



From a Provincial Point of View

June 15, 2012

Ken Cheveldayoff

I INVITE YOU TO “PICNIC IN THE PARK” ON JUNE 20TH

Join **Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA** for
Saskatoon Silver Springs Annual

PICNIC IN THE PARK



Wednesday June 20th, 2012
Saskatoon Forestry Farm 4pm – 8pm

FAMILY FUN!

Come and enjoy a FREE BBQ with entertainment and door prizes to be won!

Musical acts include:

Topher Mills from 4:15 to 5:15
Kal Houard from 5:30 to 6:30
BULLRUSH from 7:00 to 7:45

Children's Entertainment includes:

Professor Fun Stuff
Fire Truck Rides
Balloon Artistry and Face Painting

- Please bring your own lawn chairs
- There is a \$2/car gate fee
- If you have any questions or require additional information contact Bonny @ 955-0353

If you have some time to help out with the Picnic in the Park on June 20, 2012 please stop by our office at 1106A Central Avenue or contact Megan at 651.7100 or email: cheveldayoff.mla.assistant@sasktel.net.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

I hope everyone has a great Father's Day!



INTEREST IS BUILDING FOR THE SASKATCHEWAN ADVANTAGE SCHOLARSHIP

Premier Brad Wall visited Mount Royal Collegiate in Saskatoon today to discuss the new Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship (SAS) program with the school's Grade 12 students. Beginning in 2012, the scholarship will provide Saskatchewan Grade 12 graduates who enroll at a Saskatchewan post-secondary institution with up to \$500 per year to a lifetime maximum of \$2,000 over 10 years.

"Post-secondary education needs to be accessible and affordable for students," Wall said. "Saskatchewan offers many opportunities, and it is our hope that the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship will encourage our high school graduates to continue their studies and build a future here in the province."

The Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship will reduce tuition for students entering post-secondary programs starting after April 1, 2012, and applies to a broad array of Saskatchewan post-secondary institutions and programs that are recognized for Canada-Saskatchewan Student Loans.

"In addition to the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship, our government has invested in other scholarships, bursaries and grants to benefit our province's post-secondary students," Wall said. "We also offer the Graduate Retention Program which provides a tuition refund of up to \$20,000 to post-secondary graduates that choose to live in Saskatchewan."

It is estimated that 8,450 high school and GED graduates will benefit from the SAS each year.

CANADA AND SASKATCHEWAN WORKING TOGETHER TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Canada's Environment Minister Peter Kent and Saskatchewan's Minister of Environment Ken Cheveldayoff announced today that they are working toward an equivalency agreement on coal-fired electricity greenhouse gas regulations.

Both governments wish to avoid duplication of effort to control greenhouse gas emissions, and are working together to ensure that industry does not face two sets of regulations. An equivalency agreement would see the federal regulations stand down in favour of a provincial regulation, as long as the provincial regulation achieves an equivalent or better environmental outcome.

"The Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan are steadfast in their commitment to address climate change," said Kent. "We remain focused on our mutual goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from coal-fired electricity, but want to ensure that Saskatchewan has the flexibility to choose an approach that best suits its circumstances."

"Saskatchewan looks forward to working with the federal government to negotiate an equivalency agreement that reflects our unique circumstances, and advances the technology and innovation required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions," Cheveldayoff said. "This agreement will provide the flexibility needed to implement clean coal and carbon capture and storage technology at Boundary Dam 3 and other coal-fired plants in Saskatchewan."

[Canada and Saskatchewan Working Together to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions](#)

SASKATCHEWAN PROCLAIMS NATIVE PRAIRIE APPRECIATION WEEK 2012

Agriculture Minister Lyle Stewart and Environment Minister Ken Cheveldayoff have jointly proclaimed June 17 to 23 as Saskatchewan's 14th Annual Native Prairie Appreciation Week.

Native Prairie Appreciation Week (NPAW), the only week in North America that is dedicated to raising awareness and appreciation of native grasslands, began in 1999 by the Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan (SK PCAP). The week provides an opportunity for Saskatchewan residents to recognize and celebrate the value of native prairie ecosystems and their importance to Saskatchewan's provincial, agricultural and environmental sectors.

"Saskatchewan's farming and ranching families are the stewards of our native prairie," Stewart said. "I would like to thank them for their dedication to the preservation of native prairie landscapes."

"Many ranchers have been using native prairie sustainably for generations. They have made their living off of the land while maintaining the habitat necessary to sustain many species of wildlife, including species at risk," Cheveldayoff said. "Through their careful use of the land, the ranchers continue to support local communities and the ecological health and biodiversity of Saskatchewan's prairie."
[Saskatchewan Proclaims Native Prairie Appreciation Week](#)

SASKATCHEWAN FIREFIGHTING AIRCRAFT GONE TO U.S.

Three Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment planes have gone to the United States to help fight wildfires there. The planes will work with United States Forest Service for 10 to 14 days, with a possibility of an extension.

Current forest conditions in Saskatchewan have allowed the ministry to make some of its resources, including these aircraft, available to assist other jurisdictions. A pair of Convair 580A air tankers and one Turbo Commander birddog aircraft, along with eight crewmembers, left Saskatchewan on Tuesday for Boise, Idaho. Staff were briefed before being deployed to Grand Junction, Colorado on June 13 to work under the direction of the United States Forest Service.

"Agreements to share firefighting resources are in place across Canada and the U.S. to make the most effective use of our collective capacity," Environment Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "Saskatchewan has certainly benefitted from resource sharing agreements during times of high fire activity here, so we're pleased to be in a position to assist the U.S. at this time."
[Saskatchewan Firefighting Aircraft Gone to U.S.](#)

SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP WITH NURSES RENEWED

Saskatchewan Union of Nurses, Provincial Government and Health Regions Sign Partnership

As part of a shared commitment to health system transformation and patient first care, Health Minister Dustin Duncan, Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN) President Rosalee Longmoore and the Regional Health Authorities signed a renewal of their partnership agreement today.

"Registered nurses are important partners in bringing about the transformation we're seeing in our health system," Duncan said. "This new partnership provides a wonderful opportunity to continue working together on our shared commitment to a quality health care system where we put the patient first in everything we do."
[Successful Partnership with Nurses Renewed](#)

SASKATCHEWAN RESIDENTS MOST SATISFIED WITH HEALTH CARE

A new poll conducted for the Star shows that Saskatchewan people are more satisfied with their health care system than any other province in the nation.

A full 71 per cent of Saskatchewan respondents were either very satisfied or satisfied with the province's health care system, with 26 per cent saying they were "very satisfied".

MEETING AT FATHER ROBINSON SCHOOL

I had the opportunity to meet with the Father Robinson Parents Association and Educators at Father Robinson school earlier this week. I appreciate the opportunity engage in discussions regarding education in our province.

A big thank you to educators for making this school year so successful.

HOCKEY NIGHT IN CANADA'S PLAY ON! WINNERS

Hockey Night in Canada's Play On! is Canada's official street hockey tournament and largest sports festival which took place in Saskatoon June 9 & 10. The Footlongs won the Under 15 Division, members of the winning team were Shea Stevenson, Riley Keating, Riley Pickett, Braydon Morin, Austin Nerbas and Mackenzie Francis.



SASKATCHEWAN ORDER OF MERIT – HONOURING CITIZENS

Do you know someone who has enriched the lives of others and helped build a better society? These individuals deserve to be recognized for their achievements and contributions to the social, cultural, and economic well-being of the province and its residents.

For further information on the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, please visit the website at www.ops.gov.sk.ca/Protocol.

3RD ANNUAL SASKATCHEWAN SENIOR VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Seniors are the backbone of the community; they built the province up to what it is today. Because of this it is important to celebrate their leadership and commitment to the community.

Saskatchewan Senior's Mechanism is holding their annual Senior Volunteer Awards, with the Honourary Patron this year being Her Honour, The Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan. The Banquet will be held Sunday September 30, 2012 in Regina. Nominees must: be +55, reside in Saskatchewan, be a volunteer, and actively contribute to their community.

This year's deadline for the nominations is **June 15, 2012 12:00pm**.

To receive a nomination package or for more information you can contact the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism at (306) 359-9956 or www.skseniorsmechanism.ca

DID YOU KNOW?

- There are 26,000km of provincial highways in Saskatchewan including municipal roads. Saskatchewan's total road surface is 160,000km – enough roads and highways to circle the equator four times
- We have approximately 1500 employees who live in 99 communities across the province.
- Most of these positions are posted and hired through the Public Service Commission. You can look for weekly job postings and apply right online.

JUST THE HEADLINES

- June 8, 2012 – [Four Headstart on a Home Condominium Developments Underway in Saskatoon](#)
- June 8, 2012 – [New All-Time High for Employment in Saskatchewan](#)
- June 8, 2012 – [Moose Population Increasing in Southern Saskatchewan](#)
- June 11, 2012 – [98 New Campsites to Open at Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park](#)
- June 11, 2012 – [Honouring Saskatchewan's Protective Services Personnel](#)
- June 13, 2012 – [Government of Saskatchewan Expands Partnership with Canadian Red Cross on Emergency Services](#)

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN SASKATOON

Motorcycle Ride for Dad – On the Move Against Prostate Cancer

When: June 16, 2012

Where: Western Development Museum

Time: Registration 8:00am to 10:00am Parade leaves at 10:45am

Saskatoon Silver Springs Picnic in the Park

When: June 20, 2012

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm

Time: 4:00pm – 8:00pm

Board Governance Workshops

If you are interested in board governance, I encourage constituents to consider the following opportunity to participate in workshops on June 19.

You can learn from experienced directors about: the role of a director, how to excel in the boardroom, how to get on boards, and networking skills.

For additional information contact: Dani vanDriel, 653-0488 or dani.vandriel@sasktel.net

SaskTel Saskatchewan's Jazz Festival

When: June 22 to July 1, 2012

Where: Various venues all over Saskatoon as well as the Free Stage, Friendship Park

If you would like your event listed in Provincial Point of View, please contact me at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Dad, your guiding hand on my shoulder will remain with me forever. – Author Unknown

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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