

# Provincial Point of View September 9, 2017 Check out the action packed weekend in Saskatoon!

## PREMIER NAMES NEW CHIEF OF STAFF



Premier Brad Wall today announced that his long-serving Chief of Staff Joe Donlevy is leaving that position to pursue business opportunities in the private sector. Wall's new Chief of Staff is a very familiar face in Saskatchewan politics – former Deputy Premier Ken Krawetz.

"First, I want to thank Joe Donlevy for his advice and guidance, good judgment and management skills over nine-plus years as my Chief of Staff," Wall said. "It is a difficult job and I understand Joe

is the longest-serving Chief of Staff to the Premier in Saskatchewan history, at least as far back as we have records.

"Thank you Joe for your friendship and for your service to our government and to the people of Saskatchewan."

Wall said he is delighted that long-time MLA and cabinet minister Ken Krawetz has agreed to take over as Chief of Staff for the remaining months of Wall's time in office.

"It's not easy to find someone to step into this role who has the judgment, the organizational skills, the experience and the respect of everyone in government," Wall said. "Ken Krawetz checks all of those boxes. After working closely with Ken for nearly 17 years in opposition and government, I am very happy to be working with him again in my last few months as Premier."

Wall said Krawetz's experience and familiarity with government ministers, MLAs and staff will make it a smooth transition as the government prepares for an active fall session that will keep the province growing stronger.

### PREMIER MAKES CABINET CHANGES

Congratulations to my colleagues on their well deserved appointments to Cabinet



Premier Brad Wall announced a number of changes to the provincial cabinet following the departure from cabinet of five ministers.

Five ministers will remain in cabinet but change portfolios:

- Deputy Premier Don Morgan becomes Minister of Justice and Attorney General, while retaining responsibility for Labour and the Workers' Compensation Board;
- Donna Harpauer becomes Minister of Finance;
- Kevin Doherty becomes Minister of Advanced Education;
- Bronwyn Eyre becomes Minister of Education and Minister responsible for the Status of Women; and
- Dustin Duncan becomes Minister of Environment and Minister responsible for SaskPower,
   SaskWater, the Water Security Agency and the Global Transportation Hub.

Five MLAs are entering cabinet, including four who become ministers for the first time:

- Nancy Heppner re-enters cabinet as Minister of Energy and Resources and Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission;
- Paul Merriman becomes Minister of Social Services and Government Deputy House Leader;
- Steven Bonk becomes Minister of Economy and Minister responsible for Tourism Saskatchewan, Innovation and Trade;
- Larry Doke becomes Minister of Government Relations and Minister responsible for First Nations, Métis and Northern Affairs; and
- Gene Makowsky becomes Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport and Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority.

Six other ministers will retain their current cabinet responsibilities:

- Lyle Stewart remains Minister of Agriculture and Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance;
- Jim Reiter remains Minister of Health;
- Greg Ottenbreit remains Minister of Rural and Remote Health;
- Christine Tell remains Minister responsible for Central Services and Minister responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission and the Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation;
- Joe Hargrave remains Minister responsible for Crown Investments Corporation and Saskatchewan Government Insurance while adding responsibility for SaskEnergy and SaskTel; and
- David Marit remains Minister of Highways and Infrastructure while adding responsibility for SaskBuilds and Priority Saskatchewan.

Greg Brkich becomes the new Government House Leader. Warren Kaeding becomes Legislative Secretary to the Minister responsible for SaskTel (Cellular and Internet Coverage) in addition to his current duties as Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture (Irrigation Expansion).

"This new cabinet provides a strong balance of experience and new perspectives as our government goes through the transition period leading to the selection of the new Premier early in 2018," Premier Brad Wall said. "Before that happens, there is still plenty of work to do and we plan to have a very active fall, to help ensure Saskatchewan keeps growing stronger."

The overall size of the cabinet remains unchanged at 17, including the Premier.

# LOTS HAPPENING IN AND AROUND SASKATOON WILLOWGROVE THIS WEEKEND!

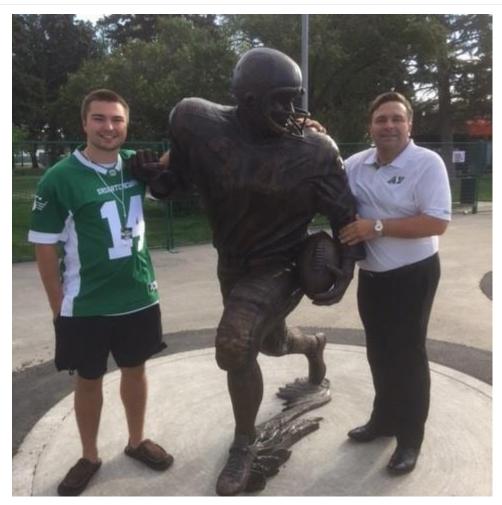


I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the following events this weekend: Each one of these events will be a great place to enjoy family fun. Thank you to the outstanding volunteers that provide such fantastic activities in the community. It will definitely be a great weekend to get out and see you friends and neighbours!

 Fun in the Park, sponsored by the Silverspring Community Association will be held Saturday, September 9th from 12 noon to 4 pm. Free entertainment includes a petty zoo, bouncy castles, balloon twister, Remai Modern Art Caravan, face painting, interactive

- presentation by Saskatoon's run jump throw wheel and new for this year is food trucks. Be sure to plan to attend this fun, family-oriented event! Click here for information.
- The Briarwood Community Association is hosting a community garage sale Saturday,
   September 9 from 8 am 5 pm and the following day, Sunday, September 10, there will be a family barbeque beginning at 11:30 am. in Briarwood Park. Click here to visit their website.
- Willowgrove University Heights Community Association Fun Day in the Park will be held Saturday, September 9 beginning at 11 am in Willowgrove Square. This is always a well attended event with fun for the whole family. Click here to go to their facebook page.
- The Erindale Alliance Church Community Fall Fun Fair will be held Sunday, September 10
  from noon to 3 pm. There will be a food truck, pony rides, a petting zoo, a bouncy house, fun
  fair games, gift basket draws and lots of treats available. Click here for additional
  information.

REED AND LANCASTER STATUES REVEALED AT MOSAIC
STADIUM



Carter and I were honoured to have our photo taken at the statue of George Reed that was recently unveiled at Mosaic Stadium. The statues were revealed last Saturday during the Saskatchewan Roughrider Appreciation Day. The George Reed statue is modeled after a photograph of him calmly looking back as he's running away from defenders. Landcaster's statue shows him handing off the football to all of Rider Nation.

George was on hand for the unveiling. George is still a huge part of Rider Nation and he continues to be one of Saskatchewan's great legends. What a well deserved honour to have these iconic statues of two great friends unveiled in the newly-named "Legends Plaza".

A great weekend in Rider Nation topped off with the first win in the new stadium in the Labour Day Classic!

RENEWAL STICKERS ARE COMING FOR HEALTH CARDS



Renewal stickers for health cards are being mailed to Saskatchewan residents who currently have provincial health coverage. Provincial health cards expire on December 31, 2017.

The stickers will validate health cards for a three year period to December 31, 2020.

"The Saskatchewan Health Card is one of the most valuable cards in your possession as it indicates that you are entitled to health coverage under the provincial health insurance plan," eHealth Saskatchewan CEO Susan Antosh said. "Your health card must be presented when you require medical services, so please ensure that you update your card with the renewal sticker as soon as you receive it."

Click here to read the entire news release.

MORE THAN 179,000 STUDENTS RETURNING TO SCHOOL IN THE FALL; LET'S STAY SAFE AND KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE



Summer is coming to an end, and students are getting ready to return to school. The Ministry of Education, school divisions, and education professionals, including teachers, support staff and bus drivers, are also preparing to ensure a safe school environment for Saskatchewan's more than 179,000 students in the 2017-18 school year.

"September is a very busy time for everyone in education, including students, teachers, school administrators and staff, bus drivers and parents," Education Minister Bronwyn Eyre said. "A lot of changes are happening in our schools this year. Many of our students will return to class in a new learning environment in one of our 21 new schools, including the 18 joint-use schools opening this fall."

Click here to read more.

IN APRIL I WAS PLEASED TO DO A MEMBER'S STATEMENT ON THE NEWS SCHOOLS THAT WERE NEAR COMPLETION - WELL, HERE WE ARE TODAY WITH THE NEW SCHOOLS OPEN FOR THE 2017 SCHOOL YEAR!



I was proud to stand in the legislature to speak about the two new schools nearing completion in our constituency of Saskatoon Willowgrove. Please click here to see my Members Statement.

Friday, September 8th I am looking forward to attending the Sylvia Fedoruk School Opening Celebration. The joint-use school has changed the landscape of our neighbourhood and city, making it an even more attractive place to live and raise a family. What a great new facility for our teachers and students.

SEPTEMBER MARKS CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH



I am sharing a photo of my colleague Greg Ottenbreit taken with his son Brayden. Greg and Leone along with their family and friends have kicked off the 20th year of "Brayden Ottenbreit's Close Cuts for Cancer", raising money for cancer research through the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency. Thank you Greg and Leone for all you do for this worthy cause.

Rural and Remote Health Minister Greg Ottenbreit, along with parents and families, joined together to raise the childhood cancer awareness flag in support of children and youth across the province. Childhood and Youth Cancer Awareness month is widely recognized across the country, as cancer is a leading cause of death among children.

"As a parent who lost a child to this devastating disease, I am all too familiar with childhood cancer," Ottenbreit said. "Through past experience, continuing work, as well as my current journey as a cancer patient, I also know what amazing advancements in treatment and care continue to be realized. Recognizing this important month is another step in improving care and quality of life for patients, and ultimately a cure through awareness. Thank you to those championing this cause and also the health care professionals supporting these cancer warriors every day."

Read the entire news release here.

## CANADIAN COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS IN SASKATOON THIS WEEKEND



Saskatoon will be welcoming Canadian country music's biggest stars this weekend as Saskatoon hosts PotashCorp Country Music Week and the CCMA Awards Show, September 7-10, 2017. This marks the second time Saskatoon has hosted country music's biggest week.

PotashCorp Country Music Week and the CCMA Awards Show, managed by the Canadian Country Music Association, make up a four-day music conference and community celebration, culminating in the nationally-broadcast Awards Show on Sunday, September 10. This is one of the largest music events in Canada, with activities for fans, musicians and industry attendees, including showcase opportunities for new artists, educational seminars, and an all-day FanFest.

I was pleased to work with the bid committee to secure this wonderful event for Saskatchewan. This awesome show of talent is only possible through the dedication of many volunteers. Congratulations to Saskatoon Willowgrove resident Dawn Woroniuk and her team: Diane Boyko, Gerard Cullen, Trish Cheveldayoff, Kaelen Klpak, Shawna Nelson and Mitch Riabko for their outstanding organization of this event.

**CROP REPORT FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 22 TO 28, 2017** 



Released on August 31, 2017Relatively warm and dry weather has allowed producers to continue making good time with harvest, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's Weekly Crop Report. Twenty-six per cent of the crop is now in the bin, well ahead of the five year (2012-2016) average for this time of year of 16 per cent combined. Twenty-four per cent of the crop is swathed or ready to straight-cut.

Harvest is most advanced in the southwestern region, where 49 per cent of the crop is now combined. The southeastern region has 37 per cent combined, the west-central region 23 per cent and the east-central region 14 per cent. The northeastern region has four per cent combined, while the northwestern region has five per cent of the crop in the bin.

Learn more <u>here</u> about the crop report.

WILDFIRE UPDATE



It is a difficult time for the many families that have had to evacuate dangerous areas and leave their homes due to fires burning in the province. I hope everyone is safe. Special thanks to the firefighters working so hard to battle the blazes.

There are 37 active wildfires burning in the province, as far south as the Saskatchewan/Montana border. Jan Bay, Birch Portage and Pelican Narrows continue to have evacuation orders in place and Emergency Social Services is currently supporting more than 2,400 evacuated residents in Saskatoon and Prince Albert. More than 290 wildfire personnel are responding to the fires around Pelican Narrows, in addition to heavy equipment and helicopters, and the air tanker... fleet is available to respond. Three remote structures have been confirmed burned and the owners notified. Sandy Bay has supplies needed for the residents that remain in that community.

There has been an increase in fires in the southern part of the province, including a grassfire in the Glentworth area over the weekend. In addition to Wildfire Management air tankers deployed, local

volunteers and national parks fire services responded and continue to clean-up hotspots in the area today.

Hot and dry weather continues throughout the province and the fire threat level is high, so the fire ban remains in place for all Crown land south of the Churchill River system.

Please respect the fire ban and if you see a fire, call 1-800-667-9660 or 911.

# NSBA ENTRENEURSHIP SERIES A SELL OUT TO HEAR THE STORY OF MURAD AL-KATIB



I was pleased to attend the NSBA Popcorn and Entrepreneurship Series that featured a compelling film premier that captured the attention and imagination of everyone in attendance last week. Murad Al-Katib, President and CEO of AGT Food and Ingredients Inc. was featured as the star of the 2017 Popcorn and Entrepreneurship Series.

I encourage you to click on the link <u>here</u> (credit to NSBA) and watch this inspiring video on entrepreneurial spirit!

Murad was named EY's Canadian Entrepreneur of the Year. He founded AGT's predecessor company, SaskCan PUIse Trading in his REgina basement in 2001. He led the pulse crop processing

company to become a \$1.7-billion-a-year business. Click <u>here</u> to read the article published by Bruce Johnstone, Regina Leader Post.



The marketplace is changing all the time. When a business shuts down there, tends to be big sales and discounts to clear out old inventory before closing the doors for good. Consumers should beware of the risks and pitfalls while hunting for deals during liquidation sales.

Consumer complaints following liquidation sales usually fall under five broad categories; deceptive pricing, returns, warranty support, gift cards and non-delivery. "Sales" with pricing discrepancies/deceptive pricing may violate the unfair practices provisions found in The Consumer Protection and Business Practices Act.

Read the entire news release here.

### **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. | appreciate your feedback.



Willowgrove University Heights Community Association Family Fun Day in the Park

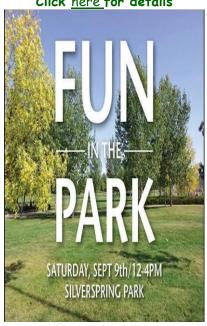
When: Saturday, September 9 beginning at 11 am

Where: Willowgrove Square



## Saskatoon Silverspring Fun Day in the Park

When: September 9, 12 - 4 pm
Click here for details



## Broadway Street Fair

When: September 9, 10 am - 5 pm

Where: Broadway Avenue Click here for information



Chris Hendrickson Photography

## Briarwood Family BBQ

When: Sunday, September 10, 1 - 3 pm

Where: Briarwood Park



## Erindale Alliance Church Community Fall Fun Fair

When: Sunday, September 10 from noon - 3 pm
Where: Erindale Alliance Church, 310 Perehudoff Crescent

Click <u>here</u> for more information



## **Community Fall Fun Fair**

Sunday, Sept. 10 Noon - 3:00 pm www.erindalealliance.ca

## Ovarian Cancer Walk of Hope

When: Sunday, September 10 from 10 am to mid afternoon

Where: Windy Acres, Highway 60, Saskatoon

Click <u>here</u> for details



## Canadian Country Music Association Awards

When: September 10

Tickets on Sale Now, click here for details



## TICKETS ON SALE NOW SEPT 10, 2017 \* SASKATOON

FACTOR Canada

Original 16 Country Concert Series at Rock Creek



Saskatoon Firefighters IAFF 80 Annual September 11th Memorial

## Ceremony

Where: 6 Hall - 3309 Taylor Street East, 6:30 pm

When: September 11th

Facebook: @iaff80 Saskatoon Firefighters Local 80 IAFF



## 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



#### Biotech Week 2017

When: September 20 - 27

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



NHL Pre-Season Game in Saskatoon
When: Wednesday, September 27 at 7 pm
Where: SaskTel Centre
For tickets, click here

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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### **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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