



From a Provincial Point of View

June 10, 2011

KEVIN CHEVELDAYOFF NAMED GENERAL MANAGER OF THE NEW NHL WINNIPEG FRANCHISE!



It was an exciting week for all of us as my brother was named GM of Winnipeg's new NHL Franchise!

I am very proud of Kevin as he realized his lifelong dream of becoming an NHL General Manager!

Kevin is looking forward to his new role with enthusiasm and excitement and I know he'll do a great job. As Kevin said, "I think it's my greatest short-term excitement. I can talk about the passion that True North has exuded, and the passion in the city of Winnipeg that everyone has been hearing about. When I talk to the players I'm going to talk about the hockey environment that we're going to create, and that we're going to create something that they are going to be proud of, and that the fans of Manitoba are going to be proud of."

I was so proud of Kevin's passionate self-introduction at the press conference in Winnipeg last Wednesday. He promised the bar will be set high and people will be pushed hard to excel. As a leader, he laid out his philosophy on those who will support and surround him when it comes to making decisions.

On behalf of my mother, Lucy, and my entire family I sincerely thank everyone for the many kind messages we received following this exciting announcement.

\$30 MILLION TO NEW ART GALLERY OF SASKATCHEWAN

I was so pleased to be in attendance at the news conference at the future site of the gallery at River Landing last week as Ellen Remai made a donation of \$30 million!

Saskatoon's \$84 million riverfront art gallery will be known as the Remai Art Gallery of Saskatchewan.

The Frank and Ellen Remai Foundation made the pledge, the foundation's largest-ever contribution.

It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm of the more than 100 dignitaries present for the announcement. The gallery is set to open in 2015 as Saskatoon becomes home to a state-of-the-art gallery!

LOCAL LEADERS RECOGNIZED AT TOURISM LEADERSHIP CELEBRATION

I was pleased to attend the Tourism Leadership celebration on Wednesday, June 8th. Saskatoon Sports Tourism and the Saskatoon Hotels Association announced the recipients of the 2011 Saskatoon Shines Tourism Leadership Celebration Awards. My sincere congratulations to the 2011 recipients:

- Slawko Kindrachuk – Chair, Ukrainian Day in the Park
- Brad Sylvester – Chair, Optimist Club Canada Day Celebrations
- Brenda Mundell – Chair, Pionera
- Vice Chief Lyle Whitefish – Chair, FSIN/SIGA Pow Wow
- Neil Collins – Chair, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers All Canada Progress Meeting, 2010
- Scott Banda – Chair, Federated Co-Operatives Conferences and Meetings, 2010
- Virginia Wittrock – Co-Chair Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society Conference, 2013
- Craig Smith - Co-Chair Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society Conference, 2013
- Steve Carroll – Chair, Summer Senior Diving Nationals, 2010
- Carol Benkic – Chair, Speedo Western Swimming Championship, 2010
- Basil Hughton – Chair, CIS Men's Hockey Championship Bid, 2013 & 2014 and CIS Men's Volleyball Championship Bid, 2015



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Ken with recipients of the Tourism Leadership Awards

As Todd Brandt, President and CEO of Tourism Saskatoon said, "So much of our tourism economy, including revenues and employment, is dependent upon the willingness of local leaders coming forward and saying, 'I am willing to commit!' Hosting events of any type takes a great amount of time and energy, but the final results are so appreciated."

Congratulations to all of the recipients and to the organizers of this great event!



Ken & Brad Sylvester

Saskatoon Silver Springs constituent Brad Sylvester was one of the worthy recipients and was acknowledged for his extraordinary effort. Brad has 28 years of business experience in the private sector in various sales and management roles, all based out of Saskatchewan. His current role as District Manager, Manitoba/Saskatchewan, Kruger Products L.P., Consumer Products Division, includes district, western region and national operational responsibilities along with managing the business relationship with a Saskatoon-based Key Account.

Investing time and effort into the community is important to Brad. He was awarded the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal for community service, in 2005. Brad is currently Chair of Optimist Canada Day in Saskatoon at

Diefenbaker Park, has served as chair since 2002 and has been part of Optimist Canada Day since 1994. He has served as chair of the Municipal Planning Commission, city of Saskatoon, and was a member of the commission from 2003 to 2009. He is currently a member of the District Planning Commission, Saskatoon/RM Corman Park, as well as a member of both the Optimist Club of Saskatoon and ACT/UCT service clubs. He continues to volunteer in his community for the COP (Citizens on Patrol) program.

Originally from Winnipeg, Brad has made his home in Saskatchewan since 1982. Married, with two children, the family has made Saskatoon home since 1992.



Ken & Scott Banda

Scott Banda, also a Saskatoon Silver Springs constituent is Chief Executive Officer of Federated Co-operatives Limited (FCL).

In his position, Scott is ultimately responsible for all aspects of FCL's operations. Scott joined FCL in 2002 as the Legal Affairs Manager. In November 2004, he was appointed to the position of Vice-President, Corporate & Legal Affairs and in February 2010 he was appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer.

Following graduation from University of Saskatchewan Law School in 1990, Scott articulated and practiced in Saskatoon. He later served as the General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Saskatchewan Crown Investments Corporation and was the Manager, Legal Affairs and

Corporate Secretary with AREVA Resources Canada Inc. prior to joining FCL. Scott also holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of Saskatchewan. Scott is a graduate of the Banff School of Advanced Management.

In the past, Scott has served on numerous boards including the Board of Saskatoon Co-op.

Scott and Tracy have two daughters – Spencer and Paige.

TY GITZEL WINS FIRST PLACE IN GRADE 7 IMMERSION AT CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE

Congratulations Ty!

Ty's speech impressed people from all over the province as he competed and won first place in the grade 7 Immersion at Concours d'art oratoire. Canadian Parents for French works to create and promote French-second-language learning opportunities for the children of Saskatchewan.

There are thirteen local chapters around the province that provide programs and support for parents and children in their own communities.

If you would like to get involved or find out more about activities in Saskatoon, you can contact their office at 244-6151. The staff members at CPF-SK would be pleased to assist you with your questions or concerns in regards to French-second-language education.



Ty is the son of Saskatoon Silver Springs constituents Bonny and Tim Gitzel. Way to go Ty!! You have made us all proud.

NEW WILLOWGROVE SCHOOLS NAMED

Excitement builds as we eagerly await construction of the Willowgrove School which is part of a partnership among Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools and the City of Saskatoon. The school will include a day care, community space and a Catholic school on the same site.

The new public school in Willowgrove will be named "Willowgrove School". The Catholic division will be named "Holy Family School".

SASKATCHEWAN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ONCE AGAIN THE LOWEST IN CANADA

With a seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 5.0 per cent (well below the national average of 7.4 per cent), Saskatchewan has now had the lowest unemployment rate in Canada for three straight months.

Regina also continues to hold its own among major Canadian cities, with an unemployment rate of 5.4 per cent - the lowest in the country (tied with Hamilton). Regina also saw a year-over-year employment increase of 3,000.

"As Saskatchewan's economy gathers momentum, more and more people are seizing the opportunities our province has to offer," Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration Minister Rob Norris said. "The ability of our people to directly benefit from that growth is a cornerstone of the Saskatchewan Advantage."

There were 535,900 people working in Saskatchewan in May 2011, a year-over-year increase of 2,400 and a record for the month of May.

Noting that six of Canada's nine major economic forecasters are calling on Saskatchewan to lead the nation in growth, Norris expressed optimism that Saskatchewan will remain a place of opportunity for job seekers.

"With the lowest unemployment rate in the country and ever-growing prospects, Saskatchewan continues to be the place to be for skilled workers," Norris said.

Norris added that with almost 9,000 jobs posted today on www.saskjobs.ca, opportunities are available in hundreds of communities across the province.

CELEBRATE TOURISM AWARENESS WEEK FROM JUNE 5-11

Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Bill Hutchinson and Tourism Saskatchewan President and CEO Dr. Lynda Haverstock kicked off Tourism Awareness Week by announcing Saskatchewan's new resident awareness campaign today at Government House in Regina. Tourism Awareness Week runs from June 5-11.

[Read more. . .](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

“The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time.”

Abraham Lincoln

JUST THE HEADLINES – www.gov.sk.ca/news

Jun. 10, 2011 - SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AND ENTREPRENEURS
Jun. 9, 2011 - JUNE LAND SALE YIELDS \$41 MILLION
Jun. 9, 2011 - SASKTEL EXTENDS 4G WIRELESS COVERAGE TO 15 MORE LOCATIONS
Jun. 7, 2011 - HONOURING SASKATCHEWAN'S PROTECTIVE SERVICES PERSONNEL
Jun. 7, 2011 - MINISTER TO ADDRESS CANADIAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Jun. 6, 2011 - EXPLORING SASKATCHEWAN'S HUMAN HISTORY

DID YOU KNOW ? ? ?

There is a lot to do in Saskatoon this summer. See “Summer Time Fun”, the insert in Thursday, June 9 Star Phoenix for information on activities, camps, lessons and more this summer.

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 to recognize anyone or have your event mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call me.



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