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GOVERNMENT OUTLINES PLANS FOR A NEW DECADE OF GROWTH IN THRONE SPEECH 2019



1.4 million people and 100,000 more jobs in Saskatchewan by 2030 are two of the goals outlined in the provincial government's 2019 Speech from the Throne, entitled A New Decade of Growth.



Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty delivered the October 23rd, 2019 Throne Speech, marking the start of the 2019-20 legislative session.

As the Speech notes, “Over the past 12 years, Saskatchewan has enjoyed a remarkable period of strong and sustained growth - growth our province has not seen since the 1920s. Ten weeks from today, Saskatchewan will enter the 2020s. My government’s goal is to ensure Saskatchewan’s strong growth continues, that all Saskatchewan people continue to benefit from that growth and that the 2020s will be a new decade of growth for our province.”

Premier Scott Moe said he will be releasing the new Saskatchewan Plan for Growth during the fall legislative session.

“The new Growth Plan will outline our government’s growth goals for the new decade and the actions we will be taking to achieve those goals,” Moe said. “A growing province creates challenges, but we are all better off meeting those challenges than suffering the effects of decline as we have in some previous decades.”

The Throne Speech also outlined a number of measures the government will be taking during the upcoming legislative session, including:

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- Amending *The Saskatchewan Employment Act* to increase parental leave by eight weeks to ensure that employees who are entitled to the new shared parental Employment Insurance benefit have job protection while using the new leave benefit and to extend employment leave to individuals who are running for election to a First Nations Band Council.

The government plans to introduce about 30 pieces of legislation during the fall sitting and will table a budget during the spring sitting that is expected to make significant investments in infrastructure.

“Our government will continue to plan for a growing province by keeping our economy strong, investing in important government services and ensuring everyone in Saskatchewan continues to enjoy the benefits of growth,” Moe said.

Special thanks to everyone attending!



2019 TIM HORTON'S NHL HERITAGE CLASSIC A HUGE SUCCESS!



The long-awaited Heritage Classic lived up to all the hype during a snowy, windy, yet perfect Saturday night in Regina.

Premier Scott Moe, "Congratulations to the Winnipeg Jets on their 2-1 overtime win over the Calgary Flames! Thank you to the NHL for choosing Saskatchewan to host this iconic event."

Regina Leader Post, Story Credit to Rob Vanstone: Heritage Classic at Mosaic Stadium was the 'full meal deal' .

Big-league players and several layers were part of the storyline when the [NHL Heritage Classic](#) visited Mosaic Stadium.

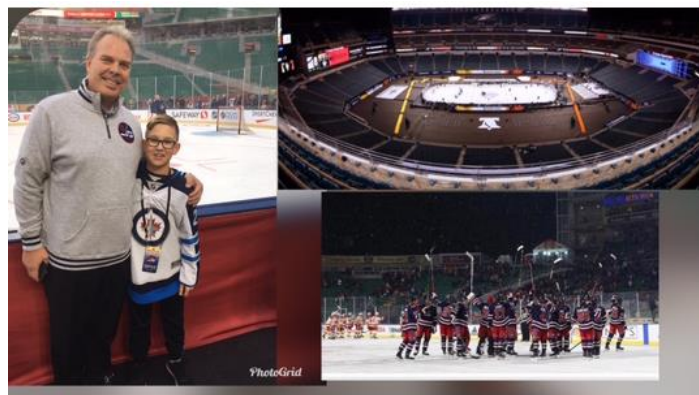
On a snowy, windy, yet perfect Saturday evening, the Winnipeg Jets and Calgary Flames received an exceedingly warm welcome as they faced off in the first big-league regular-season game in [Regina's](#) long and storied hockey history.

Long before the puck dropped, at 8:22 p.m., fans milled about on the concourse and marveled at the environs. Jets and Flames jerseys predominated, with some Saskatchewan Roughriders garb thrown in for variety.

Read the rest of the story [here](#).



I joined the Honourable Gene Makowsky at the Legacy Luncheon held at the International Trade Centre. It was great to have the opportunity to see the Stanley Cup and meet Gary Bettman, President of the NHL. Also pictured above is Rod Pederson and Darren Dupont.



Kevin Cheveldayoff, GM of the Winnipeg Jets pictured with Blake Wheeler, the 2019 Saskatchewan Ambassador for the Champions Program, Jim Pattison Children's Hospital. Kevin was happy to meet Blake at the Jets practice on Friday.



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It was a fantastic win for the Jets. Everyone attending the game between Calgary and Winnipeg said it was an unforgettable experience! Great job Saskatchewan!

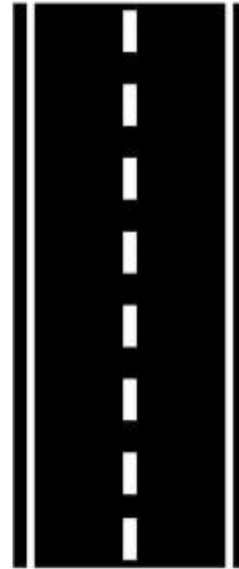
Check out the stats and number of NHL players to represent the province of Saskatchewan before the 2019 NHL Heritage Classic in Regina.

Click [here](#) to watch the video, "THE NHL SALUTES THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN"

REGINA BYPASS INCREASES SAFETY FOR SASKATCHEWAN FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

Highways & Infrastructure

REGINA BYPASS OPENING *ON TIME and ON BUDGET*



Premier Scott Moe, "The new Regina bypass is the largest transportation infrastructure project in Saskatchewan history, with numerous interchanges, bridges, and resurfaced highway

It is designed to improve traffic flow around Regina, all while improving driver safety and reducing the number of serious vehicle accidents."

The Largest Transportation Infrastructure Project In Saskatchewan History Opens Tuesday

The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to announce the completion of the Regina Bypass. The largest transportation infrastructure project in the province's history opens this week, on time and on budget.

“The opening of the Regina Bypass is an important milestone for our province and will greatly improve the transportation of goods in and out of our province’s capital city,” Premier Scott Moe said. “More importantly, the Regina Bypass will greatly improve the safety of our roads and highways for our families and industries.”

A ceremony was held today on the Bypass to mark the opening. Crews will complete a few finishing touches today before the route opens to traffic tomorrow. The Bypass will boost the provincial economy through the efficient movement of goods, reduce traffic congestion and improve safety.

It is estimated that reduced collision rates because of the Bypass will result in \$2 to \$3 million in annual cost savings from property damage, injuries and fatalities. The savings in terms of human suffering are incalculable.

One of the people on hand for today’s ceremony is Wanda Campbell, who lost her 17 year-old son Lane in a crash on Highway 1 East.

“On August 9, 2013, my life changed forever, and I became an advocate for road safety,” Campbell said. “We can honour Lane’s memory if no other family has to live through the pain we’ve suffered.”

First Responders have already seen safety improvements since the first section of the Bypass opened in 2017.

“Before the Bypass I was on a first name basis with the coroner’s office,” White City Fire Department Chief Randy Schulz said. “Since the first phase of the Bypass opened, we haven’t used our Jaws of Life.”

Safety was top of mind for the thousands of people who worked on the project.

The Regina Bypass had a nearly unblemished safety record during four years of construction. Crews worked nearly five million hours on the Bypass with just one lost-time incident.

“This is a remarkable feat accomplished by a group of public and private partners who considered safety first in every aspect of the job,” Highways and Infrastructure Minister Greg Ottenbreit said.

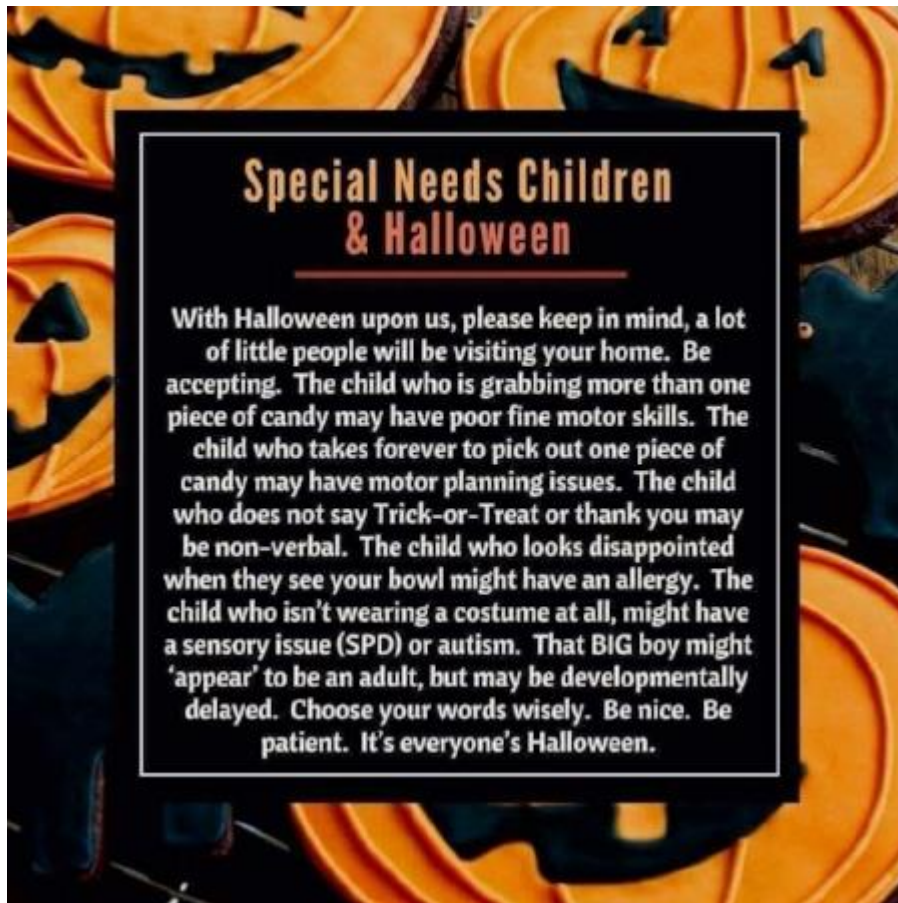
That partnership extends to the people and local governments that supported the Bypass and patiently worked through the inevitable disruptions caused by construction.

All the Bypass partners wish to extend their thanks to the City of Regina and the Towns of Pilot Butte,

White City and Balgonie. They also want to recognize the RMs of Edenwold and Sherwood and the Ochapawace, Cowessess and Zigame Anishinabek First Nations.

The Government of Saskatchewan has invested more than \$9 billion in transportation infrastructure since 2008.

HAVE A SAFE HALLOWEEN



Have a safe and happy Halloween. Please take extra care driving and watch for the excited children in our communities. Slow down and watch for pedestrians. Parents, make sure your trick-or-treaters don't venture onto the roadway and put themselves at risk.

Halloween is an exciting day for children. The following is the safety tips provided by RCMP:

Parents and Guardians:

- **Know who your children are going trick-or-treating with and when they plan to return home**
- **Remind children to stay in their neighbourhood**
- **Remind children of which houses they can go to for safety if they get scared**
- **Remind children to respect others' property by staying off of lawns and gardens and avoiding houses with the lights off**

Children and Teens:

- **Do not go trick-or-treating alone; go with a trusted adult or a group**
- **Let your parents know where you are going and for how long**
- **Stay in your neighbourhood and know where trusted people live so you can go there if you get scared**
- **Do not visit houses with the lights off**
- **Cross the street at marked crosswalks and intersections**
- **Wait for an adult to inspect your candy before eating it**
- **Only eat things that are in unopened wrappers**
- **When you get home, keep your treats in a safe spot, away from small children and pets**

Motorists:

- **Drive slowly, especially in residential areas**
- **Approach intersections with extreme caution**
- **Limit distractions in your vehicle in case you need to react quickly**
- **If possible, avoid driving through subdivisions and areas full of trick-or-treaters**

Costume Tips:

- **Wear light coloured or bright costumes, reflective tape and arm bands to increase visibility**
- **Wear properly fitted costumes and appropriate footwear to reduce your chance of slipping and falling**
- **Vision can be obstructed by masks. Wear makeup instead or make sure the mask has big enough eye openings to see clearly**

- **Dress for the weather conditions. Wear layers underneath your costume if temperatures are cold.**

Happy Halloween, and keep safe.



REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



Over the past 12 years, Saskatchewan has enjoyed a remarkable period of strong and sustained growth we hadn't seen in a long time. As we prepare to enter the 2020s, our goal is to keep growing so all Saskatchewan people continue to benefit.

In the coming weeks, we will release a new Growth Plan with specific targets and a roadmap of how we will achieve them. These targets include 1.4 million people living in Saskatchewan and 100,000 more people working in Saskatchewan by 2030.

The fall sitting of the legislature is now underway and our government has introduced our vision for a new decade of growth. We have outlined a number of measures the government will be taking during the upcoming legislative session, including:

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The recent federal election results show that the path and policies of the federal government these past few years has divided our nation. The growing sense of frustration and western alienation is now undeniable.

Canada now has a Liberal minority government that did not receive the popular vote, has no clear mandate and will be supported by either a 4th place party that has never governed, or a party that does not want to be part of this nation. This government also has no representation from Saskatchewan or Alberta.

In his election night address, Prime Minister Trudeau stated to Saskatchewan and Alberta: *"I've heard your frustration. I want to be there to support you."*

Saskatchewan has made it clear: if the Prime Minister is serious about acting on his words, he can cancel the federal carbon tax; commit to negotiating a new equalization formula that is fair to Saskatchewan and Alberta; and commit to developing a plan to build pipelines and get our exports to international markets.

It's time for a new deal with Canada.

The Prime Minister says he's heard our frustration and wants to support us – Saskatchewan stands ready to meet with him so he can prove it.

TWO NEW SASKATOON GROUP HOMES OPEN



October 25th, Social Services Minister Paul Merriman joined community members, dignitaries and group home residents in Saskatoon to celebrate the grand opening of two new Eden Care Communities group homes.

In total, the two newly renovated homes will support nine people in a group home setting and three more people in a supported independent living setting.

“I’d like to thank Eden Care for the important part they play in creating inclusive communities,” Merriman said. “Our community partners are vital for ensuring we have the right supports for people with disabilities across the province.”

Eden Care has been supporting people since 1950. The government provides Eden Care with more than \$3.7 million annually to help support people with intellectual disabilities.

“Our goal is to offer opportunities for individuals and families to live their best life, a life worth living

with meaning, purpose and choice,” Eden Care Communities CEO Alan Stephen said. “Connecting people to the community, through homes like this, ensures a life without limits for people living with diverse abilities.”

These new group homes support the Saskatchewan Disability Strategy by creating residential services for people with disabilities. Saskatchewan residents and communities that have done work that aligns with the Disability Strategy are encouraged to share their accomplishments using the hashtag #SKDisability.

2019 HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION SEASON WRAPPING UP

As another active highway construction season draws to a close, the highlight will occur at the end of the month with the completion and opening of the Regina Bypass.

“Safe and reliable highways are important for our economy as well as the citizens of our province,” Highways and Infrastructure Minister Greg Ottenbreit said. “We have made record investments on behalf of the people of Saskatchewan to improve and maintain a transportation system that meets their demands.”

Several major safety projects were completed including the final phase of Highway 7 twinning from Saskatoon to Delisle as well as passing lane projects on Highway 2 north of Moose Jaw and Highway 7 west of Rosetown. There were a number of intersection safety improvements across the province including Highway 1 near Kalium and Highways 335 and 35 near Tisdale.

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

CITY OF SASKATOON - SAFE BUS PROGRAM



Photo: City of Saskatoon

Parents, please remind your children about the [#SafeBus](#) program. If ever they're lost, cold, scared, or hurt, they can hold up their hand 🖐️ (palm out) in the direction of an approaching City Transit bus to signal to the driver that they need help. Operators will recognize this as a sign of distress and stop, call emergency services, and provide safe shelter.

**LONG-SERVING EMERGENCY PROFESSIONALS PRESENTED
WITH THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES MEDAL IN REGINA**



Today Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty will be joined by Provincial Secretary Todd Goudy to honour the latest recipients of the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal at a ceremony in Regina. This ceremony follows medal presentations in Saskatoon earlier this month.

“Protective services are an essential role in keeping our communities safe,” Goudy said. “Without the men and women who sacrifice their welfare, many of us would not be here today. This medal is a way for us to acknowledge their work and thank them for the selfless contributions to our society.”

The medal honours personnel with 25 years of service in Saskatchewan in the emergency services field, including police services, fire services, emergency medical services, mobile crisis services and family violence outreach services.

This year, the medal will be presented to 153 individuals from rural and urban communities across

Saskatchewan. Three medal ceremonies were also held in Saskatoon earlier this month.

Recipients receive a circular medal surmounted by the St. Edward's Crown. The medal bears the motto Qui civitatem tuentur (who guard the citizenry).

For more information about the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal, including how to submit a nomination, visit www.saskatchewan.ca/honoursawards.

PROVINCE AND EGADZ ANNOUNCE FUSION 22 PARTNERSHIP



October 25th, Social Services Minister and Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (SHC) Paul Merriman and Saskatoon Downtown Youth Center Inc – EGADZ announced a new housing partnership called Fusion 22.

This partnership will give 22 families and young adults safe, secure housing and the support they need to create positive lifestyle changes and achieve their goals. Other community partners, including Conexus Credit Union, the Saskatoon Truck Center, and the family of the late Francis Reiss, also contributed to this initiative.

“Helping families care for their children is a top priority for our government,” Merriman said. “We welcome this opportunity to further our partnership with EGADZ and help families on their path to independence. We are excited to be a part of Fusion 22 and to support EGADZ’s good work in this community.”

Read more about this partnership [here](#).

HARVEST REPORT



October 24th - Many producers were able to continue with harvest operations last week as 83 per cent of the crop is now in the bin. This is up from 69 per cent last week but remains behind the five-year (2014-18) average of 93 per cent for this time of year.

Many areas received very little precipitation which meant more time in the field for producers. Warm, dry and windy days are needed for producers to keep making harvest progress.

To get the link for a complete, printable version of the Crop Report and to read the entire news release, click [here](#).

MARKET TO DETERMINE FUTURE CANNABIS RETAILING OPPORTUNITIES

Saskatchewan will move forward with a phased-in open market system when allocating cannabis retail permits, beginning in the spring of 2020.

The supply of cannabis for permitted retailers will continue to come from permitted wholesalers and federally licensed producers registered in Saskatchewan.

“A year has passed since legalization and most of the initial retailers are now serving customers in their communities,” Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA) Gene Makowsky said. “We’ve also had the opportunity to consider how Saskatchewan should proceed in the future. We believe opening the market to more retailers will help meet customer demand while also helping discourage competition from unlicensed stores.”

Beginning in April 2020, SLGA will accept applications for cannabis retail permits in Saskatchewan communities with populations less than 2,500. As well, proponents will be able to apply for permits in communities that were previously identified as eligible for permits but did not proceed.

In September 2020, SLGA will begin accepting permit applications for stores in all communities in the province. Communities may opt out of having cannabis retail stores in their community. Interested businesses and individuals will continue to be required to meet SLGA’s permitting requirements including a good character check, inventory tracking and store security. Applicants will also need to meet local municipal requirements, including zoning.

“The phased-in approach is a balanced approach that will allow existing retailers to continue to operate and grow their customer base while facilitating timely opportunities for store openings in smaller communities,” Makowsky said.

Investing in our Students

**34% ↑ SCHOOL
OPERATING FUNDING**

**396% ↑ SCHOOL
CAPITAL FUNDING**

SINCE 2007



Premier Scott Moe, "As the number of students continues to grow in our province – so too will our investments in education. In fact, operating funding has outpaced student growth since 2007.

Our government remains committed to students across the province today and well into the future!"

RESPECT RESOURCE LINE

Respect Resource Line

If you would like to connect with an expert regarding a situation that involves possible bullying, abuse, harassment, discrimination or hazing, and organization-specific risk management and dispute resolution models, contact the confidential and anonymous Respect Resource Line at:

TOLL FREE 1-888-329-4009

TEXT 1-306-717-9636

resourceline@respectgroupinc.com



Did you know [Sask Sport](#) has a Respect Resource Line that is available to provide free, confidential and anonymous assistance to inquiries regarding bullying, abuse, harassment or discrimination in sport?

RUH ACHIEVES ACUTE STROKE DISTINCTION STATUS



Photo from Saskatchewan Health Authority's post

Royal University Hospital (RUH) in Saskatoon achieved Acute Stroke Distinction status from Accreditation Canada in October 2019.

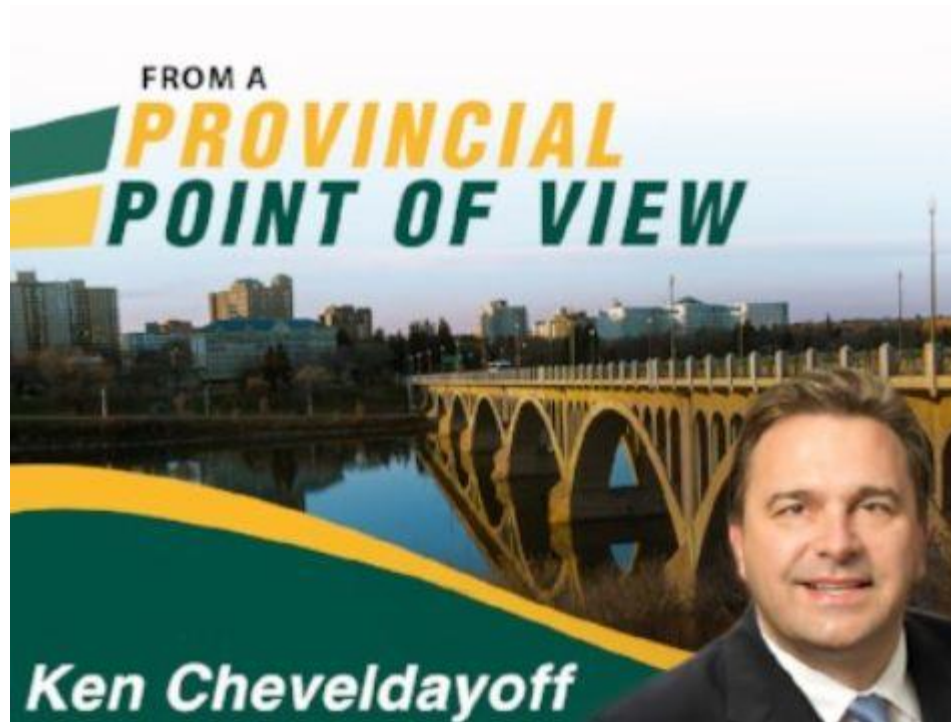
Acute Stroke Distinction is a rigorous and highly specialized program. Stroke distinction drives high-quality stroke care and ensures that the organization and its members are performing at or above national standards. It identifies critical aspects of excellence in the... form of performance indicators and patient management. Having distinction status is an honour and helps strengthen staff recruitment and retention and supports research funding.

RUH is considered a comprehensive stroke centre and supports the other primary stroke centres around the province. Read more:

<https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/news/stories/Pages/2019/October/Acute-Stroke-Distinction.aspx>

DID YOU KNOW

- Crews worked nearly five million hours on the Bypass with just one lost-time incident.
- Since 2018-19, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health has provided \$4.95 million of federally-sourced funding toward the costs of renovating and operating the Four Directions Community Health Centre.
- In 2019-20, the Ministry of Social Services will provide more than \$5.8 million to EGADZ to continue its innovative approach to improving the quality of life of Saskatchewan people.
- More than 1,000 km of highway improvements have been made this year.
- The opening of the Legislative Assembly has taken place to mark each session since 1906.



I appreciate any opportunity 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.



Erindale Alliance Church October Kids Carnival
When: October 31, 6 pm - 7:30 pm
Where: Erindale Alliance Church
Ages 3 - 12



Craft, Gift & Goodies Christmas Market
When: Saturday, November 2
Where: St. Angela School Gym (302 Russell Road)



6th Annual Knights of Columbus Celebrity Dinner
When: November 2
Where: Holy Family Cathedral, Saskatoon
 Click [here](#) for information



Women of Influence Breakfast
When: November 5th, 7:30 am - 9:00 am
Where: Prairieland Park, Hall A
Click [here](#) for information



Remembrance Day Service and Parade
Where: SaskTel Centre, doors open at 9 am, event begins at 10:25
When: November 11th
Click [here](#) for details



Festival of Trees
When: November 22 - 30
Where: Western Development Museum
Click [here](#) for more information



Festival of Trees

Touchdown for Kids Lottery

Draw: December 19

Click [here](#) for information



TOUCHDOWN FOR KIDS
MILLIONAIRE LOTTERY

TEAMING UP
FOR SASKATCHEWAN KIDS

JIM PATTISON
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
FOUNDATION

SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDER
FOUNDATION

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