



I hope you've all had a great summer. I've spent the entire summer in Saskatchewan and have enjoyed the many opportunities to attend events and visit constituents on their door steps. From attending community picnics to annual community AGM's, I've appreciated talking to many of you.

I hope that students, teachers, professors and support staff at schools, U of S and Sask Polytechnic have a productive year as they welcome a record number of students to their classrooms.

As a Cabinet Minister this summer we had an opportunity to visit many communities across the province as Cabinet Meetings were held in Weyburn, Melfort, Saskatoon, Regina, Rosetown and Prince Albert. It was a great way to interact with local community leaders.

This fall will be very busy politically as the Federal Election draws near. Good luck to all candidates that have put their names forward to serve.

As I reflect on a beautiful Saskatchewan summer filled with great events, I thank each and every one of you for all you do to make this province a place we're proud to call home.

I appreciate the many opportunities to make a positive difference in our 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. Your opinions are important and your letters, emails, and phone calls on any issues relating to the provincial government are welcomed. I am honoured to represent the constituents of Saskatoon Willowgrove.

Enjoy our newsletter and please let us know if you have an event or someone in our community you would like to see highlighted. Of course, the opening of the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital (see story below) was an unbelievable historic day. Special thanks to everyone involved.

NEW CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING



Premier Scott Moe, "The grand opening of the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital marks a historic day for our province, and I was honoured to celebrate the hard work that's gone into building this state-of-the-art facility for Saskatchewan families.

Thousands of donors, community members, and volunteers helped to make this dream a reality. Thanks to their efforts, the hope provided by this hospital will extend far beyond its walls for decades to come."

"We appreciate the opportunity to be part of this exciting vision that made the children's hospital a reality to serve the health care needs for children and their families in the province of Saskatchewan," donor Jim Pattison said.

"I'm so excited for the opening of our new hospital because families will have a state-of-the-art facility with family-centered care to make the hospital experience not so scary and feel more like home for kids who need it," 2019 Champion Child Blake Wheeler said.

"This hospital is the culmination of a vision and commitment of numerous individuals – the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation staff and donors, the Government of Saskatchewan, hundreds of health care staff, physicians and leaders," SHA CEO Scott Livingstone

said. "Together, with the important input and support of Saskatchewan families, you have collectively brought us to this historic moment. Thank you to each and every person who played a part in this aspiring journey – everyone, in their own unique way, has left their valued imprint on this facility. This impressive hospital will play an integral role in the provincial health care landscape for generations to come, serving Saskatchewan's children and pregnant women, all because many contributed to make this happen. This is truly a grassroots made in Saskatchewan success story."

"Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation is grateful to celebrate the true Saskatchewan spirit of the thousands who generously gave, making certain that a dedicated maternal and children's hospital became a reality in our province," Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation President and CEO Brynn Boback-Lane said. "Our Foundation is dedicated to connecting care across the province and ensuring Jim Pattison Children's Hospital is known for its world-class excellence because Saskatchewan deserves the very best in maternal and pediatric care today, and in the future."

The total capital cost for the JPCH is \$285.9 million. The province provided about \$257 million in capital costs, while the JPCH Foundation and donor contributions totalled about \$75 million for capital costs (\$28.3 million), hospital equipment and furniture (\$46.6 million).

The 2019-20 Provincial Budget provides \$9.6 million to finalize information technology needs and an additional \$23 million to support operations when the hospital opens later this month.

The number of licensed pediatricians has nearly doubled in Saskatchewan since 2007, from 62 to

The new Jim Pattison Children's Hospital (JPCH) in Saskatoon was showcased today, as partners achieved their vision of having Saskatchewan children and expectant mothers receive exceptional health care closer to home.

The JPCH will officially open to patients on September 29, when all pediatric and maternal inpatients will move in from Royal University Hospital and new admissions will be accepted.

Premier Scott Moe was joined by lead donor Jim Pattison, representatives from the Government of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) and Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation, donors and community members to celebrate the official grand opening of the hospital.

"The grand opening of the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital marks the culmination of a decade's worth of hard work and determination that started with a simple vision: providing world-class

health care for Saskatchewan children and families for generations," Moe said. "This state of the art facility will provide hope and healing, and will have an impact on Saskatchewan that is sure to extend far beyond the walls of this hospital."

Almost 60 pediatric specialists, sub-specialists and surgeons are working in more than 20

specialties at the 176-bed hospital.

COSMO INDUSTRIES EXPANDS WITH THE OPENING OF TWO DAY PROGRAMS IN SASKATOON



I was pleased to join Lisa Lambert who represented Social Services Minister Paul Merriman last Wednesday at Cosmo Industries. We joined community members, dignitaries and day program participants in Saskatoon to celebrate two grand openings for an expanded day program and a new day program with Cosmopolitan Industries.

The Government of Saskatchewan provides more than \$8 million in annual funding to Cosmopolitan Industries to provide day program supports for people with intellectual disabilities. Funding of \$20,000 was provided for the expansion of the day program in Market Mall to support an additional 10 people. Funding of \$120,000 was provided to cover startup costs for the new day program on Acadia Drive that will support 20 people.

"Day programs play a valuable role in supporting people to be included in their communities," Merriman said. "I want to applaud Cosmo Industries for being a part of creating an inclusive community right here in Saskatoon."

Since 1970, Cosmopolitan Industries has been supporting people with intellectual disabilities. They currently support more than 400 people in Saskatoon.

"We are extremely proud of the programs we provide, recognizing they are highly sought after," Cosmopolitan Industries Executive Director Sharlene Duquette said. "This is made possible by our very dedicated and qualified staff team and the support of our Board of Directors. We all have the same common goal which is to continue to create opportunities for the men and women within our community with intellectual disabilities. Cosmo is very pleased that in partnership with the Ministry of Social Services' Community Living Service Delivery we have once again responded to the growing need of programs with the opening and expansion of Acadia and Market Mall. We have been doing amazing things for almost 50 years and don't plan on stopping."

These day programs support the Saskatchewan Disability Strategy by providing access to personal supports for people with disabilities. Saskatchewan residents and communities that have done work which aligns with the Disability Strategy are encouraged to share their accomplishments using the hashtag #SKDisability.

NEW INVESTMENTS IN YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



Saskatoon children and youth will have better access to mental health supports thanks to a partnership between the Government of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Health Authority, EGADZ and Medavie Health Services.

EGADZ will convert one of their My Homes group homes to offer outreach services and provide a safe place for Saskatoon and area youth in care to remain in their community while receiving the help they need. The program objective is to reduce self-harming behaviours, suicide attempts and hospital visits and admissions.

The Government of Saskatchewan has committed \$116,000 in funding to support this new EGADZ endeavour. The Saskatchewan Health Authority has also enhanced their EGADZ annual funding by \$100,000 to support the hiring of new mental health staff who will work with children and youth.

"As with many programs delivered by EGADZ, I am confident this will become an important initiative that helps strengthen families and communities," Social Services Minister Paul Merriman said. "The supports and housing for youth receiving mental health services that will be made available through EGADZ with this funding will go a long way in helping to address these rising issues."

Read the entire news release here.

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



Community associations are non-profit organizations made up of volunteers from your neighbourhood. Community Associations enhance the quality of life of the people within the neighbourhood by:

- Planning and organizing affordable sport, culture and recreational programs in the fall, winter and spring
- Creating a community newsletter
- · Operating the community rink
- Organizing community events, such as neighbourhood clean-ups, BBQs and special days in the park

Interested in volunteering or learning more about your Community Association? Click <u>here</u> and find the link to the community association in the neighbourhood you live in.

ROBOTICS AND AUTOMATION CLASSES ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS IN ALL SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DIVISIONS



Saskatchewan school divisions now have the opportunity to offer robotics and automation classes to their students.

Robotics and Automation classes, which include coding, are now available for Grade 7-12 students, ensuring classrooms are meeting the needs of 21st century students.

"Our government continues to provide Saskatchewan students with relevant classroom opportunities that will prepare them for emerging careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics," Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. "Saskatchewan's classrooms are meeting the needs of today's student, by providing them with the hands-on, practical skill development found in these classes."

Read the entire news release here.

INSTALLATION CEREMONY DATE FOR THE NEW LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED



Premier Scott Moe announced that Saskatchewan's 23rd Lieutenant Governor, Russ Mirasty, will be formally installed during a ceremony at the Legislative Building on Thursday, September 12.

"It has been an honour to work with Mr. Mirasty since he was sworn in as Saskatchewan's

Lieutenant Governor in July," Moe said. "Mr. Mirasty's rich background and deep connection to our province has already brought a valuable perspective to the role. I look forward to the installation ceremony of Mr. Mirasty in the Legislative Assembly next week."

Click here to read more about our new Lieutenant Governor

SASKATCHEWAN RESIDENTS TO BENEFIT FROM GREEN AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

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The Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan recognize that strategic investments in green and recreational infrastructure play a key role in supporting healthy, dynamic and sustainable communities.

September 4, Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard and Member of Parliament for North Vancouver, on behalf of François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, Premier Scott Moe and City of Saskatoon Mayor Charlie Clark announced funding for the expansion of Saskatoon's Gordie Howe Sports Complex, while 11 other infrastructure project investments across the province were highlighted.

The expanded Gordie Howe Sports Complex will house a new multi-sport complex and outdoor artificial turf field, an outdoor baseball training and practice complex, nordic ski trails, as well as a new ticket booth facility and bleachers.

"The Government of Saskatchewan is proud to be investing more than \$32 million toward these important infrastructure projects to help them go from the drawing board to reality," Moe said. "Once completed, these projects will contribute to better communities, a better province, and a better quality of life for citizens."

"The partnerships that have led to the expansion of the Gordie Howe Sports Complex show the sort of collaborative approach and community leadership that help to define Saskatoon," Clark said. "This project is remarkable because it brings together so many different community groups—from sports such as football, hockey, baseball, speed skating, and soccer—to work together to create a valuable space and build community. I am thankful for the federal and provincial investments that will help to improve the quality of life for residents of the city, the region and beyond."

Read some quick facts and read the entire news release here.

13,000 NEW JOBS CREATED YEAR-OVER-YEAR



According to a report released by Statistics Canada, year-over-year job growth in Saskatchewan continues to rise. In August 2019, employment was up 13,000 jobs from August 2018.

Full-time employment increased by 4,300 jobs and part-time employment increased by 8,800 jobs. This marks the 13th consecutive month of year-over-year job increases. Month-to-month

employment also rose by 2,800 jobs from July 2019.

"Saskatchewan continues to see steady job creation in spite of headwinds created outside our province," Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "We will keep standing up for our province against policies that threaten our economy and the jobs of Saskatchewan people, and continue our efforts to diversify export markets for Saskatchewan goods and products."

The unemployment rate in the province dropped to 5.1 per cent in August (seasonally adjusted), down from 6.6 per cent a year ago and 5.4 per cent last month. Saskatchewan had the third lowest unemployment rate in the country, below the national average of 5.7 per cent.

Other August highlights:

- All-time records were set in August for the working-age population (890,200), labour force (625,700).
- Major year-over-year gains were reported for accommodation and food services up 4,400 jobs; manufacturing up 3,400 jobs; professional, scientific and technical services up 3,200 jobs;
- Off-reserve Aboriginal employment was up 3,800 jobs (+8.2 per cent) for the second consecutive month of year-over-year increases; and
- Private sector jobs up 6,200 (+1.8 per cent).

NOMINATIONS FOR THE PROVINCE'S HIGHEST HONOUR, THE SASKATCHEWAN ORDER OF MERIT, NOW BEING ACCEPTED



Nominations are now being accepted for the 2020 Saskatchewan Order of Merit.

"We have so many impressive and generous people in our communities," Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty said. "The Saskatchewan Order of Merit enables us to celebrate the achievements of remarkable citizens. I encourage everyone to consider nominating a deserving individual to receive our highest honour."

The Saskatchewan Order of Merit was established in 1985 to recognize excellence, achievement and contributions to the cultural, social and economic well-being of the province. Previous

recipients have come from diverse backgrounds and have made contributions to the arts, business and industry, agriculture and volunteer service. Nominees must be current or former long-term residents of Saskatchewan. Any individual or group can submit a nomination, but the nomination must be for an individual, not an organization. Posthumous nominations are accepted within one year of an individual's date of death.

The recipients of the Saskatchewan Order of Merit will be invested by the Lieutenant Governor at a ceremony in early 2020. The deadline to nominate an individual is November 1, 2019.

To nominate a deserving individual, or to learn more, visit www.saskatchewan.ca/honoursawards.

IF YOU NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE ABOUT A MENTAL ILLNESS ISSUE, CALL 811



Yesterday was World Suicide Prevention Day. Premier Scott Moe, "On World Suicide Prevention Day, I'd like to remind anyone dealing with, or anyone who knows someone dealing with mental health challenges that HealthLine 811 offers confidential, 24-hour mental health and addictions support – free of charge.

When you dial 811, licensed healthcare professionals will be standing by to provide advice to help manage your situation and information on resources in your area.

If you need to talk to someone about dealing with a mental health issue, please dial HealthLine at 811 today.

STAY SAFE AND EXPECT MORE AGRICULTURE EQUIPMENT ON THE ROAD DURING HARVEST



With harvest underway, more farm machinery and heavy trucks are moving around on Saskatchewan roads. Drivers and farmers are reminded to keep safety a top priority during harvest.

"Harvest is a busy time for the agriculture community and often leads to many large vehicles on the roads," Highways and Infrastructure Minister Greg Ottenbreit said. "We stay safe by planning ahead and allowing additional time for travel."

Drivers are being asked to take extra precautions when passing slow-moving farm equipment and to be respectful of other drivers. Producers need to ensure lights are working and adjusted before moving equipment on highways and to regularly inspect and maintain their equipment. They should also know all height, length and weight restrictions on their farm vehicles and when permits may be required.

Read the entire news release here.

SASKTEL STRENGTHENS NETWORK BY ADDING 12 MORE RURAL TOWERS



SaskTel announced plans to improve LTE cellular services in 12 additional communities throughout rural Saskatchewan by deploying a small cell site solution.

The majority of these towers (10) will be in-service by March 31, 2020 with the remaining two towers launching in June 2020. This will bring the total number of small cell sites constructed under the Government of Saskatchewan's Wireless Saskatchewan initiative to 103 in rural locations across the province.

"The Wireless Saskatchewan initiative has allowed SaskTel to enhance wireless service in more than 100 communities that had no cellular coverage or fringe service at best," Minister Responsible for SaskTel Don Morgan said. "With today's digital economy, our government understands that rural residents in the province require access to fast and reliable communications services that are on par with urban areas."

Read the entire news release here.

DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND THE FAMILY FUN DAY - WILLOWGROVE SQUARE THIS SATURDAY!



Family Fun Day

September 14, 2019 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Willowgrove Square

Face Painting
Bouncy Castles
Beeper the Clown
Magic Show
Balloon Animals
Crafts





NOMINATE A DESERVING CITIZEN FOR THE SASKATCHEWAN VOLUNTEER MEDAL



Nominations are now being accepted for the 2019 Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal.

"Our province is well known for our outstanding volunteers," Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty said. "The Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal allows us to recognize the generosity of those who give their time to improve the lives of others. I encourage everyone to nominate an exceptional volunteer for this provincial honour."

Saskatchewan has the highest rate of volunteerism in the country. The Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal was established in 1995 as a means to formally recognize the selfless devotion of the province's volunteers, and as a way to present role models to Saskatchewan citizens. Nominees must be a current or former long-term resident of Saskatchewan. Any individual or group can submit a nomination, but nominations are not accepted for organizations.

The nomination deadline is October 18, 2019. Recipients of the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal will be awarded their medals by the Lieutenant Governor at a ceremony in the Spring of 2020.

To nominate an outstanding volunteer, or to learn more, visit

www.saskatchewan.ca/government/heritage-honours-and-awards/saskatchewan-volunteer-medal.





Back to school means back to packing lunches! Are you looking for ways to reduce waste in your child's lunch?

Say "bye-bye" to plastic bags, pre-packaged snacks/drinks, paper napkins and single-use utensils and say hello to reusable products!

If you can't avoid some of the above, try having a conversation with your children about what items are recyclable, compostable or waste to ensure proper disposal.

DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know the new Jim Pattison Children's Hospital will be equipped with 176 private patient beds? JPCH will provide children and their families high-quality care and comfort during their inprovince stay.

Patients will be admitted starting Sunday September 29th. — at <u>Jim Pattison Children's Hospital</u>
<u>Foundation</u>

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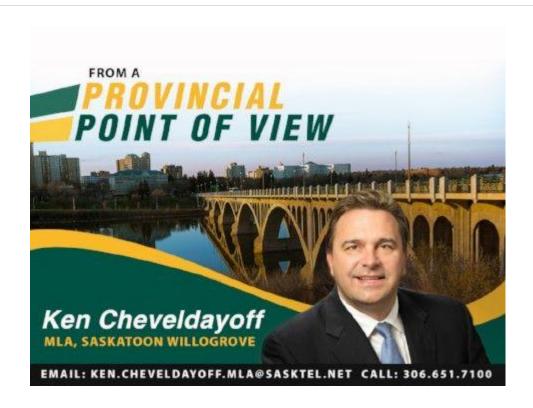


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LEARNING SPACES WITH INCREASED PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE FUNDING
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