

It has been a busy week in Saskatoon Silver Springs and the Province. Scroll down to see what has been going on!



## Provincial Point of View November 15, 2013

### SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE \$250K TO AID VICTIMS OF TYPHOON HAIYAN



Following the devastation in the Phillipines our Government will provide \$250,000 in aid in the relief efforts. With over 10,000 feared dead, 478,000 displaced and 4.5 M affected we offer our thoughts and prayers to the thousands of families in the Phillipines dealing with the tragedy and loss of life in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the many Saskatchewan residents as well that are

experiencing the heartbreak of family members and friends following the aftermath of the typhoon.

Trish, Paige and I had the opportunity to join colleagues Don Morgan, Cory Tochor, Jennifer Campeau, Paul Merriman and Rob Norris at the office of the Filipino-Canadian Association last Monday evening.

Our family has a strong connection to good friends Alma Bartsch and Elena Bugalon who are included in the photo. They are overwhelmed with the community coming together to provide comfort to them.

The most urgent needs are currently for emergency medical assistance, clean drinking water and food. The federal government has also announced that it will match every dollar Canadians donate to registered charities, in support of the Philippines relief effort, until December 8.

All of the registered charities can be found at [www.cra-arc.gc.ca](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca) or go directly to: [Red Cross'](#) [Typhoon Haiyan Fund](#), [UNICEF Canada's Relief Efforts](#), [World Food Programme](#)

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY AT CREDIT UNION CENTRE**



It is an honour and privilege each year to participate in the annual Remembrance Day Service. 8000 people attended the Remembrance Day Service at CUC. It was a wonderful tribute to our veterans and those who have served. Lest we forget and thank those who are serving today for our freedom.

**PAIGE AND TRISH WITH SASKATCHEWAN LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR VAUGHN SOLOMON SCHOFIELD AT THE COMMISSIONAIRE'S LUNCHEON FOLLOWING THE REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY**



### **GOVERNMENT INVESTS IN HOME FIRST/QUICK RESPONSE PROGRAM FOR SENIORS IN SASKATOON**

Seniors in Saskatoon and area will benefit from an innovative program to help them remain safely in their homes longer. Government is investing \$2 million into a new Home First/Quick Response Home Care pilot project in Saskatoon.

The Saskatoon initiative builds on government's previous \$2 million investment in a similar project launched in Regina this summer.

Health Minister Dustin Duncan officially launched the Saskatoon pilot at an event held at Scott and Forget Towers today.

“The Home First/Quick Response initiative reflects our government's commitment to patient- and family-centred care, and our growth agenda goal of improving the quality of life for all

Saskatchewan people,” Duncan said. “We want our seniors to have the appropriate care, at the right time, and be able to live independently in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.”

The pilot’s aim is to improve access for seniors to supports in the community that will allow them to safely age within their own homes and progress with other care options as their needs change. The pilot will:

- Enhance and improve Home Care’s response to crisis and intensive short-term service needs;
- Encourage early discharge from acute care to community options;
- Prevent unnecessary admissions to emergency departments; and
- Engage additional service providers in the system to support seniors in their homes.

[Government Invests in Home First/Quick Response Program for Seniors in Saskatoon](#)

### **SANTA CLAUS PARADE THIS SUNDAY!**



Please find time this weekend to enjoy the Saskatoon Santa Claus Day Parade. The theme for this years parade is “Candy Canes & Christmas Carols”.

This annual televised holiday event ushers in a sleigh full of holiday cheer and officially marks Santa’s arrival in the Midtown Plaza. Organized by volunteers, the annual Saskatoon Santa Claus Parade is a very special community event that attracts over 20,000 people to downtown Saskatoon each year.

The parade route is down 3rd Avenue from 20th Street to 23rd Street and back down 1st

Avenue. The parade begins at 1 pm sharp, so bundle up and come down to see the arrival of Santa Claus at the Midtown Mall.

I always enjoy participating in the Santa Claus Parade and seeing the excitement as the children welcome Santa and bring in the Christmas Season. I hope to see you there!

### **GOVERNMENT TAKES ACTION AGAINST BULLYING**

Thursday, November 14, Education Minister Don Morgan joined Legislative Secretary Jennifer Campeau, along with students, teachers, school division administrators and community organizations to release Saskatchewan's Action Plan to Address Bullying and Cyberbullying.

"No child should ever have to experience bullying," Morgan said. "Unfortunately, that is the reality for a number of students across the country and right here in our own province. Ms. Campeau has done a tremendous job of engaging with our communities and their feedback helped to develop an action plan that will address bullying in Saskatchewan."

[Government Takes Action Against Bullying](#)

### **HEADSTART ON A HOME PROJECT OPEN IN SASKATOON**

Twelve Saskatoon individuals and families are celebrating the opening of Mosaic, a new 12-unit condominium located at 313 Avenue D South in the Riversdale neighbourhood of Saskatoon. The Government of Saskatchewan provided \$1.98 million in financing assistance to the developer, Shift Developments, through the HeadStart on a Home (HeadStart) program.

"This is yet another successful project undertaken by various partners working together to improve the quality of life of Saskatchewan people," Social Services Minister and Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Housing Corporation June Draude said. "HeadStart is a wonderful way to help moderate-income individuals and families purchase an entry-level home, and to foster more partnerships between the private sector and different levels of government to create homeownership opportunities. We will continue to help make this possible as we move forward with our government's Plan for Growth."

"HeadStart is a made-in-Saskatchewan solution that will help sustain our current growth and

prosperity in this province,” Westcap Mgt. Ltd. President and CEO Grant Kook said. “As the Fund Manager of HeadStart, working closely with our Credit Union partners, we are very pleased to report that there are currently 912 homes either completed or currently under construction, including this 12-unit project in collaboration with the City of Saskatoon.”

[HeadStart on a Home Project Opens in Saskatoon](#)

## LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN CANADA FOR THE TENTH STRAIGHT MONTH

### SASKATCHEWAN JOB GROWTH CONTINUES

New jobs since October 2012:

14,900



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, October 2013

Saskatchewan 

For the tenth straight month, Saskatchewan has held the lowest unemployment rate in Canada. According to October’s Labour Force Survey released today by Statistics Canada, the province’s unemployment rate fell by 0.7 percentage points to reach 3.6 per cent, well below the 6.9 per cent reported nationally.

“One of the best measures of our economic success is the ability of people to find jobs,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Kevin Doherty said on behalf of Economy Minister Bill Boyd. “The opportunities for people to find work in Saskatchewan have never been better.”

[Lowest Unemployment Rate in Canada for the Tenth Straight Month](#)

## **HEALTH LEADERS ENCOURAGE PROACTIVE APPROACH TO FLU SEASON**

### ***Position Statement Recommends Voluntary Immunization or Masking***

Saskatchewan health care providers are being strongly encouraged to get an influenza immunization or choose to wear a mask while delivering care and services to patients during flu season.

Provincial health system partners have issued a position statement on the issue, signed by Health Minister Dustin Duncan, CEOs from health regions and the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency, the Saskatchewan Medical Association (SMA) and the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association (SRNA). The statement underscores the importance of health care providers taking action to protect patients and themselves from the potentially significant effects of influenza.

“Patient safety is our first priority, and this is one simple way that we can continue to put our patients first,” Duncan said. “We need to make every effort to prevent the spread of influenza for the sake of patients and staff in our health facilities.”

[Health Leaders Encourage Proactive Approach to Flu Season](#)

## **SASKJOBS WEBSITE TRAFFIC INCREASES IN OCTOBER**

Saskatchewan’s job market continues to attract heavy traffic to the [SaskJobs.ca](#) website, which again topped a million visits for the month of October.

Visits to [SaskJobs.ca](#) were up by 14 per cent (141,531) year-over-year to reach 1,155,934. The 17,392 job postings advertised on SaskJobs in October 2013 represents an increase of 7.0 per cent (1,134) compared to October 2012.

“Saskatchewan currently has what many people across the country and around the globe are actively looking for - thousands of jobs in an opportunity-rich economy,” Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. “Their search is taking them to [SaskJobs.ca](#). We have had the lowest unemployment rate in the country for the past 10 months, and at 3.6 per cent in October, compared to 6.9 per cent nationally, it reinforces the message that Saskatchewan is indeed the place to be.”

[SaskJobs Website Traffic Increases in October](#)



## **MACKINNON PROPOSES SASKATCHEWAN FUTURES FUND**

### *Opportunity to Build Lasting Legacy From Natural Resource Revenues*

On November 12, Peter MacKinnon, former President of the University of Saskatchewan, released his report to Premier Brad Wall on a proposed Saskatchewan Futures Fund. The report provides a framework for the government to create a fund to permanently save a portion of our province's non-renewable resource revenues to invest and grow for future generations.

"We owe it to our children and grandchildren, and to their children and grandchildren, to take a deliberate and balanced look at how we can secure today's resource wealth into the future," MacKinnon said. "A permanent savings account in the form of a Futures Fund could turn our one-time revenue from these resources into a lasting source of wealth for Saskatchewan people."

[MacKinnon Proposes Saskatchewan Futures Fund](#)

## **SASKATCHEWAN ORDER OF MERIT - DR. GEORGE R. REED**



*As a part of the six-week feature on the Saskatchewan Order of Merit winners, this week we honour Dr. George R. Reed*

Dr. George Reed is a living legend of the Saskatchewan Roughriders and the CFL, playing for them for 13 years. He has played in four Grey Cup Championships and lead the CFL in rushing nine times. Also in honour of the 100th Grey Cup in 2012, Canada Post used his image on a

series of commemorative stamps.

Upon retirement from professional football, he served with several community oriented organizations, including the Canadian and Saskatchewan Special Olympics, the Saskatchewan Abilities Council, the United Way and he chaired the Easter Seals campaign.

By far his greatest accomplishment was the official establishment of the George Reed Foundation for the Handicapped in 1974. The Foundation also supports the Mother Teresa Middle School, and partnered up with the University of Regina to create a vision for a centre of research and development in the area of Pictogram research and other forms of visual communication.

Along with several prestigious Football awards such as the Schenley Award in 1965 for most outstanding player, he has also been invested as a Member of the Order of Canada in 1978, received the Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada in 1992, and most recently the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.

In this we honour Dr. George Reed, for all of his outstanding contributions to the communities of Saskatchewan in the advancement of the disabled, and for many amazing years playing for our Roughriders.

### **JUST THE LINKS**

November 13, 2013 - [Minister Of Highways Announces New Cameras For Highway Hotline](#)

November 14, 2013 - [Holodomor Statue Presented](#)

November 14, 2013 - [Province Commits \\$200,000 to Canadian Western Agribition](#)

November 15, 2013 - [Celebrating An Increasingly Multicultural Saskatchewan](#)

November 15, 2013 - [Renovation Completed For E.D. Feehan Catholic High School](#)

November 15, 2013 - [Grand Opening Of New Warman School Celebrated](#)

### **COMING EVENTS**

**Christkindl Market**

**Date: November 17**

**Where: German Cultural Centre**

**When: 10 am - 5 pm**

**23rd Annual Santa Claus Parade**

**Date: November 17**

**Where: Downtown Saskatoon**

**When: 1 pm**

**Open House and Christmas Craft**

**Date: November 17**

**Where: The Marr House - 326 - 11th Street E**

**When: 1 pm - 4:30 pm**

**Central Avenue from 110th Street to 112th Street - Streetscape Improvement Open House**

**Date: November 20**

**Where: Sutherland Hall**

**When: 5 pm - 8 pm**

**Riderville North**

**Date: November 23**

**Where: TCU Place**

**When: 7:30 pm**

**BHP Billiton Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour**

**Date: November 23 - January 12**

**Where: Forestry Farm Park and Zoo**

**When: 5:30 pm - 11 pm Nightly**

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

**“Your work is going to fill a large part of your life,  
and the only way to be truly satisfied  
is to do what you believe is great work.”**

**~ Steve Jobs**

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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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