

### **Provincial Point of View**

September 19
Remember to slow down
in school zones!

### RAISING A FLAG AT THE LEGISLATURE TO MARK CHILDHOOD & YOUTH CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



September has been named Childhood Cancer Awareness month in Saskatchewan.

Several guests gathered at the Legislature Monday, September 18 as the Honourable Greg Ottenbreit

raised the Childhood Cancer Awareness Month flag. The flag raising was performed by Greg along with a cancer mom and a childhood cancer "warrior" and survivor.

Greg and his wife Leonne lost their son Brayden to cancer and their personal experience continues to help others cope with this terrible disease. Thank you to the Ottenbreit family for all they do for Childhood Cancer causes.

#### **RURAL CRIME INNOVATION CHALLENGE**

Innovation Saskatchewan announced a new initiative that will focus on the development of technologies that can be used to help residents address crime in rural areas in conjunction with the Ministry of Justice's Protection and Response Team. The rural crime innovation challenge will call for technology companies and researchers to submit proposals for a 16-week residency program.

"Rural residents face special circumstances when it comes to crime," Minister Responsible for Innovation Steven Bonk said. "It is our hope that this new program will attract students, researchers and technology companies to complete a bid and assist rural residents who have concerns about the safety of their property and well-being."

Continue reading this news release here.

### SASKATCHEWAN'S GROWING VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY



Premier Brad Wall, "A big welcome to film director James Cameron and Suzy Amis Cameron to Saskatchewan's growing value-added agricultural industry.

The Cameron's will open their state-of-the-art pea protein fractionation facility in Vanscoy, creating up to 40 jobs in the province.

We are grateful for their investment and recognize it as an important tribute to Saskatchewan producers, our growing food processing industry and world-leading research community".

#### PROVINCE ADJUSTS APPROACH TO SLEEP APNEA SERVICES

Beginning October 1, 2017, patients requiring continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machines will be able to purchase a machine at a discount made available through the Government of Saskatchewan's bulk purchasing process.

CPAP machines are flow generators used primarily to treat patients suffering from sleep apnea. A common sleep disorder, sleep apnea causes shallow breaths or pauses in breathing during sleep.

In the 2017-18 provincial budget, government announced it would only provide CPAP coverage for low-income residents receiving Supplementary and Family Health Benefits.

"Following consultation with respirologists and review of processes in other jurisdictions, we've determined that the same annual savings could be achieved from an alternate approach," Health Minister Jim Reiter said. "This approach will reduce costs for patients and allow better access for those who need it, while still achieving the same savings for the province."

Click here to read the entire news release.

### MANUFACTURING SALES GROWTH LEADS CANADA



Saskatchewan's manufacturing sector was busy in July, with sales up 13.5 per cent over last July (seasonally adjusted), the highest percentage increase among the provinces, to \$1.27 billion. On a national basis, sales were up only 3.4 per cent.

"A double digit increase in the year-over-year comparison shows that our province's manufacturing sector is strong and resilient," Economy Minister Steven Bonk said. "The Made-in-Saskatchewan label is known as a stamp of the highest quality all over the world, and we look forward to assisting

our manufacturers grow their exports in the years to come."

Click here to read the entire news release

### NEW COSMOPOLITAN INDUSTRIES SATELLITE DAY PROGRAM LOCATIONS OPEN

Social Services Minister Paul Merriman joined community members, dignitaries and day program participants to celebrate the grand opening of two new day program satellite locations in Saskatoon. The day programs are operated by Cosmopolitan Industries.

"Cosmopolitan Industries is a valuable organization that provides services and supports that benefit individuals with intellectual disabilities," Merriman said. "I am proud of our government's partnership with Cosmo and our ongoing commitments to this organization as we work together to achieve the targets in the Saskatchewan Disability Strategy."

Cosmopolitan Industries is a community-based organization that has been supporting people experiencing intellectual disabilities since 1970. It provides day program supports for more than 400 individuals at five locations in Saskatoon. Cosmopolitan Industries received more than \$7 million from the Government of Saskatchewan in 2017-18.

Read the news release here.

### HAMPTON VILLAGE IN SASKATOON CELEBRATES THE GRAND OPENING OF ERNEST LINDNER SCHOOL



Friday, September 15th, Education Minister Bronwyn Eyre joined students, teachers, dignitaries and representatives from the Saskatoon Public School Division to celebrate the grand opening of Ernest Lindner School in Hampton Village.

"Residents of Hampton Village and northwest Saskatoon can now enjoy this beautiful school that creates a brighter future for the many students and families living in this community," Eyre said. "Ernest Lindner School shows us the benefits of involving students, teachers and school divisions during the design process three years ago, which generated countless ideas and ensured that these schools were creative, inspiring and built for the 21st century."

Click here to read more.

Since 2007, the Government of Saskatchewan has committed approximately \$1.5 billion toward 67 major school capital projects and numerous smaller projects such as portable classrooms and preventative maintenance and renewal.

# CHEER ON THE BLADES AT THEIR HOME OPENER AND JOIN THE BATTLE AGAINST CANCER



The Blades will celebrate the "Pac is Back" as they return to their original jerseys commonly known as the "Pacman". The Blades have had a thrilling pre-season, building off the last home game of last season when they beat Prince Albert in front of more than ten thousand fans (Unfortunately, Calgary won the same night and knocked the Blades out of the playoff race).

The Home Opener will also celebrate what it means to be a Blade, a celebration focused on Bruce Gordon, a former Blades captain who wore the Pacman, a long time city police officer and a brand new lawyer. Bruce was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and he is fighting it like he battled in every triathlon and cross-fit competition he entered – to come out on top.

A number of Bruce's mates from his days with the Blades in the early 80s will be travelling to Saskatoon for the celebration, including 2-time Stanley Cup Champion Brian Skrudland, the Voice of the Winnipeg Jets, Dennis Beyak, and many more who live much closer, such as Todd Strubey from Regina and Dave Chartier from right here in the City of Bridges.

There will be a number of festivities to help generate funds to fuel the fight against cancer – and one fan will have the chance to win a two-year lease on a brand new car from Merlin Ford Lincoln.

I encourage you to get out to the Blades home opener, have some fun, cheer on the Blades and join the battle against cancer! Mark Friday, September 22 on your calendar! Game time is 7 pm.

# GREATER SASKATOON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPENS NEW SCHOOL IN STONEBRIDGE



Students in the Saskatoon Stonebridge neighbourhood officially opened their new Catholic elementary school today. St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic School was celebrated by students, families and the community, along with Education Minister Bronwyn Eyre and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools.

"Stonebridge is one of the fastest-growing subdivisions in Saskatoon, with high demand for Catholic education in this community, which is why we're proud to celebrate the completion of this elementary school," Eyre said. "Our government knows that investing in infrastructure and in schools is critical to address our unprecedented growth, so that we are ready for continued growth in the future."

Read the release here.

\$7000 RAISED FOR RONALD McDONALD HOUSE!



Pictured above is a photo of Arnold Reimer, General Manager and Owner of Nufab and Jerry Reimer at a well attended car show held at NuFAb last weekend. Arnold and Jerry are proudly displaying a cheque in the amount of \$5,000. Another \$2,000 was raised which brought the total amount raised for Ronald McDonald House to \$7,000!

A great crowd of people enjoyed a beautiful Saskatchewan fall day as they viewed well over 100 vehicles on display.

Congratulations to everyone involved in making this event such a success.

# CONSTRUCTION TENDER RELEASE INCLUDES DOZENS OF HIGHWAY AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WORTH \$220 MILLION

With \$850 million worth of work in progress or completed this year, plans are already underway for next year's highway construction.

The Government of Saskatchewan has released its tenders for the 2018 construction season. The tenders include more than 550 kilometres of surface improvements and consist of more than 30 construction contracts, half a dozen bridge and culvert projects and more than a dozen crushing and stockpiling contracts worth an estimated \$220 million.

"Even though we have multiple highway and infrastructure projects currently under construction this year, we find that tendering earlier will help us secure contractors and get an early jump for next

year," Highways and Infrastructure Minister David Marit said. "This type of planning puts us in a strong position, so materials and contractors are ready to go when construction begins next spring."

To see the projects tendered, click here.

### BRIAN TOWRISS ADDED TO THE CANADIAN FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME!



Photo credit: Tory Fleece/ Regina Leader Post

Congratulations to Brian Towriss who was inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame. I was very fortunate to play football with the Huskies for the most winningest coach in Canadian university football history!

Players were always a priority for Towriss. Read the Leader Post article here.

### CHARITABLE GAMING GRANTS WORTH MORE THAN \$2.3 MILLION PAID ACROSS SASKATCHEWAN

More than 900 groups and organizations across the province are benefitting from the latest quarterly payments totalling more than \$2.3 million made by the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA) through the charitable gaming grant program.

"Charitable gaming grants continue to enhance the fundraising efforts of groups and organizations that are making a difference in communities across our province," Minister responsible for SLGA Gene Makowsky said. "As a government, we're pleased to provide dollars that help minor sports programs, service clubs, health care foundations and many other worthwhile volunteer-based activities."

Among the grants provided by SLGA this quarter: North Battleford and surrounding area received \$146,624; Yorkton and surrounding area: \$110,250; Humboldt and surrounding area: \$109,180; Moose Jaw and surrounding area: \$86,422; and Weyburn/Estevan and surrounding area: \$59,657.

The charitable gaming grant program provides a grant equal to 25 per cent of the net revenues that groups and organization fundraise through licensed bingos, raffles, breakopen tickets, Texas Hold em poker and Monte Carlo events.

The grants are automatically calculated and paid by SLGA using the financial reports submitted by the groups.



Culture Days will be celebrated by numerous groups around the city and province. Click <a href="here">here</a> to see over 30 events planned for the city of Saskatoon.

Since 2010, Culture Days in Saskatchewan has been supported and coordinated by SaskCulture in a variety of ways including the Community Engagement Animateur Program, and the Culture Days

Funding Assistance Grant Program through support from Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation. SaskCulture also provides support to Culture Days activity organizers through the creation and distribution of promotional materials and advertising. For more information about SaskCulture, please visit www.saskculture.ca.

Check our coming events in this edition and see the poster below for details of the Sutherland Culture Fair.



**CROP REPORT FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 5 TO 11, 2017** 



Producers have made significant harvest progress, due in large part to the warm and dry weather, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's Weekly Crop Report.

Sixty-five per cent of the crop is now combined, up from 45 per cent last week, which is well ahead of the five year (2012-2016) average of 40 per cent combined for this time of year. Twenty-two per cent of the crop is swathed or ready to straight-cut.

Harvest is most advanced in the southwestern region, where 86 per cent of the crop is now combined. The southeastern region has 76 per cent combined, the west-central region 66 per cent and the east-central region 57 per cent. The northeastern region has 37 per cent combined, while the northwestern region has 35 per cent combined. Some producers have wrapped up harvest operations and many more expect to be finished in the coming weeks.

Full news release is here.

**DUTCH PUMPKIN MAZE OPENS SEPTEMBER 20TH!** 



Photo from Dutch Saskatoon's post in Dutch Pumpkin Maze Official Opening

The 16th Annual Dutch Pumpkin Maze Officially opens on September 20th, 2017 and will run until October 31st, 2017!

Join in on the fun and have your children explore a maze created entirely from straw bales! The Maze is open to the public and free of charge! There will be kids colouring activities as well as a scavenger hunt hidden throughout the maze! Photobooth will be set up on Saturdays with fun costumes! (Bring your own camera). You can call Dutch Growers at 306-249-1222 to pre-book for your School or Group Outing! Be sure to keep a close eye on their Facebook page for all event updates!

# LIGHT OF THE PRAIRIES RECEIVES NEW CAPTIAL FUNDING FROM PROVINCE

Saskatoon University MLA Eric Olauson, on behalf of Social Services Minister Paul Merriman, September 14th announced \$16,000 in new capital funding to Light of the Prairies, a communitybased organization that supports people experiencing disabilities.

"It is important that the community-based organizations supporting those experiencing disabilities have the facilities they need," Olauson said. "This funding will allow Light of the Prairies to improve their entrance accessibility to better support the inclusion of their program participants."

Click here to read the entire news release.

### RED PANDA TO LEAVE SASKTOON FORESTRY FARM PARK & ZOO IN OCTOBER



City of Saskatoon News Release: The Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo's resident Red Panda, Phoenix, will be leaving Saskatoon on Sunday, October 1, 2017.

"For the past three years, Phoenix has lived with us in the PotashCorp Ark Exhibit and his presence was enjoyed by visitors of all ages," says Zoo Manager Tim Sinclair-Smith.

Sinclair-Smith adds, "Phoenix's move is part of the Species Survival Plan (SSP) developed by the (American) Association of Zoos and Aquariums to help ensure the survival of selected species in zoos and aquariums, most of which are threatened or endangered in the wild."

"The SSP plans to grow and develop a long-term program for red pandas, and Phoenix will play a key role in the continued development of the program."

Recently, the red panda has been classified as Endangered because its population in the wild is estimated to be less than 10,000 and continues to decline due to habitat loss among other causes.

"We hope that one day red pandas will return to the Zoo, but for now our commitment is to the SSP and the important work it is doing to maintain a healthy, genetically diverse, and stable population for red pandas," says Sinclair-Smith.

In celebration of Phoenix's final days in Saskatoon, the Zoo Animal Care team will be on hand to answer questions at the PotashCorp Ark Exhibit throughout the month of September.

The Zoo is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the Forestry Farm Park gates are open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### PROTECTIVE SERVICES MEDALS PRESENTED IN SASKATOON TODAY

Today in Saskatoon, Provincial Secretary Nadine Wilson will join Lieutenant Governor Vaughn Solomon Schofield to take part in ceremonies recognizing the newest recipients of the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal.

"It is truly a special calling to devote your career to the care and well-being of our people and communities," Wilson said. "It is my privilege to recognize those who often put themselves at risk to ensure that we can maintain a safe and high quality of life for all Saskatchewan people."

The medal honours individuals with 25 years or more of exemplary service protecting Saskatchewan people or their property either in a volunteer or full-time capacity.

Read the news release here.

#### MINIMUM WAGE AND MINIMUM CALL-OUT PAY

Minimum Wage

The current minimum wage in Saskatchewan is \$10.72 per hour. Effective October 1, 2017, the minimum wage will be \$10.96 per hour.

#### Minimum Call-Out Pay

Most employees get a minimum payment ("minimum call-out" pay) every time their employer requires them to report for work (other than for overtime), even if there is no work for them. Employees are to be paid a minimum of three hours at their hourly wage. If an employee does work, but less than three hours, the employer is still required to pay the employee for a minimum of three hours of work at the employee's hourly wage.

Click here for more information.

### **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

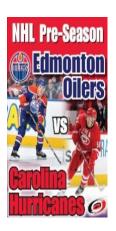
email: ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net. I appreciate your feedback.



#### 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 <u>here</u> 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



#### Lows in Motion - Canada's Most Attended Parkinson's Fundraiser

When: October 28, 6:45 pm Where: Prairieland Park



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#### **THOUGHT OF THE DAY**



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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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