



From a Provincial Point of View

May 13, 2011

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION RECEIVES \$500,000!



I had the privilege of attending a very exciting announcement at the beautiful Wanuskewin Heritage Park when Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority announced a \$500,000 donation to Saskatchewan's new children's hospital. This donation will significantly help services for women with complicated pregnancies.

SIGA's designated donation to the Antepartum Unit of the Children's Hospital shows their support and investment in the future of our province.

The new antepartum unit will have top notch equipment and will allow families to take part in patient care. As Zane Hansen, president of SIGA said, "Our children deserve the best and the children's hospital will make a huge difference in the lives of our province's children and their families."

Saskatchewan is known around the world for our resource wealth, but the most precious resource is our children. It was fantastic to join Brynn Boback Lane, President and CEO of the Children's Hospital Foundation to witness this significant contribution from SIGA.

I look forward to continuing to work with every citizen in Saskatchewan as we realize the dream of a new Children's Hospital.

Ken and Zane Hansen

BHP BILLITON RELOCATION OF MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS TO SASKATOON

The consolidation of the management of its Canadian mining operations in Saskatoon is great news for the province and further confirmation of the province's robust mining industry.

The company announced it will be relocating its Diamond and Specialty Products business in the coming months from Vancouver to Saskatoon. This division of the company has responsibility for BHP Billiton's Saskatchewan potash projects as well as a diamond mine in the Northwest Territories and a mineral project in South Africa.

Thirty positions are expected to be added to BHP's Saskatoon office, which currently employs 69 people. The leadership team from Vancouver will be part of the move, including new Diamond and Specialty Products President Tim Cutt.

BHP Billiton is one of a number of new companies involved in Saskatchewan's potash industry along with other international companies such as Vale and K & S Aktiengesellschaft. Boyd said the heightened interest in Saskatchewan potash shows an appreciation for both the rich and abundant resources here and the attractive business climate Saskatchewan offers for the industry.

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THANK YOU – SASKATCHEWAN SENIORS

In an effort to improve the safety and security of our seniors, government has introduced a new home security program for low-income seniors and those who have been victims of home invasions. Seniors can take advantage of a free home security audit and have the appropriate security devices such as deadbolts, viewers, and smoke and carbon monoxide detectors installed in their homes for no cost. This added protection, that many would not be able to afford otherwise, will help to provide peace of mind to our seniors and their families. Prince Albert was selected to pilot the security initiative because of the large number of senior citizens who will benefit from the program. Once the program is rolled out province-wide, approximately 13,000 households will be eligible.

Saskatchewan's seniors have given so much of their time and energy to help shape and grow this province. This program is an opportunity to give back to them.

NAIG BID COMMITTEE READY TO BRING HOME THE GAMES

A partnership comprised of The Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN), Saskatchewan's Nation, the Province of Saskatchewan and the City of Regina is bidding for Regina to play to the 2014 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG).

At a media conference at Regina's Hall Tuesday afternoon, representatives from the partner groups announced that they will tomorrow for Moncton, New Brunswick where they will make their bid presentation today, Friday, May



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I had the opportunity to represent Premier Brad Wall and the provincial government and stated

The Minister with Regina City Councilor Chris Szarka and FSIN Vice Chief Morley Watson

that the Government of Saskatchewan is honoured to be a partner with the FSIN and the City of Regina in the bid for the 2014 North American Indigenous Games. Our accessibility for all provinces, our sporting and hospitality venues, and our welcoming citizens will make these games the most successful ever.

The only other North American Indigenous Games held in Saskatchewan took place in Prince Albert in 1993. Team Saskatchewan has won the overall championship in six out of the seven NAIG held since their inception in 1990.

PROVINCE PROCLAIMS WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS WEEK IN SASKATCHEWAN

The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed the week of May 9 to 15 as Women Entrepreneurs Week.

The aim of this special week is to promote entrepreneurship for women, and to recognize the central role that businesswomen play in Saskatchewan's current and future economic growth and performance.

Saskatchewan women own and operate approximately one-third of Saskatchewan's businesses and are a significant force in the business community. Women entrepreneurs are seizing opportunities to apply their talents, skills and knowledge to positively impact economic growth and prosperity.

Entrepreneurs are contributing significantly to the creation of jobs creation in Saskatchewan: In 2010, more than 33,000 women were self-employed, representing the highest number in a decade; and 4,400 more women were self-employed in 2010 than in 2007.

Since 1995, the Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan Inc.'s contributions to the economy and to women entrepreneurs include: \$20.4 million in start-up, expansion or purchasing capital loaned to entrepreneurs which leveraged an additional \$16.1 million; help to more than 35,000 women with information and pathfinding services and delivery of business training sessions to more than 17,000 women.

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NARCISSE ALL-STAR FOOTBALL CAMP



My son Carter along with Lennon Brown, Jesse Okrainetz and Liam Graham had a fantastic day last Saturday at the Don Narcisse football camp at Mosaic Stadium.

The boys had an unforgettable day. They were exposed to Rider legends and had the wonderful opportunity to learn from the best. They especially enjoyed the tour of the Roughriders' locker room.

Congratulations and thank you to the organizers of this phenomenal camp. It was great to see the hundreds of young football players interact with the professional athletes.

SASKATCHEWAN TALENT AND CULTURE WINS OVER THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Saskatchewan artists of all genres and styles were the talk of Ottawa at the Prairie Scene festival which wrapped up on Sunday, May 8.

"The excitement of opening night carried on throughout the festival, not only with our artists but with the thousands who came out to attend activities," Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Bill Hutchinson said.

Hutchinson was in Ottawa to help launch the festival on April 26.

During the 13 days of Prairie Scene more than two hundred Saskatchewan artists or their work were showcased in 80 venues around the national capital region. Heather Moore, the Artistic Director, called Prairie Scene "the best scene so far" in regards to box office sales compared to those at similar events devoted to other regions of the country.

In their review of Prairie Scene, Canadian Art, an online art magazine, said that "as art scenes go, there is perhaps no place with more creative punch per capita than the Prairie region."

Overall attendance numbers should come from the National Arts Centre soon, and they are expected to be very positive as many events and exhibits sold out over the two weeks. Tourism Saskatchewan reports that close to 500 people visited the famous green screen to take home a photo memory of their virtual visit to Saskatchewan, while more than 5,000 have visited prairiescene.sasktourism.com to read the blog and watch videos.

Prairie Scene's final weekend featured some special events from Saskatchewan and partner province Manitoba. On Saturday, in the spirit of Rider Pride and the cross-promotion between arts and sport, Enterprise Saskatchewan held an impromptu touch football game on Parliament Hill. After the game, the two provinces hosted an old fashion prairie social featuring Rolling Stone Magazine Cover Contestants, The Sheepdogs, and rock n' roll legends Bachman & Turner and back-up band Cease and Desist.

FLOODING AFFECTING PROVINCIAL PARKS

The Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport is working to mitigate flooding impacts in provincial parks around Saskatchewan. However, campers wanting to visit their favorite parks on or before the May long weekend should check www.saskparks.net before heading out.

Parks personnel are working tirelessly to deal with the abnormally high water levels but flooding has had a big impact there, as it has in other areas of the province. Residents who are now planning their summer vacations need to be aware that there will be some disruptions in services at our provincial parks.

Parks staff will be in contact with seasonal campers and those who have a reservation in the affected parks.

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SASKATCHEWAN MAJOR CITIES TOP ECONOMIC GROWTH IN 2011

The Conference Board of Canada released a report today that indicates Saskatoon and Regina will have the first and third highest economic growth rates in the country in 2011.

Saskatoon is forecast to have a 4.1 per cent increase in economic growth, the highest among major Canadian cities. Regina is expected to have a 3.1 per cent growth rate, ranking third in the study.

The increased economic activity in mining and energy will benefit the Saskatoon and Regina economies giving Saskatchewan an edge over other regions of Canada. These resources are creating not only advantages for business, but making us an attractive place for investors.

According to the report, Saskatoon, Edmonton and Regina are predicted to average the highest economic growth rates from 2012 to 2015.

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SASKGAMING CELEBRATES RESPONSIBLE GAMING AWARENESS WEEK

May 9 marks the official start of SaskGaming's Responsible Gaming Awareness Week at Casinos Regina and Moose Jaw.

SaskGaming is committed to the health and well-being of our guests, and to providing those with the information they need to make responsible decisions when they choose to visit our casinos .I encourage everyone to join us for Responsible Gaming Awareness Week to learn more about the services that we and our partner agencies offer.

Responsible Gaming Awareness Week runs from May 9 to 13 at Casinos Regina and Moose Jaw. A number of interactive education sessions will be held where guests can learn about how games and payouts work, get tips on budgeting their time and money and find out where to get help if there is a problem.

SaskGaming's responsible gaming program also includes mandatory responsible gaming training for all employees, Responsible Gaming Information Centres (RGICs) on the gaming floor at Casinos Regina and Moose Jaw, a team of specially-trained Responsible Gaming Specialists at Casinos Regina and Moose Jaw, a variety of educational and awareness materials, and an innovative computer program that assists in identifying patterns of play that may suggest an individual is experiencing difficulty with gambling.

For details on SaskGaming's responsible gaming program and a schedule of events, please visit www.saskgaming.com.

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

“Science has never drummed up quite as an effective a tranquilizing agent as a sunny spring day”. Earl Hall

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DID YOU KNOW ???

- Bicycle Safety Week is May 15-21, 2011
- The Conference Board of Canada estimates the Saskatoon CMA population to increase from an estimated 271,000 people in 2011 to 292,000 people by 2015, an increase of 7.7% over a five year period. This population increase is the equivalent of adding on the 4th largest city in Saskatchewan

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