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Provincial Point of View

October 2, 2014

SASKPOWER LAUNCHES WORLD'S FIRST COMMERCIAL CCS PROCESS



The world's first commercial-scale carbon capture and storage (CCS) process on a coal-fired power plant officially opened today at Boundary Dam Power Station in Estevan, Saskatchewan. Premier Brad Wall, Federal Minister of Natural Resources Greg Rickford, Economy Minister Bill Boyd, and SaskPower President and CEO Robert Watson were on hand to officially open the project.

“Over the past six years, Saskatchewan has become a global hub of innovation, especially in agriculture, mining, oil and gas, and now carbon capture and storage,” Premier Wall said. “This project is another Saskatchewan first. The rest of the world is very interested to learn how they too can produce environmentally sustainable coal power.”

When fully optimized, SaskPower’s new process will capture up to a million tonnes of carbon dioxide annually, the equivalent of taking 250,000 cars off the road. The power unit equipped with CCS technology will continue to use coal to power approximately 100,000 Saskatchewan homes and businesses. The captured carbon dioxide will be used for enhanced oil recovery, with the remainder stored safely and permanently deep underground and continuously monitored.

[SaskPower Launches World’s First Commercial CCS Process](#)

SASKATCHEWAN GROWS BY ANOTHER 5,000 PEOPLE TO MORE THAN 1,125,000

Saskatchewan’s population kept growing in the second quarter of 2014 (April 1 to July 1), increasing by another 5,281 people to 1,125,410. In the past year (July 1, 2013 to July 1, 2014), the province grew by 19,163 people.

Both the quarterly and annual growth rates are the second highest among the provinces, behind only Alberta.

Premier Brad Wall said Saskatchewan’s continued growth is a clear indication of a strong economy.

“The population grows when the economy is creating new jobs and opportunities,” Wall said. “That has been the case for several years now in Saskatchewan – a complete reversal from when Saskatchewan was losing people, jobs and opportunities.”

[Saskatchewan Grows by Another 5,000 People to More than 1,125,000](#)

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TODAY



Both of our constituency high schools are scheduled to play football today.

The Centennial Chargers will face PA Carlton Crusaders at the Saskatoon Minor Football Field at 5:15 pm and the St. Joseph Guardians will be in Prince Albert taking on PA St. Mary's Marauders at 6:30 pm.

The teams always appreciate your support, so try to make it to a game and enjoy some excellent football!

**GOVERNMENT RECEIVES FINAL REPORT OF ASIA ADVISORY
COUNCIL**



The Government of Saskatchewan has been presented with an ambitious set of recommendations aimed at dramatically enhancing this province’s engagement with Asia on matters of trade, investment, education and immigration.

Premier Brad Wall received the final report of the Saskatchewan-Asia Advisory Council from the council’s co-chair, Grant Kook. The eight member council was established in May 2013 to provide advice to the government on how to best meet Saskatchewan’s ambitious trade expansion goals.

The report contains 45 recommendations on increasing Saskatchewan’s presence in Asian markets, facilitating more investment by Asian companies in the province, encouraging more Saskatchewan students to study, live and gain work experience overseas, and making the province the most welcoming jurisdiction in Canada for immigrants and international students.

“The members of the council have done an excellent job in analyzing the opportunities Saskatchewan has in Asia and the challenges it faces in realizing those opportunities,” Wall said. “I have been strongly advocating that Saskatchewan, and indeed Canada, must pivot to Asia if we want to keep growing our economies, and this report will be very useful in informing our government’s policies and actions in that regard.”

[Government Receives Final Report of Asia Advisory Council](#)

SASKATCHEWAN'S MINIMUM WAGE NOW \$10.20

Effective October 1, 2014, Saskatchewan's minimum wage will increase to \$10.20 from \$10 per hour. Since 2007, Saskatchewan's minimum wage has increased by 28.3 per cent, with six increases from \$7.95 to \$10.20 over the past seven years.

“Saskatchewan's economy has been growing and it is important that the minimum wage increases as well,” Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister Don Morgan said. “By increasing the minimum wage, youth, students and other minimum wage earners will have more disposable income and improve their standards of living.”

[Saskatchewan's Minimum Wage Now \\$10.20](#)

Quinn Stevenson Memorial Hockey Day



It is the beginning of another minor hockey season. Last year, the Zone G Redwings kicked off the season with the Quinn Stevenson Memorial Hockey Day (QSMHD). It was a great day of remembering Quinn and getting together to have some fun with those in our zone.

The QSMHD will be held again this year Saturday, October 11th.

The day will feature the newly formed Redwing teams scrimmaging against each other, public skating in the figure skating rink, and Ball Hockey in the parking lot.

There will be a silent auction of a #4 seat from the old Montreal Forum signed by Jean Béliveau (with letter of authenticity) and a progressive 50/50. A concession will be set up outside. Bidding can start on the Forum seat by emailing bonnystevenson@sasktel.net.

Get your Ball Hockey Team organized and fill out the online registration form [here](#) and drop your payment off at 142 Rogers Rd. Register early as they may have to limit teams depending on interest. Cost is \$5.00 per player.

This day is meant to be fun!

All proceeds from the day will go to the Quinn Stevenson Memorial Athletic and Spirit Trust.

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Trish is a breast cancer survivor so this month is special to our family. We are grateful Trish was diagnosed early and we are so thankful for her health.

We encourage the women in your life to take the steps to help detect and defend against this disease.

STC SENIOR SEAT SALE EXTENDED TO OCTOBER

Saskatchewan Transportation Company (STC) is extending its \$15 Senior Seat Sale until October 31, 2014. Seniors aged 60 and over will now get to ride with STC for \$15 one-way or \$30 return plus tax for the entire month of October.

“Saskatchewan’s population is very geographically spread out,” Minister responsible for STC Jennifer Campeau said. “An extra month of the STC Senior Seat Sale gives seniors the

opportunity to travel to even more Saskatchewan destinations and reconnect with family and friends.”

The company also extended their May Senior Seat Sale to include the month of June and saw more than 17,000 senior riders take advantage of the sale during the two months. The senior seat sales have proven to be the most successful campaigns for STC, outperforming all other sales.

[STC Senior Seat Sale Extended to October](#)

FIRST ROUND OF 2015 HIGHWAY PROJECTS WORTH MORE THAN \$200 MILLION

The Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure is preparing to release tenders that will see nearly 800,000 tonnes of asphalt laid down on more than 320 km of provincial highways.

“Our government is committed to making transportation investments that contribute to continued economic growth and improved quality of life,” Highways and Infrastructure Minister Nancy Heppner said. “At the same time, we are equally committed to funding work that protects the substantial investment which has already been made in Saskatchewan’s highway system.”

[First Round of 2015 Highways Project Worth More Than \\$20 Million](#)

DID YOU KNOW...

... Saskatchewan producers are focused on providing the best science-based on-farm animal health and welfare, with some of the most responsible standards in the world.

... with the negotiation concluded with the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, Saskatchewan producers will gain significant new access to EU markets for their beef, pork, bison, grain and oilseed products.

... the new Boundary Dam Carbon Capture Storage project promises to capture one million tonnes of CO₂ per year – the equivalent of taking more than 250,000 cars off the road.

JUST THE LINKS

October 2, 2014 - [New Passing Lanes Open Between Delisle and Rosetown](#)

October 1, 2014 - [Government Enhances Victims Compensation](#)

October 1, 2014 - [October is Agriculture Month in Saskatchewan](#)

September 26, 2014 - [Hub Program Celebrated in Lloydminster](#)

September 26, 2014 - [Headstart on a Home Project Opens in Meadow Lake](#)

September 26, 2014 - [Saskatchewan Welcomes End of Negotiations on Historic Europe Trade Deal](#)

September 26, 2014 - [Province Proclaims Animal Health Week](#)

September 26, 2014 - [Fransaskois Flag to be Dedicated in Ponteix Today](#)

COMING EVENTS

Women's World

Date: October 3 - 5

When: Daily

Where: Prairieland Park

Harvest Supper at the Forestry Farm Park

Date: October 5

When: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Where: Forestry Farm Park and Zoo

Irish Culture Tour

Date: October 8

When: 7:30 pm

Where: Holy Family Cathedral

BooTown

Date: October 30

When: 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Where: Western Development Museum

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"Leaders aren't born, they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard

work. And that's the price we'll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal."

~Vince Lombardi

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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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