Premier Scott Moe joined University of Saskatchewan President Peter Stoicheff with Saskatchewan's VIDO-InterVac to meet with the International Vaccine Institute. Both signed an MOU to strengthen the sharing of expertise through an exchange of researchers and students that will benefit human and animal health globally.
- Homeplus is Korea's second-largest retailer, employing over 25,000 people with over 600
 retail locations and millions of online customers. The Saskatchewan Trade and Export
 Partnership along with the Saskatchewan Flax Commission and Zak Organics met with
 Homeplus to discuss expanded opportunities to provide Saskatchewan agri-food to millions
 of Korean families. The Saskatchewan delegation also joined Homeplus in touring one of
 their Seoul retail facilities. It was great to see high-quality Saskatchewan food, including
 grains and canola oil on the shelves. On behalf of Saskatchewan producers, we're working
 to get more food on shelves of retail stores across Korea!

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MISSION TO KOREA



South Korea is Asia's 4th largest economy. In 2018, Saskatchewan exports to South Korea totaled \$118 million. Top exports were canola oil and non-durum wheat. In addition, the province was South Korea's top Canadian supplier of Western Red Spring wheat, barley, flaxseed and oats.



The <u>University of Saskatchewan</u>, <u>University of Regina</u> and <u>Saskatchewan Polytechnic</u> were in South Korea meeting with educational institutions. Seven agreements have been signed that will result in more collaborative research, student exchanges and internships, joint programing and sharing of training and publications.



Over the last 5 years, Saskatchewan exports to Korea have increased by nearly 40% and we are seeking to strengthen our trade relationship in their rapidly growing economy. Team Saskatchewan spoke to dozens of businesses in Seoul about how we have the food, fuel, and fertilizer that Korea needs.



JOB GROWTH REMAINS STRONG IN SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatchewan saw its 14th consecutive month of job growth in September, with year-over-year employment rising by 13,300 jobs, an increase of 2.3 per cent.

Female employment increased by 4,200 (+1.6 per cent) and off-reserve Aboriginal employment increased by 4,900 (+10.7 per cent). Month-to-month employment also rose by 600 jobs from August

2019.

The unemployment rate was 5.3 per cent in September (seasonally adjusted), down from 6.3 per cent a year ago. Saskatchewan had the fourth lowest unemployment rate in the country (tied with Ontario), below the national average of 5.5 per cent.

"Saskatchewan experienced record highs in terms of employment in the month of September, in spite of external factors contributing to ongoing economic uncertainties," Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Our government will continue working hard to ensure Saskatchewan people have the ability to work and contribute to the growth of our great province."

Other September highlights include:

- An all-time high was recorded for the working-age population (891,200), and a record high for the month of September for labour force (588,600);
- Major year-over-year gains were reported for educational services up 3,900 jobs, manufacturing up 3,600 jobs and other services up 3,200 jobs; and
- Aboriginal youth employment was up 1,000 jobs (+11.0 per cent).

REVAMPED NET METERING PROGRAM

Revamped Net Metering Program



Premier Scott Moe, "We promised certainty for self-generated solar power would come in weeks, not months, when unprecedented demand for the original net metering program caused it to hit its 16MW cap two years earlier than expected.

Effective November 1st, SaskPower's updated Net Metering Program will credit excess power at 7.5 cents/kWh and come with no cap or contract term, providing self-generation opportunities and supporting local industries for years to come.

It will be another tool in the toolbox as SaskPower works to meet its target of reducing greenhouse gases 40% below 2005 levels by 2030 as part of our Plan for Prairie Resilience."

NSBA 13TH ANNUAL LESSONS I'VE LEARNED



It was a pleasure to attend the NSBA "Lessons I've Learned" last week. The evening showcased an awesome lineup of panelists.

Congratulations to the North Saskatoon Business Association for hosting an incredible evening October 8th. This year's panel featured four panelists for their 13th Annual NSBA Lessons I've Learned, presented by KPMG LLP. This year's panel included:

- Terry Bergan International Road Dynamics (IRD) Inc.
- Christine Hrudka Pharmacy First (8th and Lifebridge)
- Brenda Nowakowski JNE Welding and
- Joe Vidal Bioriginal Food & Science Corp.



Pictured above with panelist Christine Hrudka

The NSBA is a member-driven and focused business association in Saskatoon that serves, promotes and protects business throughout Saskatoon and beyond. The NSBA ...has recently rebranded to be known simply by its acronym – NSBA – to reflect its current membership which has grown considerably beyond Saskatoon's north end. The NSBA has developed its mandate and reputation by being a relevant, topical and effective organization that interacts with all levels of government and industry on a variety of issues for the betterment of our local economy.

Read More about the NSBA's Policies Here: http://nsbasask.com/about/policies/

IN CASE YOU MISSED THIS LAST WEEK ...



Minister Warren Kaeding, "Saskatchewan is leading the nation with the rollout of MySaskHealthRecord. Our program gives people access to their lab results, plus other important health information as soon as it is available."

Last week, Minister of Rural and Remote Health and Minister Responsible for Seniors Warren Kaeding unveiled MySaskHealthRecord. Saskatchewan residents can now look at their laboratory test results and other health records online anywhere, anytime.

MySaskHealthRecord provides a secure website to quickly and easily access your personal health information. MySaskHealthRecord provides you the opportunity to play an active role in your healthcare. With secure access to test results, medical imaging reports, visit history and so much more, MySaskHealthRecord is part of our commitment to improve patient care across SK.

To register visit: www.ehealthsask.ca

PROVINCE PROCLAIMS CO-OPERATIVES WEEK



The Government of Saskatchewan proclaimed October 13 – 19 as Co-operatives Week in Saskatchewan to recognize the outstanding contributions co-operatives make to our province's economy and communities.

"Co-operative businesses provide products and services, create jobs and improve the quality of life for our communities all over Saskatchewan," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said on behalf of Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison. "With more than 900 cooperatives currently operating in the province, our government recognizes the immense economic value and investment attraction this partnership brings."

Co-operative businesses employ more than 15,000 Saskatchewan people and are active in numerous sectors, including manufacturing, financial services, agriculture, retail, child care, health care and many more.

The profits and benefits that are generated by co-operatives largely stay in our communities and this plays a vital role in the sustainable economic development of our province.

A number of events will be taking place around the province to celebrate Co-operatives Week

including a flag raising ceremony, the Co-op Week Luncheon and the Saskatchewan Co-Operative Merit Awards.

MEET THE MEMBERS OF SASKATCHEWAN'S FIRST PROVINCIAL YOUTH COUNCIL

Your 2019-20 Youth Council



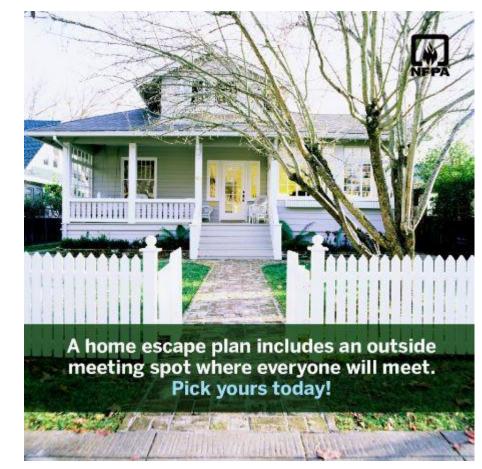
Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant announced today members of the 2019-20 provincial Youth Council, a group of 12 high school students committed to improving their communities and empowering other young people in the province.

As members of the 2019-20 provincial Youth Council, students will have the opportunity to address meaningful issues directly with the Minister of Education and other government members, while also providing guidance on how to better engage students.

"Students have a critical voice in education and an important role to play in improving the future of our province, and I am looking forward to hearing their valuable feedback," Wyant said. "Thank you to the school divisions and education organizations who took the time to submit nominations and support our students in making their voice heard."

Click <u>here</u> to read the entire news release.

DOES YOUR FAMILY HAVE FIRE ESCAPE PLAN?



Does your family have a home fire escape plan? Does it include an outside meeting place? Click <u>here</u> to help you with home escape planning.

SASKATCHEWAN PROCLAIMS VETERINARY TECHNICIAN WEEK



Agriculture Minister David Marit proclaimed October 13 to 19, as Registered Veterinary Technician Week in Saskatchewan. The week coincides with National Veterinary Technician Week in both Canada and the United States.

"Whether they are running tests, taking samples, assisting the veterinarian or simply helping a distressed and injured animal, veterinary technologists are essential to the health and welfare of Saskatchewan's livestock, pets and other animals," Marit said. "Everyone—from producers to pet owners—appreciates the work of veterinary technologists. Veterinary Technician Week gives us a much-needed reminder of the important work they do, and an opportunity to say thank you."

Click here to read the news release.

OCTOBER 10TH WAS MENTAL HEALTH DAY - IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE NOTE THE WALK-IN MENTAL HEALTH LOCATIONS BELOW

Walk-In Mental Health Services

Free, one-time walk-in mental health counselling services are available in:

Prince Albert

- Battleford Estevan
- Melfort
- Nipawin

Regina

Saskatoon

- Humboldt North Battleford
- Indian Head
- Kamsack
- Kelvington

- Southey
- Swift Current
- Tisdale
- Weyburn
- Wynyard
- Yorkton



October 10th was World Mental Health Day. If you need someone to talk to, there are 23 free walk-in counselling clinics across the province that you can visit. Call your local Family Services organization to see if this service is available near you.

If you would like to have your event mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call or email me!



Saskatoon Evergreen and Aspen Ridge Community Association AGM When: October 17 Where: Rock Creek - University Heights (Private Room) 7 pm

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Oktoberfest 2019 Dinner & Comedy Night Call 306.955.0234 for tickets Where: German Cultural Centre When: Friday, October 18



Pumpkin Maze 2019 at Dutch Growers

When: Now - October 30th Where: Dutch Growers, 1818 Central Avenue Click<u>here</u> for additional information



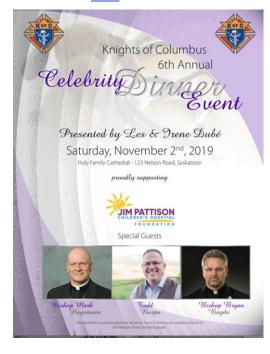
Meewasin's 40th Anniversary Gala When: October 22, 5:30 Where: Delta By Marriott Downtown Saskatoon Click <u>here</u> for information



Heritage Classic When: October 26, 8 pm Where: Mosaic Stadium, Regina



6th Annual Knights of Columbus Celebrity Dinner When: November 2 Where: Holdy Family Cathedral, Saskatoon Click <u>here</u> for information



Women of Influence Breakfast When: November 5th, 7:30 am - 9:00 am Where: Prairieland Park, Hall A Click <u>here</u> for information



Touchdown for Kids Lottery Draw: December 19 Click<u>here</u> for information



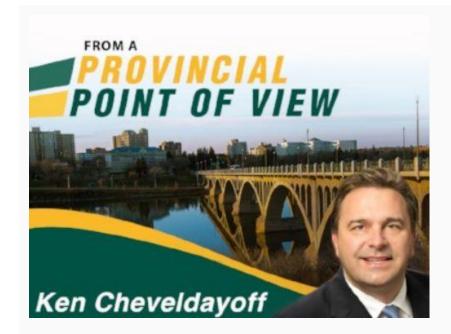


CLICK <u>HERE</u> TO READ ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Last week was World Mental Health Day. Did you know that <u>Saskatchewan Health</u> Authority offers free therapy online? Learn more at <u>www.onlinetherapyuser.ca.</u> You will just never know what someone is dealing with behind closed doors. No matter how happy someone looks, how loud their laugh is, how big their smile is, there can still be a level of hurt that is indescribable. So be kind. Even when others are not, choose to be kind.

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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