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## Provincial Point of View October 4, 2013

### BRAD WALL - THE MOST POPULAR PREMIER IS CANADA!



Brad Wall remains the most popular Premier in Canada, according to a new online poll.

The Angus Reid Global survey found 68 per cent of respondents in Saskatchewan said they were satisfied with the performance of their premier.

To see the full story go to: [www.ctvnews.ca](http://www.ctvnews.ca)

### QUINN STEVENSON MEMORIAL HOCKEY DAY



Quinn Stevenson Memorial Hockey Day will be held October 12 at ACT Arena. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be directed to the Quinn Stevenson Athletic & Spirit Scholarship.

Please go out and show your support by participating in many events from Ball Hockey, Family Skate, Silent Auction and a 50/50 draw.

Please support this meaningful fundraiser by attending or if you are able to volunteer, your help would be appreciated. The organizing group will need help to ensure the day run smoothly. Please email [QSMHD2013@gmail.com](mailto:QSMHD2013@gmail.com) if you can lend a hand.

If you can donate an item for the silent auction contact [commissioner@saskatoonredwings.ca](mailto:commissioner@saskatoonredwings.ca) or if you would like more information see [www.saskatoonredwings.ca](http://www.saskatoonredwings.ca)

## **HEALTH MINISTER TO DISCUSS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

### *Focus on Promoting Innovation, Accessibility and Healthy Living*

Health Minister Dustin Duncan and Rural and Remote Health Minister Randy Weekes will join their provincial and territorial counterparts at meetings in Toronto this week to discuss quality improvement and sustainability of health care. Ministers will also review progress on the important work of the Council of the Federation's Health Care Innovation Working Group.

“Improving quality, timely and accessible health services for our patients is the focus of our health system transformation agenda in Saskatchewan,” Duncan said. “Sustainability and innovation are critical to ensuring our health system can meet the needs of our residents into the future.”

Saskatchewan is using Lean to improve access, quality, safety and value for patients and staff. Other examples include the Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative which is driving down surgical wait times, redesign of Primary Health Care is ensuring people are receiving the right health services when and where they need them, and improving mental health and addictions services is the focus of an inter-ministerial action plan.

“Through our lens of patient first, we are focusing on putting patients and families at the forefront of every improvement decision we make,” Weekes said.

[Health Minister to Discuss Quality Improvement and Sustainability](#)

### **GOLDFINS ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**



On September 28 the Saskatoon Goldfins Swim Club held it's Annual Awards Banquet at the Hilton Garden Inn. The evening was extra special for the swimmers as Olympic Coach Ben Titley was the guest speaker. Ben is currently the Head Coach of the National Training Centre at the University of Toronto. Prior to coming to Canada, Ben coached in Great Britain where his

athletes broke numerous World and European records.

There were several awards presented. Our daughter Paige was very excited and honoured to receive the Maber Spirit Award for leadership, commitment and spirit. Paige is so grateful to her coach, Steve Hitchings for his guidance and inspiration. Paige is fortunate to have the opportunity to swim with such a great group of individuals.

I especially thank my wife Trish for her dedication and commitment. She gets up very early to drive Paige to her many "early morning" swim practices!

### **HEALTH MINISTER RELEASES RESULTS OF LONG-TERM CARE REVIEW**

Health Minister Dustin Duncan released the feedback he received from each health region CEO on the conditions in every long-term care facility in the province. The findings in these reports are based on facility-by-facility tours by the senior leadership in each respective health region. These visits were directed by the Minister last spring.

The facility tours this spring identified both positives and negatives. CEOs noted the constructive impact of Resident and Family Councils, the dedication of staff, the beneficial impact of resident-centred recreation programs, and the positive role played by volunteers. Some of the challenges identified by CEOs included food (quality, variety and meal times), care issues (complexity, behaviour management, delays in provision of care), safety (resident needs, staff training), resident mix (placing young with older, frail residents), and aging infrastructure.

Highlights of today's response include:

- **\$10 million Urgent Issues Action Fund to address priority issues identified by health regions (e.g., purchasing required equipment, more baths, improved nutrition, improved responsiveness to call bells, training to deal with residents with dementia, etc).**
- **\$2.5 million to expand the Home First/Quick Response pilot program from Regina Qu'Appelle to both Saskatoon and Prince Albert Parkland Health Regions, totalling a \$4.5 million investment between the three regions.**
- **Additional Lean work in select facilities aimed at identifying efficiencies that maximize staff time spent on direct resident care.**

To support better feedback about challenges in the system, greater transparency about how money is being spent, and accountability for senior leadership of the health system, Minister Duncan directed several additional actions be taken, including:

- Establishing Resident and Family Councils at all long-term care facilities (94 per cent complete).
- Creating a quality of care survey for Resident and Family Council members to be provided directly to the Minister annually.
- Annual CEO visits to their respective long-term care facilities to provide updates to the Minister on improvements.
- Requiring 60 day, 90 day and 120 day reports directly to Minister on the outcomes achieved in facilities that receive money through the Urgent Issue Action Fund.
- A stakeholder engagement session later this fall, drawing together health system leaders, long-term care providers, families and other stakeholders from across Saskatchewan, to focus on quality and appropriate models of care in long-term care settings.

These actions are over and above the ongoing monitoring the ministry does to ensure all regions are meeting direct care standards, such as ensuring key quality care indicators are being achieved, in areas such as medication use, care for pressure ulcers, pain management, restraint use and incontinence.

[Health Minister Releases Results of Long-Term Care Review](#)

## **GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

“Mothers and Daughters Inspiring Change” is the theme of Women’s History Month in Saskatchewan this year. Women’s History Month is recognized every October across Canada.

Saskatchewan residents are encouraged to recognize the impact of women on the province’s history, and to celebrate their ongoing contributions to their families, communities and the provincial economy. The 2013 theme recognizes the efforts of mothers in guiding and encouraging their daughters to play a vital role in the future of the province.

“This month isn’t only important for women, but for everyone in our province,” Minister responsible for the Status of Women June Draude said. “Mothers are creating a legacy in their communities by encouraging their daughters to run for student councils, volunteer in their communities, take part in sports and cultural activities and mature into accomplished and

engaged adults and community leaders. As a result, we all benefit.”

[Government of Saskatchewan Celebrates Women's History Month](#)

### **C95 RADIO MARATHON FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH**



The 14th Annual C95 Radio Marathon for Breast Cancer Research is going to be held on October 17 & 18 at the Centre Mall.

C95 will be broadcasting live for 36 hours to help raise money. Last year they raised over \$300,000 which marks well over \$3 Million dollars raised since it began.

There are several ways to participate in the Marathon, purchasing pink shoelaces, magnets and bracelets in support, hosting a fundraising event or even donating the change in the ol' change jar from home or the office. C95 is willing to lend a hand too in promoting a fundraiser with the Pink Ribbon Alerts. This is free advertising for your event or business that is trying to raise money for the Radio Marathon.

Breast Cancer has certainly affected our lives. I know there are many people you know and love who have been affected as well, so this is a great opportunity for you to participate in the many worthwhile causes that will be taking place throughout the month of October.

**FLU VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE SOON**

Crisp air and falling leaves are a sure sign that autumn has arrived. While this can be a beautiful time of year to enjoy the outdoors, it is also a time where many of us are fighting off a range of colds and flu viruses. At a time when our immune systems may be under attack, there is a way we can avoid the seasonal strain of influenza. Starting Monday, October 21, flu shots will be offered – free of charge – to all residents who are at least 6 months of age from the Saskatoon Health Region.

Health officials strongly encourage those who are at high-risk for influenza-related complications to make arrangements for a flu shot.

High-risk groups for influenza include:

- people with chronic health conditions
- people 65 and older;
- residents of long-term care facilities;
- people with severe obesity;
- children under five and pregnant women.

The vaccine will be administered through public health clinics, physicians and nurse practitioners.

Combined with frequent hand-washing and preventative measures such as coughing and sneezing into your sleeve, cleaning surfaces often and staying at home when sick, the vaccine is an effective way to ensure we all stay healthy and avoid becoming ill with influenza in the coming weeks and months.

For more information and clinic locations go to: [www.saskatoonhealthregion.ca](http://www.saskatoonhealthregion.ca)

## **GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN PROCLAIMS COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH IN OCTOBER**

The Government of Saskatchewan has once again proclaimed October as Community Living Month in the province.

The proclamation recognizes the efforts of the staff and volunteers of the Saskatchewan Association for Community Living (SACL) in supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities

and their families and friends. SACL's mission is to ensure that citizens of Saskatchewan who have intellectual disabilities are valued, supported and included members of society and have opportunities and choices in all aspects of life.

The Government of Saskatchewan, through its Plan for Growth, has committed to developing a comprehensive disability strategy in consultation with members of the disability community. Members of the Citizen Consultation Team that will assist in the development of the strategy will be announced in the coming weeks.

[Government of Saskatchewan Proclaims Community Living Month in October](#)

### **JUST THE LINKS**

October 1, 2013 - [Saskatchewan Honours Sea, Army, and Air Cadets](#)

October 2, 2013 - [Seven to Receive Saskatchewan's Highest Honour](#)

October 2, 2013 - [Royal Saskatchewan Museum Exhibits Travelling Across Saskatchewan](#)

October 3, 2013 - [Highway 2 Rehab Includes Culvert Installations, Repaving](#)

October 4, 2013 - [Celebrating Success in the Skilled Trades](#)

### **COMING EVENTS**

#### **Pumpkin Maze**

**Date: October 1 - 26**

**Where: Dutch Growers**

**When: Monday - Saturday 10 am to 6 pm Thursday 10 am to 9 pm**

#### **It's A Woman's World**

**Date: October 4 -6**

**Where: Prairieland Park**

**When: Friday 4 pm - 10 pm, Saturday 11 am - 9 pm, Sunday 12 pm - 5 pm**

#### **Mix Artist Collective Fall**

**Date: October 4 - 6**

**Where: The Mix Artist Collective**



**When: Daily**

**Centennial Chargers Football**

**Date: October 4**

**Where: Gordie Howe**

**When: 5:15 pm**

**St. Joseph Guardians Football**

**Date: October 11**

**Where: Griffiths Stadium**

**When: 5:15**

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

**“The real things haven’t changed.  
It is still best to be honest and truthful;  
to make the most of what we have;  
to be happy with simple pleasures;  
and have courage when things go wrong.”**

**~ Laura Ingalls Wilder**

**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 any one or have an event you would like me to mention in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call or emails me.**

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