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## Provincial Point of View July 19, 2013

### 2013 LEGISLATIVE INTERNS



I was pleased to have the opportunity to meet with the 2013 Legislative Interns who have spent time working in the Legislature. Jenna Orban, Simon Hutton, Paula Steckler, and Michelle Neufeld are four enthusiastic young individuals who are passionate about Saskatchewan and are doing their part to make our province a better place.

**Over the past several months, the Legislative Interns used their theoretical knowledge in a practical setting.** They have the opportunity to gain first-hand experience with the day-to-day work of elected members of government and opposition.

**If you or someone you know are interested in the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program please visit the [SLIP website](#).**

### **PHOTO RADAR HAS ARRIVED IN SASKATCHEWAN WORK ZONES**

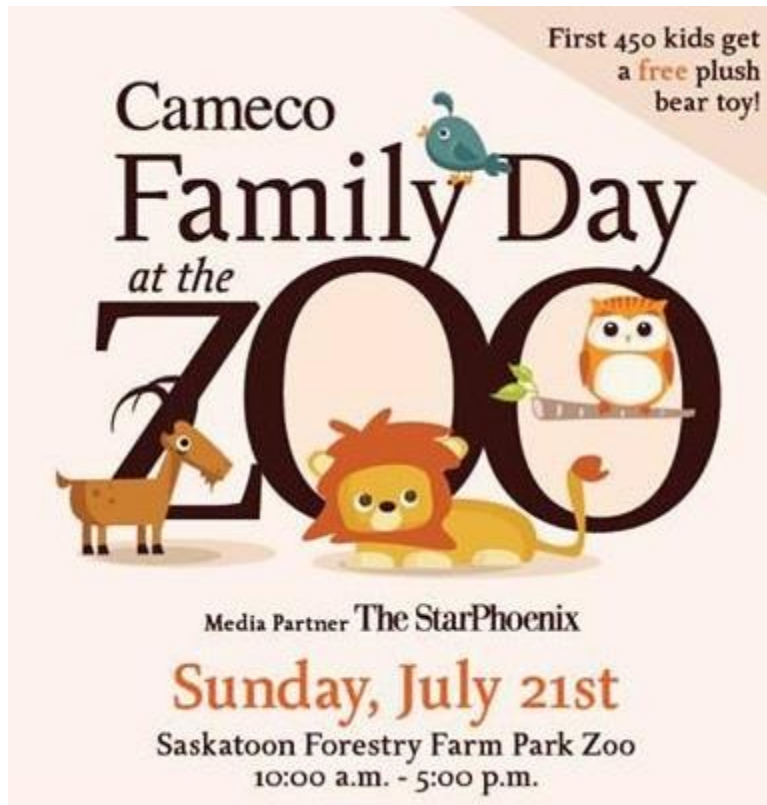
**It's one photo you don't want to be in, and the Government of Saskatchewan doesn't want to see you in.**

**On July 15, photo radar was placed and become operational operational in random highway work zones throughout the province, taking photos of vehicle license plates of drivers observed exceeding the speed limit of 60 km/hr.**

**“Our only goal here is to motivate drivers to obey the law, which will ultimately make the work zone safer and potentially save the life of a worker or motorist,” Prince Albert-Carlton MLA and Chair of the Provincial Traffic Safety Committee Darryl Hickie said on behalf of Minister responsible for Highways and Infrastructure Don McMorris. “If we don't collect one dime of revenue from photo enforcement, that's a good thing - it means people are doing what they're supposed to.”**

**[Photo Radar Has Arrived in Saskatchewan Work Zones](#)**

### **CAMECO FAMILY DAY AT THE ZOO**



I encourage everyone to participate in the Family Day at the Zoo! Cameco is host to this incredible day on Sunday, June 21. The fun family event is a fundraiser to support the Saskatoon Zoo Society's environmental education programs. The day will feature great entertainment along with an opportunity to visit with the zoo's socialized animals, play on the jumping pits, experience an amazing raptor flight show, or simply enjoy a hot dog or hamburger from the BBQ.

The entertainment and shows will take place at various locations around the park including some festivities at the new Lions' Club Pavilion.

The fun begins at 10:00 am and a free plush bear will be given to the first 450 children through the gates. Family entry is \$30, adults are \$15, and children are \$10. Special rates apply for those with a Zoo Society Membership.

Thank you to Cameco for hosting this fabulous fundraising event for the Saskatoon Zoo Society. For more information on the event please [www.saskatoonzoosociety.ca](http://www.saskatoonzoosociety.ca).

**SURGICAL WAIT TIMES CONTINUE TO FALL**

The latest provincial wait time numbers show continued progress toward Saskatchewan's goal of offering all surgical patients a procedure within three months.

"There are now about 9,100 fewer patients waiting more than three months for surgery, than when we began the Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative in April 2010," Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. "People in this province are spending less time waiting for surgery and more time getting on with their lives."

[Surgical Wait Times Continue to Fall](#)

### MANUFACTURING SALES CONTINUE TO LEAD THE NATION

Saskatchewan's economy had manufacturing sales breaking records in May, landing the province in top spot for year-over-year growth for a second straight month. In a Statistics Canada report released today, Saskatchewan's shipments totalled \$1.29 billion, an increase of 16.7 per cent (seasonally adjusted) over May 2012.

"Our province's manufacturers are leaders in the global marketplace because they have built a reputation for producing quality goods that continue to be in high demand around the world," Minister for the Economy Bill Boyd said. "This is the second straight month that our province's manufacturing sales have broken records, which is a direct reflection of the strength and ingenuity of these companies."

[Manufacturing Sales Continue to Lead the Nation](#)

### HERITAGE RIVER DESIGNATION DRAFT LEGACY DOCUMENT



## Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin

*Mission: To promote watershed sustainability through awareness, linkages, and stewardship*

On July 11, the draft Legacy Document was announced to designate the South Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Rivers a Canadian Heritage River.

A Canadian Heritage River is a national designation that services as a catalyst for governments, communities, and local people to take action to protect their river and ensure it remains an important part of their community and their lives. It will not impact on First Nations or Metis rights nor affect current land ownership.

The draft Legacy Document had been prepared through consultations with First Nations, Metis, parks, recreation, heritage and tourism agencies and is a culmination of research and the first phase of public consultation including a "River Gathering" on May 1 at Wanuskewin Heritage park. The Document is the second phase of public consultation where the public and organizations are asked to comment on the recommendations in the draft Legacy Document. The document can be found at [www.saskriverbasin.ca](http://www.saskriverbasin.ca).

Hard copies of the draft Legacy Document are available at my office.

The document will be submitted to the Canadian Heritage River Board in June of 2014. Feel free to provide input any time prior to November 1, 2013.

### SOLUTION TO FLOODING OF HIGHWAY 2 ANNOUNCED JULY 17

On July 17, as Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency, I, along with the Reeve of the Rural Municipality (RM) of Buckland Don Fyrk, announced the RM is constructing a channel that will drain water flooding Highway 2 into the Little Red River. The Water Security Agency completed a survey of the area last Friday and proposed this solution for the RM's consideration. Now that we are proceeding with the work, we expect it will be about 10 days for the water to drain off the highway.

[Solution to Flooding of Highway 2](#)

### TASTE OF SASKATCHEWAN



The 18th Taste of Saskatchewan kicked off Tuesday and runs until Sunday. Located between the Delta Bessborough Hotel and the Memorial Bandstand along the banks of the river, the festival features 30 of Saskatoon's finest restaurants serving their favourite house dishes.

The outstanding menu includes succulent entrees to delicious desserts and specialty items.

Tonight, Taste of Saskatchewan is open until 10:30 pm. Saturday the event is open from 11:00 am to 10:30 am and Sunday from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm. Food tokens are \$2.50 each.

If you haven't made it down to Taste of Saskatchewan, I encourage you to head out and enjoy an old favourite or try something new at one of the many vendors in the park.

### **GOVERNMENT FOCUSES ON MOTORISTS AND WORKERS SAFETY DURING CONSTRUCTION SEASON**

Rumble strips, simplified black and white signage and now photo speed enforcement are among the safety measures motorists will see in work zones on Saskatchewan highways.

“Bridge work, culvert installations and road construction are taking place on highways all over the province, and this year we've taken unprecedented steps to make sure it's done safely,” Highways and Infrastructure Minister Don McMorris said. “We want to make sure drivers know they must follow black and white 60 km/hr speed signs at all times throughout work zones.”

[Government Focuses on Motorists and Workers Safety During Construction Season](#)

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Education funding in Budget 2013-14 is up \$107.5 million, to \$1.7 billion.
- There is \$264.4 million, a \$27 million increase, for municipal revenue sharing in Budget 2013-14.
- \$28 million is in Budget 2013-14 for Innovation, including \$16.4 million for Cyclotron and \$5 million for the Sylvia Fedoruk Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation.

### **JUST THE LINKS**

- July 15, 2013 - [Celebrating Saskatchewan Provincial Parks Week](#)
- July 15, 2013 - [Financial Changes for Justices of the Peace in Saskatchewan](#)
- July 17, 2013 - [Last Leg of Highway 11 Twinning Underway Near MacDowall](#)
- July 17, 2013 - [Diagnostic Imaging Distribution Addresses](#)

- July 19, 2013 - [Saskatchewan Supports Recommendations to Address Cyberbullying](#)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Taste of Saskatchewan**

**When: July 16 to July 21**

**When: 11:00 am - 10:30 pm**

**Where: Kiwanis Memorial Park**

### **Cameco Family Day at the Zoo**

**Date: July 21**

**When: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo**

### **River Lights Festival and Watercross Nationals**

**Date: July 26 to July 28**

**When: July 26 and 27: 12:00 pm – 11:00 pm; July 28: 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Where: Saskatoon River Landing**

### **The PotashCorp Fringe Theater Festival**

**Date: August 1 to August 10**

**When: Outdoor Street Fair - 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm Weekdays and 12:00 pm - 11:00 pm on Weekends**

**Where: Outdoor Broadway District - Indoor theater takes place at various locations**

[www.potashcorpfringe.ca](http://www.potashcorpfringe.ca)

### **Saskatoon Exhibition Parade**

**Date: August 3**

**When: 10:00 am**

**Where: Downtown Saskatoon**

### **Saskatoon Exhibition**

**Date: August 6 to August 11**

**When: August 6: 3:00 pm - 12:00 am; August 7 to August 11: 12:00 pm - 12:00 am**

**Where: Prairieland Park**

### **THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

"We do not believe in ourselves until someone reveals that deep inside us something is valuable, worth listening to, worthy of our trust, sacred to our touch. Once we believe in ourselves we can risk curiosity, wonder, spontaneous delight or any experience that reveals the human spirit."

E.E. Cummings

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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.

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