

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



## Provincial Point of View

September 25, 2014

### IT'S TIME TO BUILD THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL!



What a great day today as ground broke for the New Children's Hospital in Saskatoon! I will never forget the feeling I had in the legislature when funding for the Children's Hospital was announced. It was a wonderful feeling knowing that our children will get the best care right here in our province. I had that same feeling today as Premier Wall and a group of beautiful children participated in the ground breaking ceremony for a new state of the art Children's Hospital. So many people have worked tirelessly to see this historic day. It truly is a vision come true.

**This is a special day for many, but especially those who understand the need for such a facility because of personal experience. Today is only possible because of the hard work and dedication of patients, families, staff, and the project team dedicated to building the Children's Hospital.**

**My sincere thanks and gratitude to the exceptional support staff of the Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan. Thank you Brynn Boback-Lane and your entire Foundation staff for going above and beyond in advancing this project. And of course, thank you to board members, staff and the many generous donors, individual, corporate and community for believing in the project and supporting the Foundation. Each and every one of you have worked together to make this dream a reality.**

**See full news release:**

**[Construction Begins on Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan](#)**

**Children, their families and project partners celebrated a major milestone for the Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan (CHS) with a ground-breaking ceremony at the construction site.**

**"Our government is fulfilling our promise to build a state-of-the-art maternal and children's hospital," Premier Brad Wall said. "This place of hope and healing will support high quality health care for our province's children and families. This is truly an historic day as we celebrate a hospital made in Saskatchewan, for Saskatchewan."**

**With the support of the government's \$235.5 million investment, the facility design is now finalized and today marks the start of the hospital's construction phase. The initial construction phase includes piling and foundation work – approximately 300 concrete piles will be installed to support the new structure.**

**Construction of the main building will begin in early 2015, with the hospital scheduled for completion in 2017. The 176-bed facility will be located next to the Royal University Hospital on the University of Saskatchewan campus in Saskatoon.**

**"Today is a day so many have been working toward," Saskatoon Regional Health Authority Chair Jim Rhode said. "Planning and designing a hospital takes the passion, dedication and efforts of hundreds of staff, physicians, patients and families. From our earliest days working with government, this has been a journey well worth taking. A journey to outline just what services will be in the new hospital, the funding needed and hiring the right people to help us design a state-of-the-art facility. We met session after session with patients, family, staff and physicians to work through even the most basic design details. Today, we thank all those who have given so**

much and who continue to work tirelessly to prepare for Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan.”

“Today we celebrate and give tribute to every person that has supported the dream of building a children’s hospital for Saskatchewan families,” Children’s Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan President and CEO Brynn Boback-Lane said. “We are grateful that our province is abundant with visionary, generous and dedicated people, who through their collaboration and financial contributions have given life to this vision. We enthusiastically and genuinely thank everyone involved for standing side by side in building Saskatchewan’s new children’s hospital. Together, we are making an important and significant difference in the lives of our children and their families.”

[Construction Begin on Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan](#)

## **SASKATOON SILVER SPRINGS WELCOMES HEADSTART ON A HOME PROJECT**



I was honoured to attend and speak on behalf of my colleague, the Honourable Donna Harpauer, Minister of Social Services and Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Housing Corporation at the official launch of a new housing development in our constituency of Saskatoon Silver Springs.

Construction of the Daxton II project, a new 66-unit apartment style condominium for entry-level homebuyers, is officially underway in Saskatoon. The Government of Saskatchewan provided \$12.2 million in financing assistance to the developer, North Ridge Developments Corporation, through the HeadStart on a Home program. Please see full News Release below.

### **New Condominium Project for Entry-Level Homebuyers Underway in Saskatoon**

"Our housing priorities under the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth are to match the need for housing with supply, to improve housing affordability and to support individuals and families in greatest housing need," Saskatoon Silver Springs MLA Ken Cheveldayoff said on behalf of Social Services Minister and Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Housing Corporation Donna Harpauer. "We are proud to work with our partners to help Saskatchewan families improve their quality of life and grow alongside our province."

"HeadStart on a Home addresses the current need for entry-level homes in our province," Westcap Mgt. Ltd. President and CEO Grant Kook said. "As housing prices increase, homeownership becomes unattainable for many people. As the Fund Manager of HeadStart on a Home, working closely with our Credit Union partners as well as local municipalities like the City of Saskatoon, we are very pleased to report that HeadStart on a Home currently has 1,294 homes either completed or under construction."

[New Condominium Project for Entry-Level Homebuyers in Saskatoon](#)

**PROVINCIAL CREDIT RATING UPGRADED**

GOV'T OF SASKATCHEWAN  
RECEIVES AN UPGRADE TO

AAA

CREDIT RATING

*The highest grade offered by  
Moody's Investors Service of New York*

Saskatchewan 

*Saskatchewan Receives Moody's AAA Credit Rating*

Moody's Investor Services (Moody's) has upgraded Saskatchewan's credit rating to Aaa, its highest level. With the upgrade, Saskatchewan joins the Governments of Canada, Alberta and British Columbia as the only jurisdictions in the country with Moody's highest credit rating.

In its release, the agency said its triple A rating "reflects the province's fiscal discipline and sustained low debt levels, which underscores prudent financial management practices."

Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Ken Krawetz said that the credit rating upgrade confirms the fact that Saskatchewan's economy remains strong, and that the government is doing a good job of managing the finances of the province.

“The Saskatchewan story continues to get even better,” Krawetz said. “It is rewarding to see the highest credit ratings ever assigned to the province of Saskatchewan. This rating underscores a solid record of financial management and fiscal stewardship.”

[Provincial Credit Rating Upgraded](#)

## **CHANGES TO CABINET**

Congratulations to Tim McMillan who has recently accepted the position of President & CEO of Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP). Tim worked hard for the people of Saskatchewan and will be missed. We wish Tim and his family all the best in this exciting new career.

Congratulations to Greg Ottenbreit who has been appointed Minister of Remote and Rural Health. There is no doubt Greg will do an outstanding job in his first Cabinet position. Greg is known as a respected businessman, a family man and a very hard working volunteer and MLA in his Yorkton constituency. All the best to the Honourable Greg Ottenbreit!

As House Leader I look forward to working closely with our new whip, Herb Cox.

## **RETAIL TRADE NUMBERS HIT RECORD IN JULY**

Saskatchewan’s retail trade was thriving in July according to a new report released by Statistics Canada today. Retail trade was \$1.6 billion in July 2014, the highest ever for the month of July, up 5.4 per cent over last year (seasonally adjusted).

“We have a versatile retail sector in Saskatchewan, and a consumer base that is confident about our economy,” Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. “It sets the stage for more purchases, large and small, and is good news for retailers.”

[Retail Trade Numbers Hit Record in July](#)



Sunday, September 28 the NHL is coming back to Saskatoon!

This game is a fantastic opportunity see the fast paced exciting action of the NHL right here in Saskatoon! Don't miss this chance to be in attendance at a great game.

Please visit [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca) for tickets and more information.

I hope to see you at 4:00 pm at Credit Union Centre .

## **SASKATCHEWAN POLYTECHNIC ACT PROCLAIMED**

Advanced Education Minister Kevin Doherty announced the proclamation of The Saskatchewan Polytechnic Act. This Act provides the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST) authority to operate as a polytechnic institution and officially change its name to Saskatchewan Polytechnic.

“This new Act marks a milestone in the history of SIAST and post-secondary education in the province,” Doherty said. “SIAST has earned a reputation for delivering quality education while being responsive to the labour market needs of employers in Saskatchewan. This evolution to Saskatchewan Polytechnic will create even more opportunities for students, resulting in a stronger economy and the continued growth of our province.”

[Saskatchewan Polytechnic Act Proclaimed](#)

## **SWIMMING CANADA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**





Congratulation to Mr. Jim Boire who was awarded the Swimming Canada Volunteer of the Year Award at the Swimming Canada and Canadian Swimming Coaches & Teachers Association Awards and Recognition Reception held September 19.

Jim was recognized for his important contributions over the previous 18-month period as he worked tirelessly to help find solutions for the air quality and water issues as the Shaw Centre.

Jim serves as meet manager for the Saskatoon Goldfins. As parents of a Goldfins swimmer, Trish and I appreciate Jim's outstanding contributions. Thank you and congratulations Jim!

### **DONATION MADE TO CELEBRATE ROYAL VISIT**

Premier Brad Wall announced that a \$5,000 donation would be made on behalf of the province to the Saskatchewan Division of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in honour of His Royal Highness The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex's visit.

"This gift from the people of Saskatchewan will have a direct and positive impact on our youth," Wall said. "His Royal Highness is a strong champion of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and all that it stands for in terms of personal growth and development for our young people. We're very proud to support its ongoing work right here in Saskatchewan."

[Donation Made to Celebrate Royal Visit](#)

### **6TH ANNUAL LOWS IN MOTION SHAKER EARLY-BIRD TICKETS**



# 6<sup>th</sup> Annual LOWS IN MOTION Parkinson's Shaker

presented by



Live Music & Comedy Cabaret  
Featuring Comedian, Bob Marley

November 1st, 2014  
7:00pm - 2:00am  
PrairieLand Park - Hall A

Ticket Prices

Before October 15th

\$60/Ticket

\$480/Table of 8

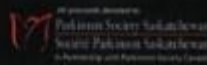
After October 15th

\$75/Ticket

\$600/Table of 8

For information or to purchase tickets visit:

[www.LowsInMotion.com](http://www.LowsInMotion.com)



Last year's Lows in Motion Parkinson's "Shaker" shattered event records, drawing in a sell-out crowd, raising over \$100,000 for Parkinson Society Saskatchewan, and ranking among the top premier events in Saskatoon. This year, the Lows in Motion organizing committee, alongside presenting sponsor Ens Auto, is thrilled to bring you an evening of fun and laughter like you've never seen before.

Those of you who have attended Lows in Motion in years past will agree that the event is not a typical fundraiser. Lows in Motion attracts attendees as young as 20 and as old as 90, all coming together to lead the charge against Parkinson's and create a unique energy reminiscent of a small town wedding celebration. In 2013 the committee welcomed 1,200 people to Prairieland Park, filling the room to capacity and creating valuable awareness about Parkinson's disease.

With only a little over a month to go until the 6th annual Lows in Motion "Shaker," tickets are already nearly 50% sold. Secure yourself, your family, and your friends a table at the most attended Parkinson's fundraiser in Canada by grabbing your tickets today! Please visit [www.lowsinmotion.com](http://www.lowsinmotion.com) for more information.

## **SASKATOON 2 COMPOST DEPOTS OPEN DAILY**

The City of Saskatoon operates two compost depots that are free for residents of Saskatoon: McOrmond Drive Depot, located just north of 8th Street East on McOrmond Drive; and Highway 7 Depot, located at the corner of Highway 7 and 11th Street West.

Beginning on Monday, September 22, until the sites close for the season on November 7 (weather permitting), both locations will operate daily from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

The depots accept leaves, grass, sod, topsoil, and non-elm branches, stumps and tree trimmings, and even Halloween pumpkins. Elm tree clippings or wood is not accepted at any time.

[Saskatoon 2 Compost Depots Open Daily](#)

## **DID YOU KNOW...**

... Saskatchewan's population could top 1.5 million people by 2038, according to new data from Statistics Canada.

... there are 40,475 small businesses in Saskatchewan.

... A new integrated facility will deliver health services in the community of Leader, improving patient access and quality of care to residents.

... For the third consecutive year the Government of Saskatchewan will offer the Community Rink Affordability Grant.

... October is Women's History Month. This year's theme is to highlight Saskatchewan women who have contributed to the growth of the province through the theme "Saskatchewan Women in Sport."

## **JUST THE LINKS**

September 24, 2014 - [Premier Appoints Greg Ottenbreit Minister of Rural and Remote Health](#)

September 22, 2014 - [Government Continues to Support Provincial Rinks](#)

September 19, 2014 - [Changes to the Senior Public Service](#)

September 18, 2014 - [Student Advisors Engagement Complete](#)

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **Engineering for Kids**

Date: September 16 - October 23

When: [View Here](#)

Where: John G Egnatoff Library

### **Culture Days Saskatchewan**

Date: September 26 - 28

When: Daily

Where: [View Here](#)

### **Music Mosaic**

Date: September 28

When: 1:30 pm

Where: River Landing Amphitheatre

### **Edmonton Oilers vs Chicago Blackhawks**

Date: September 28

When: 4:00 pm

Where: Credit Union Centre

### **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**

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

**“The greater the obstacle,  
the more glory in overcoming it.”**

**~ Moliere**

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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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