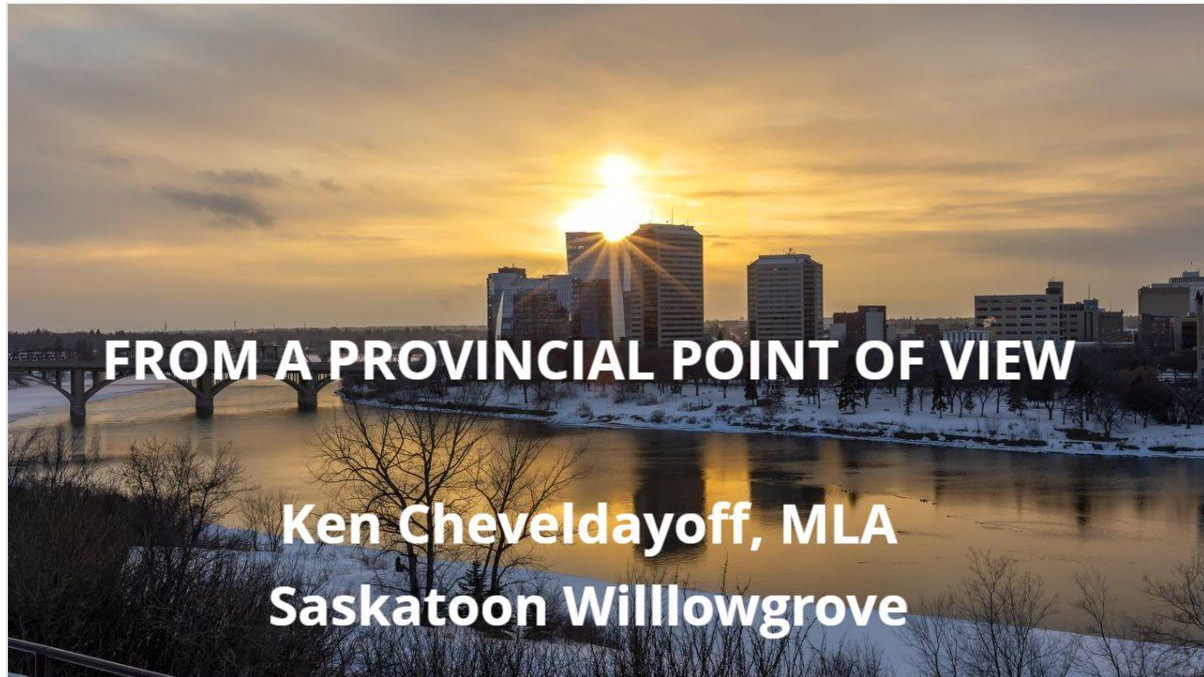


Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



## **FROM A PROVINCIAL POINT OF VIEW**

**Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA  
Saskatoon Willowgrove**

**REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE**



Saskatchewan is growing at a pace not seen in more than 100 years, recently reaching an all-time population record of 1.21 million. With this rapid growth, we now have over 189,000 students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 schools in the province, the most we have seen in over 20 years.

Growth that works for everyone means every student receives the best possible education. That's why our government made significant investments in education in the provincial 2023-24 Budget, totaling a record \$4 billion.

This year's budget includes a record \$3.1 billion for the Ministry of Education to fund schools, early learning and childcare, and libraries. Saskatchewan's school divisions will get a record \$2 billion in operation funding. Funding will maintain the over 200 Educational Assistants hired since September 2021 and allow them to continue providing student support in our classrooms.

The Saskatchewan Distance Learning Corporation (Sask DLC) will receive \$23 million for startup and operational costs. Sask DLC will offer unique learning opportunities for students by offering over 180 courses for Kindergarten to Grade 12 students, including several unique high school electives. Grade 12 completion and electives are available to adult learners as well. Registration is now open for the 2023-24 school year at [SaskDLC.ca](https://saskdlc.ca).

Several capital projects are being funded this year, including a new school to replace and consolidate the elementary and high school in Carlyle. A new K-12 Francophone school will replace École Valois in Prince Albert, and a new Francophone elementary school will be built in Saskatoon. Several schools across the province will also be renovated and a site has been chosen for the new Harbour Landing school.

These new capital education projects are in addition to 15 new school builds and seven renovations already underway across the province. Investments in schools ensure our facilities are prepared for continued growth and can provide quality learning opportunities for students into the future.

Our government will invest \$382.4 million in early learning and childcare this year to support young families. This funding, through a partnership with the federal government, reduces parent fees for regulated childcare to \$10 per day as of April 1, three years ahead of schedule. Funding will also support continued efforts to add more childcare spaces and programs for early childhood educators.

Public libraries will receive \$11.6 million to support the services they provide to communities across the province. This includes an increase in grants to public libraries for resource-sharing services. A new investment of \$200,000 will refresh the province's collection of multi-lingual materials and add more materials in Indigenous languages. These investments in public libraries continue to support learning opportunities in our growing and diverse province.

Post-secondary education funding has increased by 3.3 per cent in this year's budget for a total of \$764.8 million. This includes a 90 per cent increase for infrastructure projects. Funding will go towards planning and design for Saskatchewan Polytechnic's campus renewal project in Saskatoon. Investments will also allow for renovations to the University of Saskatchewan's dental clinic, as well as equipment and renovations for expanded health programs across the province.

Our government will expand training programs for key health professionals with a \$25.2 million investment. Beginning this fall, 550 new seats will be added to 18 high-priority health training programs. Funding will also support the continuation of a 150-seat expansion in nursing programs to further address needs in the health sector. These expansions will increase educational opportunities for Saskatchewan students while generating interest in the health sector in our province.

Post-secondary students will benefit from \$47 million in student supports. This year, the Student Aid Fund and Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship will increase, and an investment of \$50,000 will provide new Indigenous Language Scholarships. The Graduate Retention Program will continue to support students who remain in the province to work with up to \$20,000 in tax credits. Our government's post-secondary investments contribute to further growth by supporting students as they put down roots in Saskatchewan communities.

Investments in education are investments in our province's continued growth. Ensuring students at all levels have access to learning opportunities is growth that works for everyone. To learn more about the 2023/24 Provincial Budget visit [Saskatchewan.ca](https://saskatchewan.ca).

**CONGRATULATIONS TO SASKATOON WILLOWGROVE  
CONSTITUENT, BRAD SYLVESTER WHO WAS A 2022  
RECIPIENT OF THE SASKATCHEWAN VOLUNTEER MEDAL**

## Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal



*2022 Recipients:*

- Valerie Cade, Regina
- Marian Donnelly, Regina
- Gordon C. Joyes, Lloydminster
- Bill King, Lumsden
- Wyatt Munson, Regina
- Donna Nelson, Regina
- Marlene Smith-Collins, Regina
- Earl Swarbrick, Frontier
- Bradley S. Sylvester, Saskatoon
- Jean Taylor, Regina
- Louise Todd, Wood Mountain

[saskatchewan.ca/honoursawards](https://saskatchewan.ca/honoursawards)

**Saskatchewan**

Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty announced the names of the 11 recipients of the 2022 Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal. Recipients will be presented with this prestigious medal on April 18, 2023, at a ceremony held in their honour at Government House in Regina during National Volunteer Week.

"The 2022 recipients of the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal do exceptional work to help make life better for others by giving their time and effort to organizations and communities across the province," Mirasty said. "This honour is well-deserved and is an expression of thanks from the people of Saskatchewan."

The Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal was established in 1995 to recognize the extraordinary work done by volunteers across the province. Since its creation, the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal has been awarded to 249 deserving individuals.

For more information about the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal, visit [www.saskatchewan.ca/honoursawards](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/honoursawards).

## **SASKATCHEWAN'S 2023 MERCHANDISE EXPORTS LEAD THE NATION**





Saskatchewan's economy remains one of the strongest in the nation. From February 2022 compared to February 2023, Saskatchewan's merchandise exports saw an increase of 31.9 per cent. In the first two months of 2023 merchandise exports increased by 43.7 per cent, compared to the same period in 2022. Saskatchewan ranks first among the provinces in percentage change.

Total merchandise exports for February 2023 were valued at more than \$4.2 billion.



“Saskatchewan continues to provide the food, fuel and fertilizer that a growing population needs,” Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “Our government is committed to supporting growth that works for everyone, because growing our exports abroad creates jobs for those here at home.”

[Saskatchewan's 2023 Merchandise Exports Lead the Nation | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**HAPPY PASSOVER**



Passover is a time of remembrance and celebration. It commemorates the liberation of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt over 3,000 years ago, as told in the biblical story of Exodus. It is a time to reflect on the struggle for freedom, and the importance of standing up against oppression and injustice.

At the heart of the Passover celebration is the Seder, a special meal that takes place on the first two nights of the holiday. During the Seder, we retell the story of Exodus, and we remember the hardships that our ancestors endured as they fled from Egypt. We also celebrate the freedom and liberation that they eventually achieved.

As you gather with family and friends to celebrate Passover, let us reflect on the lessons of this holiday. Let us remember the importance of standing up for freedom and justice and let us work to make the world a better place for all.

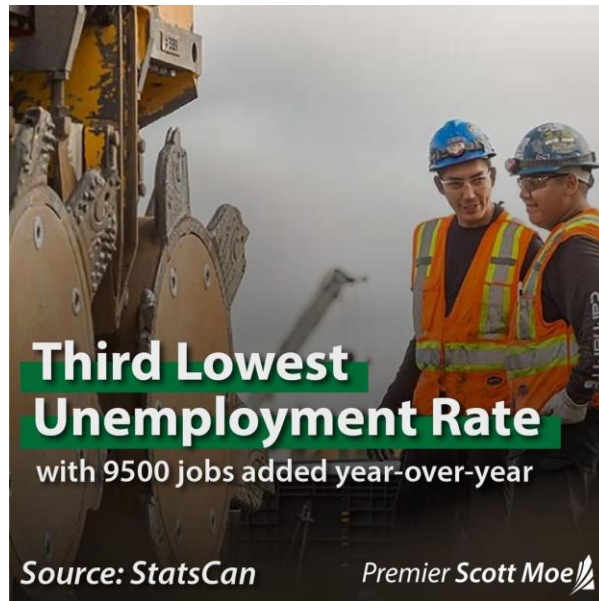


I extend my warmest wishes to all those celebrating Passover. May your holiday be filled with joy, love, and blessings. Chag Pesach Sameach!

## **SASKATCHEWAN ADDS 9,500 JOBS, THIRD LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE NATION**



Newly released labour force figures from Statistics Canada for March reveal more job growth in Saskatchewan, with 9,500 new jobs when compared to March 2022, an increase of 1.7 per cent.



“With 24 months of consecutive year-over-year job growth, Saskatchewan remains the national leader in consistent job and economic growth,” Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said.

“Our government wants to acknowledge and thank the hard working business owners and job creators for their efforts in growing and expanding our provincial economy.”

[Saskatchewan Adds 9,500 Jobs, Third Lowest Unemployment Rate in Nation | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## **SASKATOON POLICE INTRODUCE SECURITY CAMERA REGISTRY**



The Saskatoon Police Service is inviting residents to participate in a new neighbourhood safety program aimed at crime prevention and evidence collection. Beginning today, individuals and businesses can voluntarily register their existing security camera(s) with the SPS to support investigations of crime that may be happening in their neighbourhoods.

This is a voluntary program and registration must be done on the citizen's end. You are under no obligation to provide footage to the SPS.

For more on this and to help SPS keep your neighbourhood safe by registering your camera(s), visit: <https://saskatoonpolice.ca/scr>

## **PROVINCE PASSES SASKATCHEWAN FIREARMS ACT**



April 6, government passed *The Saskatchewan Firearms Act* to enhance public safety across Saskatchewan and protect the rights of lawful firearms owners.

"It is important for Saskatchewan to have its own provincial firearms legislation to ensure the concerns of responsible firearms owners are taken into account," Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Christine Tell said. "This legislation will create a strong, consistent framework to enhance public safety and support the proud tradition of responsible firearms use and ownership in this province."

The Act will:

- With respect to recent changes by the federal government that impact lawful firearms owners:
  - establish licensing requirements for seizure agents involved in firearms expropriation;
  - require and oversee fair compensation for any firearms being seized; and
  - require forensic and ballistic testing of seized firearms.

- Establish a provincial firearms regulatory system that will promote the safe and responsible use of firearms.

[Province Passes Saskatchewan Firearms Act | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## CELEBRATING TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK IN SASKATCHEWAN



**Public Safety Telecommunicators Week**

During this week we recognize the hard work and dedication of **9-1-1 call takers, dispatchers and technicians** who are the link between the public and first responders during emergency situations.

[saskpublicsafety.ca](http://saskpublicsafety.ca)

**Saskatchewan**  
PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY

The Government of Saskatchewan is proclaiming April 9-15, 2023, as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. It is a week set aside to recognize the hard work and dedication of 911 call takers, dispatchers and technicians in the province.



"The professionalism of telecommunicators is trusted to ensure that vital information is relayed in an emergency," Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Christine Tell said. "They are relied upon when citizens need it most. Telecommunicators help save lives every day."

[Celebrating Telecommunicators Week in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## **SASKATCHEWAN'S SECOND MISSION TO PHILIPPINES DELIVERS HIGH SUCCESS RATE**



### *Hundreds More Filipino Registered Nurses Receive Conditional Offers To Join Saskatchewan Workforce*

Saskatchewan's second in-person recruitment mission to the Philippines in mid-March resulted in 236 conditional job offers extended to Registered Nurses (RNs), for a total of nearly 400 Filipino RNs now committed to joining the provincial workforce.

A small, focused group from the Government of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) hosted the mission in two major cities - Manila and Cebu - as part of continuous recruitment efforts that reinforces Saskatchewan as a preferred destination for internationally educated nurses (IENs). The SHA conducted hundreds of job interviews over the course of a week, and was accompanied by Health Recruitment and Retention Navigators from the government along with nursing experts from post-secondary training institutions and nursing partners.



"This second recruitment mission to the Philippines expanded on the success of our first mission last year by following up with many interested and qualified candidates that our Saskatchewan team had connected with," Health Minister Paul Merriman said. "Between the two missions, the SHA has extended nearly 400 conditional job offers to qualify Filipino RNs who are committed to working in Saskatchewan."

[Saskatchewan's Second Mission to Philippines Delivers High Success Rate | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## SASKATCHEWAN CONTINUES TO SHOW GROWTH IN INVESTMENT IN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION



According to the latest numbers released by Statistics Canada, Saskatchewan continues to show strong year-over-year growth in investment in building construction, with the third highest percentage increase among the provinces for February 2023.

"These numbers are another example of how much people want to invest in Saskatchewan long-term," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "These investments result in a strong economy that creates more jobs and more opportunities for the people of this province."

[Saskatchewan Continues to Show Growth in Investment in Building Construction | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## 5 INDOOR PLACES TO PLAY IN SASKATOON



Although spring weather is just arriving, that doesn't mean you can't still go out and have fun!

Here are 5 Indoor Places to Play in Saskatoon! 🪓

<https://www.tourismsaskatoon.com/.../5-indoor-places.../>

[Flynn's Forest Indoor Playground](#) [Grip It Climbing Saskatoon](#) [Timberjaxe Throwing Sports](#) [The Stoked Centre](#)

**INCREASE TO SENIORS' INCOME PLAN BENEFIT**



## Increase to Seniors Income Plan Benefit



Premier Scott Moe, "Budget 2023-24 will provide an additional \$3 million to increase the Seniors Income Plan (SIP) benefit that our government has continued to invest in and support since 2008.

Increasing by \$30 per month in this year's budget, The SIP will reach \$360 per month, compared to \$90 per month in 2007.

More support for seniors, more support for people with disabilities, and more support for others who need assistance.

That's growth that works for everyone."

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH**



Did you know it's also National Volunteer Month?

**Let's celebrate our individual and collective actions in creating a strong, interconnected and vibrant community! Volunteering weaves us together, strengthening the fabric of our community by sharing our time, talent and energy to support one another.**

National Volunteer Month celebrates the impact volunteers have on our lives and encourages active volunteerism in generations to come.

National Volunteer Month in April celebrates the impact volunteers have on our lives and encourages active volunteerism in generations to come. Most often unpaid, they generously donate a part of their lives to do the work that nobody else likes to do — cleaning up after the event, fostering shelter dogs, chaperoning field trips, or helping the librarian; there are so many areas requiring volunteers. This month, we salute them for their unwavering services to businesses and communities and hold aloft their examples to inspire young and adults towards volunteerism.

Are you looking to get more involved in the community? Check out your local associations and get involved if you can!

## **FUN FACTS ABOUT SASKATCHEWAN**

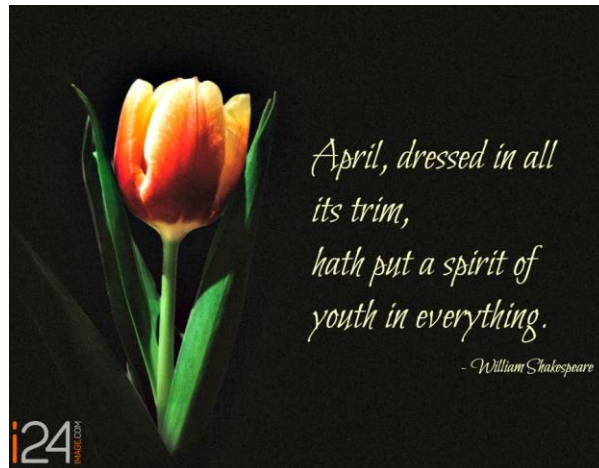




Watch this newsletter each week for another interesting and fun fact about Saskatchewan.

The largest city of Saskatchewan is Saskatoon. It is also the largest metropolitan area in the province. The University of Saskatchewan is located in Saskatoon: it opened its doors in 1907.

***Fun fact:*** There are 16 cities in Saskatchewan and tons of towns are sprinkled across the province.



## ENHANCING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



## ▶ Enhancing Emergency Medical Services

**Growth**  
that Works for  
**Everyone**



Budget 2023-24 includes a major investment to improve and enhance emergency medical services in rural and remote areas in Saskatchewan.

This investment will impact 27 communities across our province, providing increased operational support and equipment upgrades to ensure residents have access to the care they need, when they need it.

More doctors, more nurses and enhanced emergency medical services.

That's growth that works for everyone.

## DID YOU KNOW?



April is Earth Month 🌍

This is a time to raise awareness and create consciousness around the issues that affect our

environment.

A great way to celebrate Earth Month is to volunteer for Meewasin's Clean Up Campaign! Meewasin needs your help to keep a healthy and vibrant river valley corridor that supports the well-being of everyone.

Join them for their Clean Up Campaign Kickoff April 21st 10AM at the River Landing Amphitheater.

Register Today 

<https://docs.google.com/.../1P.../edit>

## INCREASE TO SIS AND SAID SUPPORT PROGRAMS



Budget 2023-24 will include key funding to support both the Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID) and Saskatchewan Income Support (SIS) programs to help those that need additional supports and assistance.

\$14.3 million will provide increases to the Adult Basic Benefit, Shelter Benefit, Alternative Heating Benefit and SAID clients will also receive \$30 more per month in living income benefits.

More support for people with disabilities and more support for others who need assistance.

That's growth that works for everyone.

**KEEP IN TOUCH**



**We're here to help**  
you navigate provincial  
government programs  
and services.

**Ken Cheveldayoff**  
MLA for Saskatoon Willowgrove

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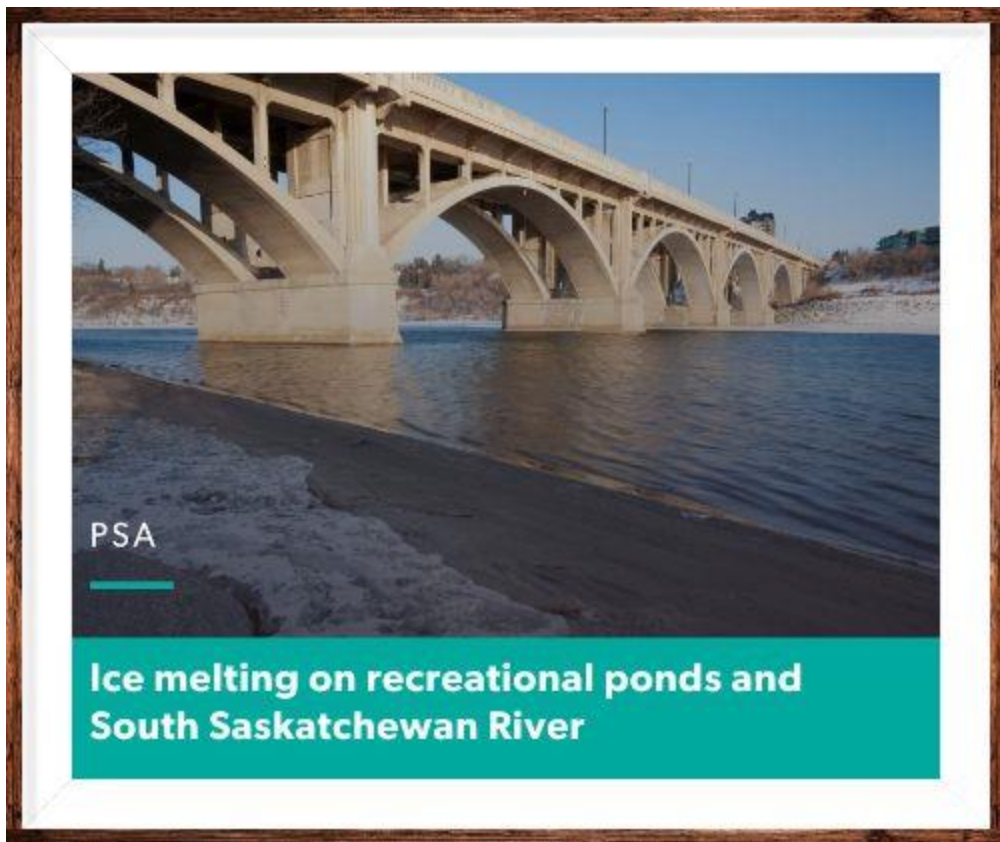
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on the issues that matter to you.*

*If you would like me to recognize anyone or have your event mentioned in this  
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**BE AWARE OF THIN ICE**



As the weather continues to warm up, the Saskatoon Fire Department would like to advise the public to be mindful of ice conditions during the freeze-thaw cycle.

Recent ice testing by the Saskatoon Fire Department has determined the ice thickness is no longer suitable for winter recreational use. The ice must reach a minimum thickness of at least eight inches to be considered safe. Fire crews will be updating the posted signage to read "No Skating" at each recreational storm pond.

Community members who use the ponds for recreational purposes assume all risk and maintenance responsibilities for the ice including removing personal belongings, as well as user safety.

Additionally, ice on the South Saskatchewan River has also started to melt. The ice that covers this body of water is unpredictable and is therefore never safe for winter recreational use. Residents are asked to never venture out onto the ice that covers sections of the South Saskatchewan River.

Community members are advised to always exercise an elevated level of caution when around any large body of water. Keep a close watch on children and pets when visiting trails, parks, or off-leash areas that may run adjacent to the South Saskatchewan River or a storm water retention pond.

For more information regarding the Recreational Uses of Storm Water Retention Ponds policy, visit [saskatoon.ca/ponds](http://saskatoon.ca/ponds).

**WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR EVENT INCLUDED IN OUR  
NEWSLETTER? LET US KNOW**



**FIRST APPEARANCE IN SASKATOON APRIL 28TH - MARK  
YOUR CALENDARS!**





The Roughrider Foundation Punchline Comedy Night is Back!

Join the Roughrider Foundation's Punchline Comedy night making its first appearance in Saskatoon on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and the following night in Regina on April 29<sup>th</sup>!

The event will feature comedians Julie Kim and Pete Zedlacher and joining in on the fun will be Roughriders quarterback Trevor Harris as well as other fan favourites to be announced. funds raised from the evening will go towards the Foundation's Win With Wellness player presentation series which brings trained player ambassadors into Saskatchewan classrooms to speak on and promote the mental wellness of youth in the province.

For more information or to buy your tickets visit:

**Saskatoon:** <https://www.riderville.com/punchline-saskatoon/>

**Regina:** <https://www.riderville.com/punchline-regina/>

**STEP UP FOR MENTAL HEALTH**





Mark your calendars and get ready for the fifth annual Cameco Step Up for Mental Health run/walk on Sept. 24 in Saskatoon.

This year's edition will be larger and more exciting than ever:

- New courses, including a 5K course that features an overall drop in elevation
- A new distance to consider, in addition to the regular 5K and 10K options
- New swag
- More entertainment than ever on the courses
- And much more

Registration will open April 27 at 9 a.m. SK time. For a limited time, registration will be just \$50 (plus tax and fees) through our website [www.stepupsk.ca](http://www.stepupsk.ca)

As always, every dollar of your registration fee – plus a matching amount from Cameco – will be donated directly to mental health charities and not-for-profit organizations in Saskatchewan.

Watch the website each week for more information and details to be released!

[#stepupsk](#) is powered by Cameco in partnership with [Brainsport](#) and [Saskatoon Community Foundation](#)

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*Life* isn't meant to be easy.

It's meant to be lived.

*Sometimes*

happy, other times rough.

BUT with  
every up  
and down,  
you learn  
lessons  
that make  
you strong..



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