

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



Provincial Point of View
September 12, 2017
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SYLVIA FEDORUK SCHOOL IN SASKATOON CELEBRATES THE COMPLETION OF HISTORIC PROJECT



I was thrilled to be in attendance last week as students, staff and families celebrated their new state-of-the-art school in Evergreen. Evergreen in our constituency of Saskatoon Willowgrove became the first community to celebrate the completion of the largest and most historic schools construction project in Saskatchewan's history. Read the news release below:

Students and staff celebrated the grand opening of Sylvia Fedoruk Public School in Saskatoon, one of 18 new elementary schools on nine joint-use sites that have opened on-time and on-budget in Saskatoon, Martensville, Warman and Regina.

Education Minister Bronwyn Eyre joined dignitaries, representatives from the Saskatoon Public

School Division and family and friends of Sylvia Olga Fedoruk for the grand opening.

“This is a momentous occasion for the people of Evergreen, the City of Saskatoon and the entire province,” Eyre said. “After many years of planning and construction, this community can now enjoy one of the most innovative schools in Saskatchewan with its inclusive design and incredible features that will enrich the lives of all of its students.”

Those features include outdoor learning spaces, open common areas for student gathering, presentation stairs, and the functional life skills (FLS) room. The FLS room is offered to students with a moderate intellectual disability and allows them to become as independent as possible in their daily lives through movement and quality physical education.

The school design is the result of input from students, teachers and school divisions who took part in the design workshop three years ago. Sylvia Fedoruk School can accommodate more than 700 students from kindergarten to Grade 8 at full design capacity.

“Sylvia Fedoruk was a long-time friend of our school division,” Saskatoon Public Schools Board Chair Ray Morrison said. “From my years representing this ward, I know this school named in her honour will be a welcome addition to the community. It’s location in the thriving neighbourhood of Evergreen will ensure families have a school they can grow with for years to come.”

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

A BUSY WEEKEND IN AND AROUND OUR CONSTITUENCY!



The weather couldn't have been better for the organizers and attendees of several community events in Saskatoon. Families from across the city had the opportunity to get out with their kids, meet their friends and neighbours and enjoy great fun and entertainment.

My attendance at these fabulous events began Friday when I attended the home opener of Huskie football. Saturday and Sunday I had the opportunity to visit friends and neighbours at the Silverspring Community Association Fun in the Park Day, The Briarwood Community Association family barbeque, The Willowgrove University Heights Fun Day in the Park, the Family Day in the Brighton Community, the East College Park Family Fun Day. I wasn't able to attend the Erindale Alliance Church Community Fall Fun Fair but heard it was a great success!

I sincerely thank the many volunteers of each and every event. Everything I attended was a tremendous success thanks to the great organization and hard work of volunteers. I didn't have a chance to get photos at all the events but I do have a few!



Ken with colleague MLA Eric Olauson at the East College Park Family Fun Day



Ken with former Saskatchewan Roughrider stars Matt Domingez and Wes Cates. Ken watched part of the Rider game with many of the new residents of Brighton. Another growing community in Saskatoon.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SLOW DOWN IN SCHOOL ZONES



With the new school year is now underway, the City of Saskatoon and Saskatoon Police Service are advising residents that school zones are in effect beginning September 1st, 2017. Drivers are once again required to reduce their speed to 30 kph inside school zones between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday to Friday.

This fall, four new school zones will be in effect in the following areas:

1. Stonebridge: Chief Whitecap School & St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic School
2. Hampton Village: Ernest Lindner School & St. Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic School
3. Evergreen: Sylvia Fedoruk School & St. Nicholas Catholic School
4. Rosewood: Colette Bourgonje & St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic School

“We’ve installed one continuous school zone in front of the adjacent public and separate schools in these neighbourhoods to provide a safe path for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers,” says Dave LeBoutillier, Acting Engineering Manager for Transportation. “All it takes to reduce your speed in a school zone is an additional 12 seconds of travel time; something we can all make time to do.”

School zones are marked by reflective, fluorescent yellow-green signs. It is an offence to speed in

school zones as well as to make a u-turn, which has been restricted in Saskatoon since 2013. Offenders are subject to fines and the loss of three or more SGI demerit points.

“When drivers fail to comply with speed limits in school zones, they’re not only committing a speed violation, they are increasing the danger to students, parents, teachers and citizens using those school zones,” says Superintendent Brian Shalovelo of the Saskatoon Police Service. “We’ll be actively enforcing school zones from now through to June.”

In addition to physical police presence in school zones, Photo Speed Enforcement is also active in several school zones around the city. This program captures an image and licence plate information for vehicles violating the 30 kph speed restriction, and a fine is then mailed to the registered owner of that vehicle.

Learn more about school zones by visiting [Saskatoon.ca/SchoolZones](https://saskatoon.ca/SchoolZones)

MOODY'S CONFIRMS SASKATCHEWAN'S Aaa CREDIT RATING



Moody's Report States Saskatchewan's Debt Burden Lowest Among Canadian Provinces

Moody's Investors Service has confirmed Saskatchewan's Aaa credit rating, the agency's highest rating for Canadian provinces.

In its credit opinion update, Moody's states, "Saskatchewan's Aaa rating benefits from very strong debt affordability... Saskatchewan's fiscal planning is supported by comprehensive and transparent financial reporting," and also commends the province for multi-year fiscal planning.

"Saskatchewan received its first ever Aaa credit rating from Moody's under our government in 2014," Finance Minister Donna Harpauer said. "And Moody's has confirmed that Aaa rating today. Some difficult choices had to be made this year as part of our three-year plan to get back to balance, but these decisions were necessary to keep our finances and our province strong."

Only two provinces in Canada enjoy a Aaa rating from Moody's, British Columbia and Saskatchewan. Alberta used to be one of three provinces in the country with a Aaa rating but was recently downgraded.

Saskatchewan continues to have the second-highest overall credit rating among provinces behind only British Columbia, when the ratings of the three major agencies (Moody's, Standard and Poor's and DBRS) are considered.

"Saskatchewan's economy is performing well so far, and for the first time in two years is projected to post positive growth," Harpauer said. "We will continue to work very hard as a government keep our economy growing because a growing economy benefits all people in Saskatchewan."

**MOODY'S ON SASKATCHEWAN'S
Aaa CREDIT RATING:**

"Saskatchewan's Aaa rating benefits from very **strong debt affordability**, a **healthy liquidity cushion** and conservative fiscal and financial management practices."

"Saskatchewan's fiscal planning is supported by comprehensive and **transparent financial reporting** and the Province enjoys **significant flexibility** in its financial management."

"Saskatchewan's **debt** burden continues to be the **lowest** among Canadian provinces."

- Moody's Investors Service, August 31, 2017

CREDIT TO THE TALENTED CREATORS OF THE STATUES AT MOSAIC STADIUM



Following last week's newsletter, I received an inquiry regarding the photo I shared of my son and I next to the statue of George Reed. Some readers pointed out that they would like to know some information regarding the creators of these truly magnificent pieces of artwork.

I'm very pleased to provide some background, as the artists are very deserving of recognition. Gary Tillery and Jessica LoPresti created the statues that will forever grace the landscape of Mosaic Stadium. Both artists work out of the fine art studio of Rotblatt-Amrany in Chicago which is home to twelve other artists, each of whom has established a career in his/her own right. Gary's background includes service in Vietnam, work on Indonesian oil rigs and twenty years as co-owner of an advertising business in Chicago. Jessica acquired a BA in psychology and a Masters degree in Social Work before establishing and running a decorative painting company for six years.

The statues of George Reed and Ron Lancaster truly are works of art that will be cherished and appreciated for many years.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT VOLUNTEERING ON ONE OF SASKATOON'S COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS?



City of Saskatoon: Saskatoon's [Community Associations](#) offer residents a chance to join together, plan and provide programs and events, and get to know their neighbours. Take part in your Community Association and help make your community an even better place to live!

There are many ways you can volunteer for your Community Association:

- coach soccer
- write a newsletter article
- flood the outdoor rink
- take meeting minutes
- clean up your park
- chair a meeting
- help organize special events
- help arrange for adult fitness programs
- assist with membership drives and fundraising
- help develop children's recreation programs
- be the bookkeeper for the association
- coordinate youth activities

Community Association Volunteers make friends, share their knowledge & expertise, get exercise or build their resume with positive work experience. Click [here](#) for additional information on your community association.

Call [306-975-3378](tel:306-975-3378) to find out how you can volunteer for your local community association.

PROVINCE CONDUCTING SURVEY ON CANNABIS LEGISLATION



The provincial government will be conducting a consultation survey on cannabis from Friday, September 8 to Friday, October 6.

"The legalization of cannabis represents a big change," Justice Minister and Attorney General Don Morgan said. "We want to take the time to listen to and consult with the people of this province to ensure we implement the parts of this legislation that are under our control in a way that works for Saskatchewan."

If you are 18 years of age or older and a resident of Saskatchewan, we invite you to complete the anonymous survey at www.saskatchewan.ca/cannabis.

Topics in the survey include parts of the federal legislation that have been left up to the provinces, such as:

- age limits on cannabis sales;
- public consumption;
- taxation on cannabis sales;
- distribution and wholesaling;
- potential retail models, locations and rules;
- regulatory compliance; and
- the enforcement of the modified impaired driving laws.

The survey results will provide valuable information to help guide Saskatchewan's ongoing approach to cannabis legalization.

DID YOU KNOW?

Joint-Use Schools Project By the numbers:

18 schools at nine joint-use locations equals...

1,300,000 square feet
of space on 64 acres of
land

54 outdoor learning
spaces

18 libraries

810 childcare
spaces

304
classrooms



75 multi-purpose
spaces

20 gymnasiums

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Report from the Legislature:

From early learning and Pre-K to K-12 and post-secondary, students of all ages from rural communities to Saskatchewan's cities are returning to school this week.

Parents, teachers and bus drivers, counselors, EAs and admin, school support and maintenance staff are working together to ensure they receive a high-quality education.

The start of a new school year can be an exciting time for all students and staff but it's particularly exciting for those who are now spending their days in brand-new learning environments.

Thousands of students and staff are settling in at 21 new schools across the province, including eighteen schools on nine joint-use sites in Regina, Saskatoon, Warman and Martensville.

With a growing population and aging facilities, we are responding to the need for new and replacement schools by investing \$1.5 billion in new capital projects.

This means:

- 40 new schools
- 25 major renovations; and
- repairs and renos to more than half of all schools in the province.

During Saskatchewan's decade of growth, student enrolment increased by 10 per cent with the operating funding provided to school divisions increased by 32 per cent.

Our government has also hired 875 new teachers, an increase of 10 per cent.

Education continues to be a priority for our government.

Our vision for Saskatchewan is to be the best place in Canada to get an education, live, work, raise a family and build a life. The Ministry of Education works alongside all other government ministries and agencies towards this objective. It is committed to improving the learning success and well-being of all children and youth, and the enhancement of literacy for all Saskatchewan people.

Early Years Learning is an important focus for the education system. Making sure all children get a good start not only leads to a better quality of life for Saskatchewan people, it reduces the risk of poverty and improves school readiness, health and wellness.

Our government has added 6,000 new daycare spaces, an increase of 62 per cent. This year's budget includes funding for 889 new child care spaces. The majority of these spaces are included in the new schools in some of Saskatchewan's fastest-growing communities.

Students at all levels of learning are excited for the new school year. Please remember to obey the posted speed limit and be extra careful when approaching and driving through school zones – watch for crosswalks and school crossing guards as well as school buses that are loading and unloading children.

To all parents, educators and support staff, thank you for all you do. Best wishes for a successful

year of growth and learning!

NORTHWEST REGINA CELEBRATES ITS NEWEST PUBLIC SCHOOL



I was pleased to attend the grand opening of the Plainsview School in Regina with Regina Qu'Appelle Valley MLA Laura Ross. Please see the news release below:

Education Minister Bronwyn Eyre joined students, teachers, dignitaries and representatives from Regina Public Schools to celebrate the grand opening of Plainsview School in Rosewood Park.

“Our government congratulates the people of northwest Regina on opening Plainsview School, which was needed for the future of this fast-growing area of the city,” Eyre said. “Students, teachers, families and the entire neighbourhood will benefit greatly from this project for years to come.”

Read more [here](#).

CREDIT FOR PHOTO



In last week's edition highlighting Ken Krawatz being appointed as Premier Wall's Chief of Staff I failed to give credit to the photo I used. Photo credit goes to CJME's Courtney Markewich. Thank you Courtney!

GOVERNMENT CALLS FOR PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES ON HEALTH COUNCILS



Saskatchewan residents who want to make a difference in health care have the opportunity to serve on a number of health professional councils.

The Ministry of Health is seeking motivated people to fill important volunteer public representative positions on 26 self-regulating health councils in Saskatchewan. Closing date for submission of resumés is October 10.

“Public members help to ensure the best interests of Saskatchewan residents are represented on these health councils,” Health Minister Jim Reiter said. “We’re looking for people who are motivated to share their knowledge and expertise, and we value their important role in putting patients first.”

For additional details, click [here](#).

HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS (HPV) VACCINE OFFERED TO BOYS BEGINNING THIS FALL



Grade 6 boys in Saskatchewan can now receive the human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine for free as part of the province's school immunization program. This is an expansion of the existing HPV vaccination program for Grade 6 girls.

"Our province has one of the most comprehensive vaccination programs in Canada," Health Minister Jim Reiter said. "We are pleased to provide \$750,000 annually for this additional investment in the health and well-being of our children."

Approximately 7,500 Grade 6 male students will be eligible to receive the free HPV vaccine, in addition to the province's 7,500 Grade 6 female students. HPV vaccines are most effective when given to young people.

As children head back to school, health officials are encouraging parents to ensure all of their children's vaccinations are up to date. Free childhood immunizations are available for all infants and school-age children in Saskatchewan.

"Immunization is the most effective way to protect your children against infectious diseases that can be very serious or even deadly," Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Saqib Shahab said. "I urge parents to ensure children are fully vaccinated to maximize the benefits of immunization."

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

SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITIES TO BENEFIT FROM FEDERAL GAS TAX FUND

Modern, up-to-date public infrastructure helps connect people to jobs, improve access to community services, attract new businesses and create economic growth.

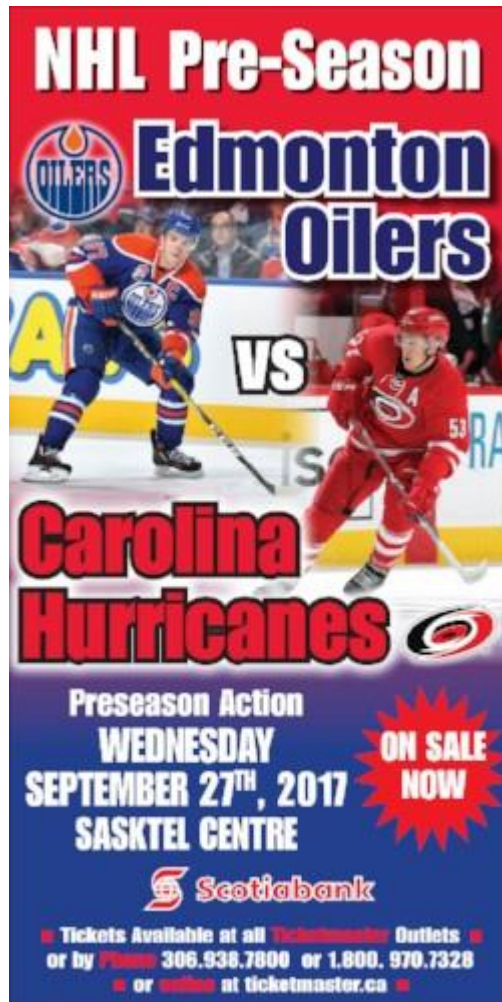
In July, the Government of Canada delivered the first of two \$29.5 million federal Gas Tax Fund (GTF) installments to Saskatchewan for the 2017-18 fiscal year. In total, Saskatchewan will be provided with more than \$59.1 million.

The funding, which flows through the provincial government to communities on a per capita basis, is available to support community infrastructure projects. Based on planned projects for 2017, GTF funding will support approximately 500 local infrastructure projects across Saskatchewan this year.

“The Gas Tax Fund strengthens communities through investments to municipal infrastructure,” Government Relations Minister Larry Duke said. “The province of Saskatchewan recognizes investments from this and other funding programs help meet the challenges of growth and improve the quality of life for its citizens.”

Click [here](#) to see the Quick Facts and read the entire news release.


NHL COMING TO SASKATOON!



NHL Pre-Season
Edmonton Oilers
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John Graham and On Ice Management Group are once again bringing the National Hockey League to Saskatoon. Wednesday, September 27th is your opportunity to attend a pre-season NHL hockey game right here in Saskatoon. The Edmonton Oilers face off against the Carolina Hurricanes at 7 pm at SaskTel Centre. [Click here](#) to get your tickets!

CCMA AWARDS AN OUTSTANDING EVENT



I join Premier Brad Wall in congratulating the organizers, volunteers and sponsor of an incredible weekend of Country Music last weekend. My wife Trish had the privilege and honour to serve on the local host committee along with Dawn Woroniuk, Shawna Nelson, Diane Boyko, Gerard Cullen, Mitch Riabko and Kaelen Klypak. Congratulations on hosting an incredible event!

Premier Brad Wall, "Congratulations to all the Canadian Country Music Association award winners, especially to Saskatchewan's own Kalsey Kulyk (CCMA Discovery Award) and Bart McKay (Keyboard Player of the Year, Recording Studio of the Year) and to honorary Saskie Brett Kissel (Male Artist of the Year, Interactive Artist of the Year).

And thanks for an outstanding job to all in the city of Saskatoon who played a part in hosting a great country music week!"

COMING EVENTS

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO HIGHLIGHT IN THIS NEWSLETTER, PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Provincial Point of View is a great way to connect with our community. We appreciate the opportunity to share the successes we see in our constituency and highlight the many events happening in our community. If you have a suggestion for items you would like highlighted in this newsletter, please

email: ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net. I appreciate your feedback.



United Way Community Kick-Off - Stuff the Bus Campaign

When: September 13, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Where: Civic Square, Saskatoon

Click [here](#) for details



**United Way
Saskatoon & Area**

Race Against Racism - Saskatoon Police Service

When: Saturday, September 16, 9 am

Where: Victoria Park (new boathouse)

Click [here](#) for additional information



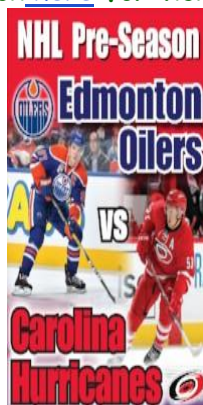
NHL Pre-Season Game

Edmonton Oilers vs Carolina Hurricanes

When: September 27,

Where: SaskTel Centre

Click [here](#) for tickets



Biotech Week 2017

When: September 20 - 27

Where: There will be several exciting events held in Saskatoon and Regina (please click [here](#) for information)



Sutherland Culture Fair & Prairie Sky Farmer's Market

When: Thursday, September 28

Where: 11 am - 6 pm Sutherland Memorial Hall, 1112 Central Avenue



Octoberfest Dinner & Comedy Night

When: October 20

Where: German Cultural Centre, 160 Cartwright St. E

For tickets call 306.955.0234

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

“THE HEART OF A
VOLUNTEER
IS NOT MEASURED IN SIZE,
BUT BY DEPTH OF THE
COMMITMENT TO MAKE
A DIFFERENCE
IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS.”
-DEANN HOLLIS

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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 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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