



From a Provincial Point of View

March 18, 2011

PROVINCIAL BUDGET DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

There are still seats available if you would like to attend the Budget Speech at the Legislature Wednesday, March 23rd. If so, please call 651-7100. It would be my pleasure to host you for the event. If you are unable to attend, you can watch Minister of Finance, Honourable Ken Krawetz live on your computer. Check out the streaming video online at <http://www.legassembly.sk.ca/broadcast/chambermedia.htm>. If you're near a television, it's SaskTel MAX Channel 20 or Shaw Cable Channel 106.

SASKATCHEWAN ENERGUIDE FOR HOUSES PROGRAM RENEWED TO FALL 2013

I was pleased when my colleague, Minister Duncan announced the Saskatchewan EnerGuide for houses program has been renewed by the Government of Saskatchewan. I encourage homeowners to look at energy efficient home upgrades and this program will allow a more affordable cost. More than 38,000 homeowners have used this program and removed more than 112,000 greenhouse gas emissions from our environment. That is the equivalent of taking more than 20,000 cars off the road! For more information, please visit SaskEnergy's website at http://www.saskenergy.com/saving_energy/energuide.asp.

SASKATCHEWAN PARTNERS WITH RICK HANSEN INSTITUTE IN FUNDING FOR DISABILITY INITIATIVE



Mr. Rick Hansen joined us at the legislature on Tuesday, March 15th for an announcement of spinal cord injury research and disability funding. The Government of Saskatchewan in partnership with The Rick Hansen Foundation, along with Social Services Minister June Draude and Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Hutchinson participated in this special announcement. Rick continues to be such an inspiration to us all and it is always a real honour and privilege to have the opportunity to visit with him.

Our government committed more than \$4.3 million for a comprehensive five year Saskatchewan based initiative, in partnership with the national Rick Hansen Institute. Social Services Minister June Draude, said, "Saskatchewan is extremely proud to be the second province in Canada to commit to a Rick Hansen Institute Initiative joining Mr. Hansen's home province of British Columbia. We strongly encourage the other provinces and territories in Canada, and the federal government, to make similar significant commitments on behalf of Canadians with spinal cord injuries and other people with disabilities and their organizations."

SASKATOON CHILD CARE SPACES RELOCATING

The Government of Saskatchewan is providing \$395,000 in funding to assist with renovation costs associated with relocating 58 child care spaces operated by the Parents' Child Development Cooperative (PCDC) from its long-time location in Bethel United Church to two schools in the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools division (GSCS). The move was made necessary by the impending sale of the Bethel United Church property, requiring PCDC to move out of the building by June 30, 2011. The 58 spaces will be relocated in two new, smaller early learning centres at St. Bernard and St. Philip schools in Saskatoon. Support from staff, parents, elected officials and the community was tremendous, demonstrating the importance of keeping these spaces available for Saskatoon families. The new partnership with GSCS means that high-quality care and programs that nurture young children's confidence and creativity, with the added value of being part of the schools' communities.

All new schools in the division will be built with space for licensed day cares, including the new St. Mary Community School in Willowgrove.

GREEK GOURMET FEAST AN HUGE SUCCESS!

The gracious hosts of 12 years, Bill, Manoli and Louis Barlas carried on a tradition of Greek hospitality to the capacity crowd at Mano's Restaurant.

Proceeds from this year's Greek Gourmet Feast will support Royal University Hospital's Royal Vital Care Campaign – an important initiative to bring the newest generation of defibrillators and vital sign monitoring equipment to the University Hospital.

It was a fantastic evening! To see the community come together to support this worthy cause was heartwarming. It was indeed a pleasure to have the opportunity to attend and enjoy the wonderful entertainment and the delicious traditional Greek Dinner.

Special thanks to Patty Timmerman, Erin Rohlicek and Michelle Wildeman and all organizers and volunteers of the 27th Greek Gourmet Feast for the extraordinary work they do to make such a difference for patients and their families.

SUPPORT FOR JAPAN

The world has watched in horror the catastrophic events unfolding in Japan. Our government is taking action to support the Japanese people in their hour of need by committing \$250,000 through the Red Cross to assist with relief efforts. Our prayers and condolences go out to those who have lost loved ones or have family members missing. Saskatchewan people are always quick to lend a hand to their neighbours and those in need and this is no exception.

Tony Baumgartner with Enterprise Saskatchewan was in Japan at the time. I am so pleased he has arrived home safe and sound.



George Tastad, Alice Tastad and Ken

SLOSH, SPLISH, SPLASH

I sincerely thank the City of Saskatoon crews for the incredible work they have done throughout a challenging winter. Their tireless efforts are appreciated and we are grateful.

As a motorist:

- Slow down when you encounter a pothole or a puddle of water; to avoid possible damage to your vehicle and splashing pedestrians
- Increase the distance between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you to give yourself more time to see potholes and puddles
- Avoid driving through puddles with straight edges as they could be covering a settled pavement

I enjoy the opportunity to spend time with constituents like George and Alice Tastad. George and Alice make our community and province a better place.

cut for or sewer repairs and permanent patching isn't possible

As a homeowner:

- Remove snow from around your home's foundation and window wells
- Most lots drain along the outside edges. Remove snow from these areas
- Keep the snow in your yard because shoveling it on the streets or lanes could block drainage
- Clear snow and ice from around the bottom of our downspouts and extend downspouts at least two metres so water drains away from your foundation
- Where possible and safe, help clear snow, ice and debris from the catch basins in your area
- Check roof and eaves troughs for excessive snow
- Consider using sandbags to block water from entering low lying areas beside your foundation

To report potholes and settled pavement cuts call Public Works at 975-2476.

To report streets or areas with excessive ponding call Public Works Branch 975-2491.

City of Saskatoon crews continue to work seven days a week to clear snow and ice to aid in the drainage of the spring snowmelt. Keep up the great work!

Thought of the Day

"You don't stop laughing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop laughing." Michael Pritchard

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Did You Know???

- Canada Census Day will take place in May 2011. Statistics Canada will be hiring nearly 35,000 field staff across Canada. This includes about 30,000 enumerators and 5,000 crew leader. If you are interested in a job call 1-866-773-2011 or apply on line www.census32011.gc.ca
- Saskatchewan has the largest potash industry in the world and accounts for over 50% of the global reserves.

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