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



#### **CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR KELLY BOWERS**



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I want to add my voice to those who considered Kelly Bowers as a personal hero. Kelly had a profound impact on my life as a young man. When I had an opportunity to play football with the Saskatoon Hilltops and University of Saskatchewan Huskies, Kelly was one of the mentors who helped me make the large transition from 6 man football in Blaine Lake to the very competitive post-secondary football in Saskatoon.

Kelly would always greet me with a bright and cheerful smile and a loud "Chevy, you're not in Blaine Lake anymore?"

It was my honour to join over 1,000 people who attended the celebration of life for Kelly Bowers at

Prairieland Park. It was heartwarming to hear the many stories about a great coach who had such a positive impact on so many.

It is fitting that this week has been declared Coaches Week in Saskatchewan. Thank you Kelly Bowers - you made your community, city and province a better place.

# #ThanksCoach Sept **21-29**

It's time to say "Thanks Coach" in Saskatchewan. This week long celebration promotes the positive impact that coaches have on athletes and communities. It gives these largely volunteer, integral leaders of Canadian sport a simple thanks. The Coaches Association of Canada coined the term "Thanks Coach" to show appreciation to this group.

The Government of Saskatchewan Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, Gene Makowsky has proclaimed Sept 21-29 Coaches Week in the province in support of National Coaches Week!

Full Details http://bit.ly/307H4Y9

#### IT WAS A PLEASURE TO SPEAK TO COMMERCE STUDENTS AT THE EDWARDS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

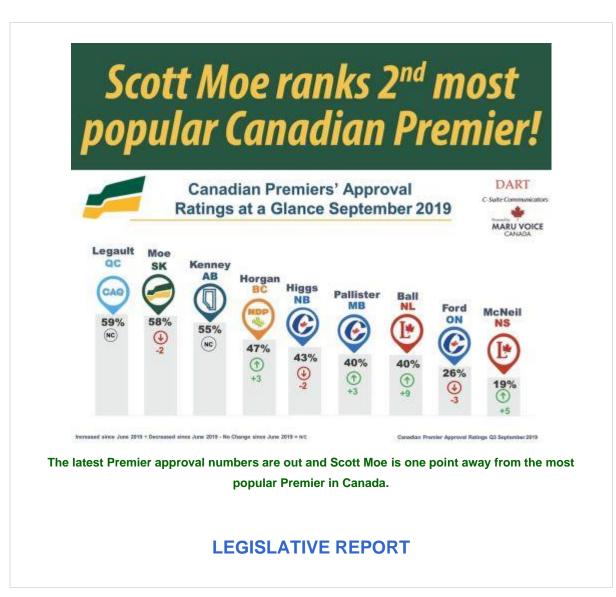
## **CELEBRATE COACHES WEEK IN SASKATCHEWAN**

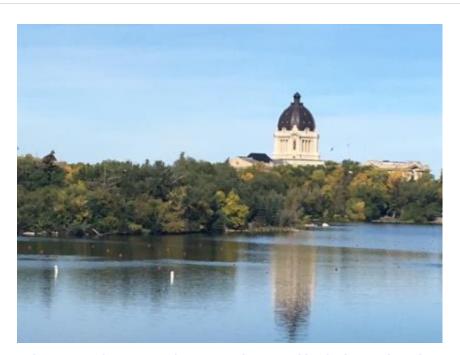


It was a real pleasure to have the opportunity to attend a class at the Edwards School of Business at the University of Saskatchewan to address the third year class taught by Professor Cheryl Loadman.

It is always a highlight to address this bright group of young adults. I enjoyed the excellent conversation and great questions from the Commerce students as they look toward life after convocating.

Thank you Professor Loadman for inviting me back again this year. I appreciate the opportunity.





Saskatchewan's economy is strong and more people are working in the province than ever before, despite economic headwinds. August marked the 13th consecutive month of job growth in Saskatchewan with 13,000 new jobs year-over-year. Saskatchewan's unemployment rate was the third lowest in the country at 5.1 per cent.

Fast and reliable access to today's digital economy contributes to strong communities. Better wireless service, particularly in rural areas, is a priority of the Government of Saskatchewan. Rural residents require access to fast and reliable services that are on par with urban areas, and SaskTel is working to fill in coverage gaps where they exist.

As part of our government's Wireless Saskatchewan initiative, SaskTel has been able to add 15 new macro towers, providing better coverage in places like busy provincial parks, along major highways, and in areas with little to no cellular coverage. These new macro towers are in addition to the previously announced 103 small cell sites.

Since 2010, SaskTel has completed more than 3,200 initiatives to enhance its wireless network that now boasts more than 800 cell sites across the province. SaskTel will continue to evaluate further expansion to better serve Saskatchewan.

The new Jim Pattison Children's Hospital (JPCH) in Saskatoon is a spectacular, state-of-the-art facility that will soon see Saskatchewan children and expectant mothers receive exceptional health care closer to home.

Earlier this month, representatives from the provincial government, Saskatchewan Health Authority and the JPCH Foundation gathered with donors and community members to celebrate its completion, and the fact that Saskatchewan is no longer one of two provinces in Canada without a dedicated maternal and children's hospital.

This brand-new 176-bed facility puts Saskatchewan at the forefront of research and innovation, provides hope and healing, and marks culmination of a decade's worth of hard work and determination that started with a simple vision: providing world-class health care for children and families for generations.

JPCH will offer neonatal intensive care, pediatric intensive care, general pediatrics, pediatric emergency and ambulatory services. Maternal services will include labour and delivery, antepartum and postpartum care. Almost 60 pediatric specialists, sub-specialists and surgeons will be working in more than 20 specialities.

This year's 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 total capital cost for the hospital 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, hospital equipment and furniture.

The words thank you never seem enough to adequately express our gratitude for thousands of individuals and hundreds of community groups who have contributed to the hospital project in some way. They have hosted every kind of fundraiser imaginable and in doing so, displayed the very best of what our province has to offer.

I am pleased to see that the tireless efforts of volunteers, donors, community members, the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation, Brynn Boback-Lane, Jim Pattison, and countless others all came together to make the dream of the new Jim Pattison Children's Hospital a reality.

The Jim Pattison Children's Hospital 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.

Thank you, Saskatchewan for supporting the work of the JPCH Foundation and for providing a home for hope.





#### **BEFORE THE TALK: GET THE FACTS**

#### Vaping is not harmless

- Vaping can increase your exposure to harmful chemicals.
- Vaping can lead to nicotine addiction.
- The long-term consequences of vaping are unknown.
- It's rare, but defective vaping products (especially batteries) may catch fire or explode, leading to burns and injuries.

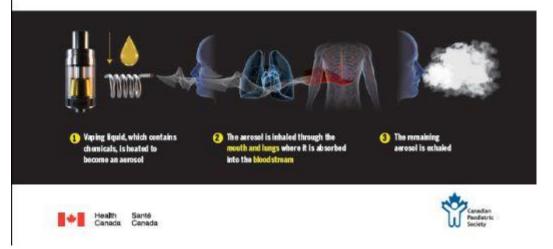
#### **Risks of nicotine**

Nicotine is a highly addictive chemical. Youth are especially susceptible to its negative effects, as it can alter their brain development and can affect memory and concentration. It can also lead to addiction and physical dependence. Children and youth may become dependent on nicotine more rapidly than adults. Although not all vaping products contain nicotine, the majority of them do, and the level of nicotine can vary widely. Some vaping liquids have low levels, but many have levels of nicotine similar or higher than in a typical cigarette. Quitting vaping can be challenging once a teen has developed an addiction to nicotine. Nicotine withdrawal symptoms can be unpleasant.

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Even if a vaping product does not contain nicotine, there is still a risk of being exposed to other harmful chemicals.



Saskatchewan Health Minister Jim Reiter issued the following statement:

"I am concerned with the recent incidents of vaping related illnesses, as well as the high rates of

vaping we are seeing among Saskatchewan youth. Although Saskatchewan has not recorded any instances of pulmonary illness associated with vaping similar to the recently reported cases in the United States and Ontario, earlier this week I directed Saskatchewan public health officials to monitor all cases as they present in intensive care units.

"Pursuant to section 31 of *The Public Health Act 1994*, Saskatchewan Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Saqib Shahab sent notification to Hospital Intensive Care Units across the province that all cases of severe respiratory disease that may be due to vaping be reported to local medical health officers by phone immediately.

"Parents, please speak to your children about the risks associated with vaping. Any and all members of the public who have questions about non-severe symptoms they may be having due to or exacerbated by vaping should contact the Healthline at 811 or talk to their health care provider."

For more information visit <u>https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/severe-lung-illness-related-to-e-cigarette-use-vaping.</u>

#### KICK OFF TO UNITED WAY



The Ministry of Central Services kicked off their United Way Fundraising Campaign with a pancake breakfast this morning.

I was happy to participate in this worthwhile fundraiser. Everyone attending enjoyed a great breakfast cooked up by Deputy Minister Mike Carr and his team.

Good luck to all volunteers who are working hard to raise money for United Way.

#### SASKATCHEWAN FLAG DESIGN IS FIFTY YEARS OLD!



Did you know that September 22nd marked the 50th anniversary of our provincial flag.

Designed by Anthony Drake, this beautiful symbol of Saskatchewan continues to be a source of pride across our communities.

#### SEPTEMBER IS CHILDHOOD YOUTH CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



Minister Greg Ottenbreit, "Honoured to participate and share comments at an emotional and touching flag raising at the Legislative Assembly this morning on behalf of the Saskatchewan Government and Premier Scott Moe, Ministers Jim Reiter and Warren Kaeding recognizing each September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month!

A pleasure to join advocate and "Cancer Mom" Sherri Allen Melnychuk and our two young "Warriors" who raised the flag!

Highways and Infrastructure Minister Greg Ottenbreit on behalf of Health Minister Jim Reiter joined with parents and youth at a flag-raising ceremony at the Legislative Building this morning to mark September as Childhood and Youth Cancer Awareness Month in Saskatchewan."Each year, we recognize September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month to acknowledge the impact cancer has on young people, their families and our communities," Ottenbreit said. "As the parent of a child lost to cancer, I support the efforts being made to improve the quality of care for patients, and ultimately, to find a cure."

Representatives of affected families raised a childhood cancer awareness flag, and spoke of the impact that cancer has had on their families, along with the continued need for prevention and treatment. Childhood and Youth Cancer Awareness Month is observed each year in recognition of the impact that cancer has on the lives of children, youth, and families across Saskatchewan.

"Every time I see the gold ribbon worn during Childhood and Youth Awareness Month, I think of the families whose children have been affected," Regina childhood cancer awareness advocate Sherri Melnychuk said. "We ask people to support childhood cancer research, more effective treatments, and improved care for our children."

Melnychuk is the Regina representative of Small But Mighty, an organization that helps raise awareness of childhood cancer. The Melnychuks lost their four-year-old daughter Ava Hope to acute myeloid leukemia in 2011. The number of new pediatric patients seen provincially at Saskatchewan's two cancer centres typically ranges from 40 to 60 each year.

Pediatric oncologists, nurses, social workers, and support staff work together to provide highquality care to ensure the best possible outcomes. In Canada today, approximately 83 per cent of children diagnosed with cancer will survive.

#### PROVINCIAL AGREEMENTS WITH MUNICIPALITIES RESULT IN NEARLY \$70 MILLION INVESTED IN HIGHWAYS

# Provincial Agreements with Municipalities



The Government of Saskatchewan continues to work in partnership with rural municipalities to improve highway infrastructure.

Agreements are in place to provide funding, on a cost-shared basis, for improvements, ranging from reconstruction to paving to transitioning to a primary weight supergrid highway. The estimated value of the agreements is nearly \$70 million and includes contributions of about \$18.4 million from the municipalities.

"Providing safe and reliable infrastructure in communities across the province will enhance the quality of life for our citizens," Highways and Infrastructure Minister Greg Ottenbreit said. "We as government can do more when we work together with municipalities on these type of partnership opportunities."

Read the entire news release here.

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#### **"FOUNDERS TABLE" PROGRAM TO HELP WOMEN TECH ENTREPRENEURS EXPAND AND GROW THEIR BUSINESSES**

Founder's Table, kicked off September 19th and will provide support, mentorship and networking opportunities for female tech entrepreneurs in our province.

There are more than 34,000 women entrepreneurs in Saskatchewan but a gap between the number of male and female entrepreneurs remains. Founder's Table is a made-in-Saskatchewan program that will address this gap through mentorship and education. Over the next six months, female tech entrepreneurs will meet to develop sector specific knowledge and strategy.

"We are blessed to come from a province where successful female business owners are part of an ecosystem that steps up to inspire and mentor new entrepreneurs," Minister Responsible for Innovation Saskatchewan Tina Beaudry-Mellor said. "Founder's Table is an excellent opportunity for women in tech to learn to take their business and management skills to the next level."

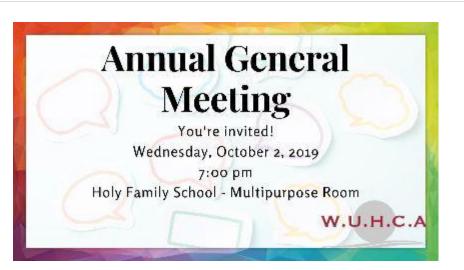
Read the entire news release here.

#### **RATTLERS SEASON TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**



Canadian Elite Basketball League (CEBL) season are NOW AVAILABLE! Lock in your seats to witness fast-paced, high-flying, championship-winning pro basketball NOW by visiting <u>https://www.therattlers.ca/tickets</u> today!

## WUHCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The Annual General Meeting of the Willowgrove University Heights Community Association will be held Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm at Holy Family School - Multipurpose Room.

This is your opportunity to attend and get valuable information and learn more about your local community association. There are also areas that you can volunteer.

### A NEW CANADIAN ECONOMY - A STRONG FOUNDATION



Premier Scott Moe, "Energy, mining, agriculture, fishing, forestry, auto and aerospace manufacturing. These essential elements of our economy have forged our identities as Canadians and have provided an enviable standard of living to Canadians in every region of our country.

We should be proud of each of these primary industries as they provide the foundation for the new Canadian economy of technology, ag biotech, food processing and nuclear research.

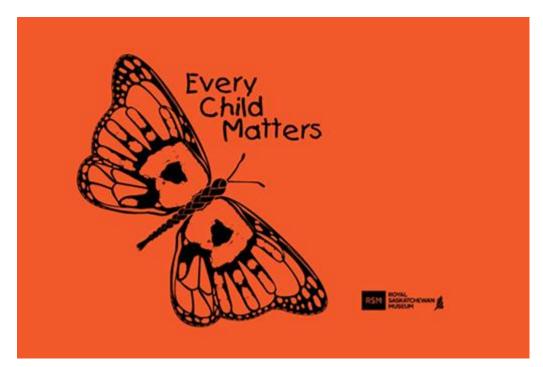
#### MINIMUM WAGE IN SASKATCHEWAN IS \$11.32 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1

Employers and employees are reminded that Saskatchewan's minimum wage will increase to \$11.32 as of Tuesday, October 1. The change, which was announced in June, is the 11th increase since 2007 when the minimum wage was \$7.95.

"Our government continues to introduce minimum wages that are sustainable and predictable," Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister Don Morgan said. "Since 2007 our government has increased the minimum wage by more than 40 per cent. We have also taken approximately 112,000 Saskatchewan residents off the provincial income tax roll, to help families keep more of their pay cheques in their pockets."

Every year Saskatchewan's minimum wage is calculated using an indexation formula. In 2010, the government introduced the formula, which gives equal weight to changes to the Consumer Price Index and Average Hourly Wage for Saskatchewan. This annual review provides regular and predictable changes to the minimum wage.

Increases are announced by June 30 and take effect on October 1 of each year.



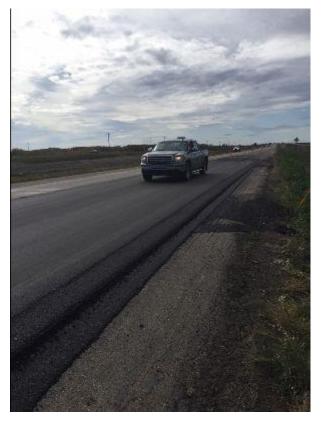
#### **EVERY CHILD MATTERS - ORANGE SHIRT DAY AT THE RSM**

The Royal Saskatchewan Museum (RSM) will commemorate residential school survivors and their families by hosting events in honour of Orange Shirt Day.

"Thank you to the RSM for once again educating people and promoting awareness about the impacts of the residential school system," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. "Sharing stories from survivors and Indigenous storytellers is an important step in the reconciliation process."

The Orange Shirt movement was inspired by Phyllis Webstad. In the fall of 1973, she was a sixyear-old Indigenous girl living in BC, who was stripped of her new orange shirt on her first day of residential school. Forty years later, Orange Shirt Day was declared nationally on September 30, 2013, as a symbol to honour survivors and their families and to serve as a reminder that every child matters.

Click here to read the entire news release and learn more about Phyllis Webstad's story.



#### \$66 MILLION HIGHWAY TWINNING PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION AT VANSCOY

A \$66 million twinning project is nearing completion on Highway 7. The third and final phase of newly twinned highway around Vanscoy will be opening to traffic within the next week, weather permitting. The 12 kilometres (km) of new lanes around Vanscoy will complete 31 kms of Highway 7 twinning between Saskatoon and Delisle.

"Highway 7 is a busy corridor for commuters and shippers who transport goods to national and international markets," Health Minister Jim Reiter said on behalf of Highways and Infrastructure

Minister Greg Ottenbreit. "This twinning project, and the new passing lanes between Delisle and Kindersley, provides more opportunities to pass safely which helps traffic flow efficiently."

Click here to read the entire news release.

## ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASE

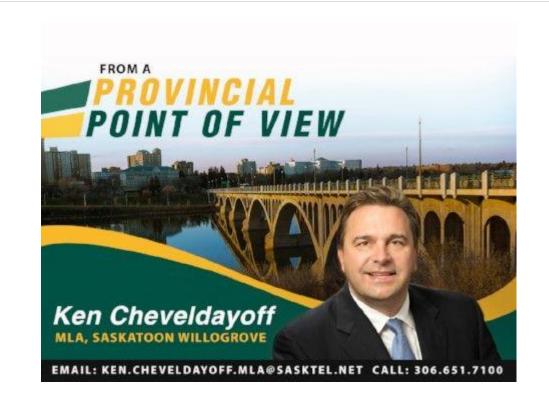


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#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

There's nothing better than a fall night by the fire. But did you know you can spread invasive pests and diseases through your firewood? Avoid the spread of invasive species in your firewood by buying and burning local firewood.



#### **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 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.

#### THOUGHT OF THE DAY



Do not educate your child to be rich. Educate him to be happy. So when he grows up, he'll know the value of things, not the price.

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