

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

FROM A PROVINCIAL POINT OF VIEW



**Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA
Saskatoon Willowgrove**

DID YOU KNOW?

One of the first signs of spring is the beautiful prairie crocus. (we all anxiously await seeing these crocus')

Growing in locations with plenty of sun (like open prairie, roadsides and hillsides), prairie crocuses often bloom before the snow is gone, adding some colour to the landscape. It's saucer shaped blooms create a nice cozy place for insects to warm up helping them survive the early spring.

By blooming so early, the crocus guarantees itself the attention of available pollinators, like small bees and other insects. The crocus attracts them with the abundance of pollen in their bright yellow centres.

SASKATCHEWAN VOLUNTEER MEDAL PRESENTED TO 10 RECIPIENTS BY LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



I was pleased to join Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty as he presented 11 dedicated individuals with the 2022 Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal during a ceremony at Government House. One medal will be presented at a later date.

Saskatoon Willowgrove constituent Brad Sylvester was one of the deserving recipients.

"Volunteers are superb role models who improve our communities and our province through their dedication and compassion," Mirasty said. "I am honoured to have been able to meet them and to recognize their exceptional contributions during National Volunteer Week."



The recipients of the 2022 Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal are:

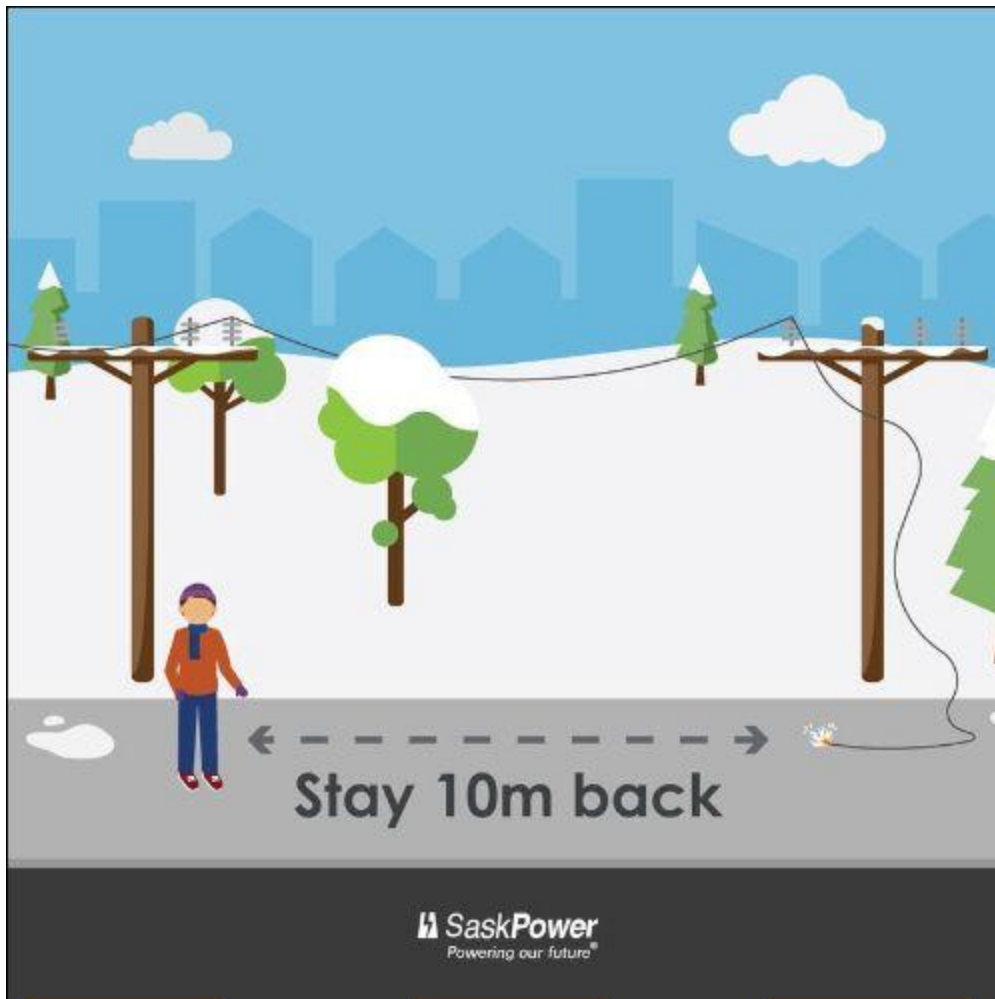
- Valerie Cade, Regina
- Marian Donnelly, Regina
- Gordon C. Joyes, Lloydminster
- Bill King, Lumsden
- Wyatt Munson, Regina
- Donna Nelson, Regina
- Marlene Smith-Collins, Regina
- Earl Swarbrick, Frontier
- Bradley S. Sylvester, Saskatoon
- Jean Taylor, Regina
- Louise Todd, Wood Mountain (medal to be presented at a later date)

Since its establishment in 1995, the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal has been awarded to extraordinary citizens across the province for their outstanding contributions to Saskatchewan. Today's recipients join the ranks of 249 exemplary volunteers recognized in previous years.

Nominations are now open for the 2023 Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to nominate current or former long-term residents of Saskatchewan who go above and beyond for their community through acts of volunteerism. Nominations will be received until October 18, 2023.

For more information about the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal or to nominate someone for other Saskatchewan Honours and Awards, visit www.saskatchewan.ca/honoursawards.

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE WINTER STORM WE ARE EXPERIENCING?



A spring snow storm is forecast to hit southern Saskatchewan this week. An excellent safety reminder from [SaskPower](https://www.saskpower.ca). Let's all stay safe.

Also, make sure you are prepared by checking your home emergency supplies including candles, matches, flashlight (with extra batteries), non-perishable food/water supplies, and prescription medication supplies. Keep your phone charged in case of power failure and check road conditions before travelling (if the roads are difficult for you, they will be difficult for emergency vehicles too).

Over the next couple days, a mix of rain and heavy snowfall are forecasted for a large portion of the province. Weather like this can damage power lines and poles. If you come across a downed power line, please stay at least 10 meters back and call us at 310-2220. [#SkOutage](https://twitter.com/SkOutage)

LABOUR MOBILITY AND FAIR REGISTRATION PRACTICES ACT



**Labour Mobility and Fair
Registration Practices Act**

- » Reduce barriers to working in
Saskatchewan
- » Fill job vacancies across a
number of key sectors
- » Support Saskatchewan's plan
to add 100,000 jobs by 2030

[saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca) **Saskatchewan**

Saskatchewan is taking significant steps to assist internationally trained newcomers get recertified. With aggressive timelines and navigational and financial supports, we are becoming a top destination of choice for skilled workers.

To learn more about labour mobility in Saskatchewan,
visit: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../jobs.../labour-mobility>

SASKATCHEWAN CONTINUES STRONG WHOLESALE TRADE GROWTH

Wholesale Trade



2nd Highest Among
Provinces
↑ 30.3%

February 2023 over February 2022

*Seasonally adjusted figure Source: Statistics Canada

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Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan's wholesale trade growth continues, with the value increasing 30.3 per cent in February 2023 compared to February 2022, according to Statistics Canada. This was the second highest percentage change among the provinces.

"These numbers are further proof the hard work of our province's producers and manufacturers is paying off and Saskatchewan's economy is strong," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "This growth may be measured in dollars, but it really represents more jobs and opportunities for the people of this province."

[Saskatchewan Continues Strong Wholesale Trade Growth | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

STAY IN TOUCH!



I appreciate any opportunity to make a positive difference in our 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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*If you are no longer interested in receiving this newsletter, please click on
the **UNSUBSCRIBE** option at the bottom.*

MANUFACTURING SALES ON THE RISE IN SASKATCHEWAN



Saskatchewan is once again showing strong year-over-year growth in manufacturing sales according to the latest data from Statistics Canada.

“These annual growth rates in manufacturing sales show that our province is open for business and we are ready to further increase our exports around the world,” Trade and Economic Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “This continued strength helps ensure a growing Saskatchewan economy that works for everyone.”

[Manufacturing Sales on the Rise in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

NEW SASKATOON URBAN CAMP OPENING, UPDATE ON REMAND CENTRE



Photo credit: CTV news

[New Saskatoon Urban Camp can house 50 low-security offenders | CTV News](#)

The new Urban Camp at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre is officially open and operational. Reduced custody inmates began moving from the old Urban Camp facility to the new one earlier today.

The new Urban Camp cost approximately \$8.59 million to develop and construct, and was originally announced as part of the Building a Strong Saskatchewan stimulus package. The facility is a full replacement of the previous structure and provides 50 reduced custody beds. The approximately 13,000 sq. ft. building also has a recreational space and two dedicated programming rooms designed to accommodate specific programming needs, such as smudging.

"This modern facility will further enable the Urban Camp program to deliver valuable programming and services to reduced custody offenders transitioning back into the community," Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Christine Tell said.

[New Saskatoon Urban Camp Opening, Update On Remand Centre | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK CELEBRATES THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SASKATCHEWAN VOLUNTEERS



The Government of Saskatchewan is joining Sask Sport, SaskCulture and the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association in thanking volunteers and marking their accomplishments.

"National Volunteer Week is a time to recognize and celebrate the more than 330,000 volunteers across Saskatchewan and the valuable work they do for our province," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Laura Ross said. "Volunteers are hard-working, tireless and humble individuals. They come from different backgrounds and are motivated by nothing more than the simple desire to make our communities better."

This year's National Volunteer Week theme is *Volunteering Weaves Us Together*.

[National Volunteer Week Celebrates the Contributions of Saskatchewan Volunteers | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

FUN FACTS ABOUT SASKATCHEWAN



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

Capital city

The city of Regina is the 2nd largest in Saskatchewan. It was named after Queen Victoria although that is quite hard to tell ("Regina" translates to "queen" in Latin). Regina is home to Canada's oldest symphony orchestra and also Canada's only Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) training academy.

Largest city

Located 260 km north of Regina is the province's largest city, Saskatoon. It has been the cultural and economic hub of central Saskatchewan ever since it was founded in 1882. The city's nickname is "**Paris of the Prairies**" because it has 9 river-crossing bridges.

[Discover Saskatoon](#)

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SASKATCHEWAN IMMIGRANT NOMINEE PROGRAM



Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program

Saskatchewan is offering more supports and increased funding for newcomer settlement services.

saskatchewan.ca/sinp

Saskatchewan!

Saskatchewan has committed \$5.4 million for quality newcomer settlement supports and services and immigration. With this increased investment changes, newcomers will see improved settlement resources upon arriving to Saskatchewan.

Learn more about settlement programs at www.saskatchewan.ca/language-and-settlement



Are you looking for a skilled workers for your business? International talent is a valuable resource that help grow your business.

Learn more by visiting: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../mov.../hire-a-foreign-worker>

YOUR MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS



As you approach final exams, remember to take care of yourself. There are mental health and wellness resources available on our website!

The wellness self-check is a great tool for you to check on your mental health and see what steps you can take to stay healthy.

Learn more by visiting:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../do-a-wellness-self-check>

CANADA AND SASKATCHEWAN INVEST IN 21 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS TO BUILD STRONGER COMMUNITIES



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

Saskatchewan!

April 18, Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities, and Saskatchewan's Government Relations Minister Don McMorris, announced a joint investment of more than \$42.1 million to support 21 infrastructure projects across the province.

Quick facts

- The Government of Canada is investing \$20,133,458 toward these projects. The Government of Saskatchewan is investing \$21,986,742. Recipient communities are contributing \$23,846,620 and responsible for any additional costs.

[Canada And Saskatchewan Invest In 21 Infrastructure Projects To Build Stronger Communities | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS

April 16 - 22 in Saskatchewan is National

Volunteer Week

Let's recognize and celebrate the more than 330,000 volunteers across Saskatchewan and the valuable work they do for our province.



As we celebrate National Volunteer Week, I want to take a moment to express my deep gratitude to each and every one of you for your outstanding contributions to our great community.

Your selflessness, dedication, and tireless efforts have made a tremendous impact on our society. Your volunteer work has enriched the lives of many and brought hope to those in need. Your unwavering commitment to serving others is a true testament to the strength and resilience of our community.

Whether you volunteer at a local school, a community organization, the Quinn Stevenson outdoor rink, a hospital, a food bank, or any other organization, your work is invaluable. You are the backbone of our community, and we could not achieve our goals without your support.

I thank you for your service and commitment. Your work has made a significant difference in the lives of so many, and for that, we are truly grateful.

Let us continue to work together to make our community a better place and let us continue to celebrate the power of volunteerism.

CHARITY CHARGER TICKETS ON SALE



WIN THIS CAR!
5,000 VALUE

Charity Charger
1970 Dodge Charger RT Resto Mod Raffle

PLUS 50/50 JACKPOT
\$250,000

L 500HP Crate Hemi	Car Lowered 2.5"	Rack & Pinion Steering
mec 5 Speed Trans	Magnum Force Cross Member	TTI Headers & Exhaust Sy
draulic Clutch	Coil Over Shocks	Air Conditioning & Heat
heel Wilwood Brakes	17" Cragars	Classic Auto Air
! Sure Grip Dana 60	8" Front 9" Rear	Resto Mod completed by Mark Bennet

CHECK THIS OUT!!!!

Brayden Ottenbreit close Cuts for Cancer is excited to kick off their Charity Charger Campaign that will give you the chance to win this 1970 Dodge Charger RT Resto Mod valued at \$185,000!!

All proceeds will benefit Saskatchewan cancer patients through the [Cancer Foundation of Saskatchewan](https://www.cancerfoundationsask.ca/)

Draw date: August 20, 2023

Lottery Licence: LR22-0140

Get your tickets here:

<https://www.cancerfoundationsask.ca/charitycharger/>

EXPANDING ADDICTIONS TREATMENT ACROSS SASKATCHEWAN



36 new virtual outpatient treatment spaces will be coming online this spring as part of our government's commitment to increase addictions treatment capacity across Saskatchewan.

Providing a more flexible treatment option for individuals who have work, school and family responsibilities, these additional spaces will deliver greater access to support and meet people directly where they are at in their journey to recovery.

The 36 new spaces compliment the 14 post-treatment spaces announced in March and the 475 existing pre-treatment, detoxification, treatment and post-treatment beds across our province.

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR SPRING/SUMMER STUDENT LOANS



Reminder: Apply for your full-time or part-time spring/summer student loan.

Applications must be submitted at least two weeks before the end date of your spring/summer term.
Contact your institution to determine your course load percentage or credit hours.

Apply online at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../education.../student-loans>

CHECK OUT THIS BLOG BEFORE PLANNING YOUR SUMMER



Summer is the perfect time to explore the great outdoors, especially with your family. If you're looking for a way to get out of the house and enjoy some fresh air, then Saskatoon's parks are the perfect destination. Here are the top 10 family-friendly parks to check out this summer in Saskatoon.

<https://www.tourismsaskatoon.com/.../top-10-family.../>

WHOLESALETRADE INCREASES IN SASKATCHEWAN



New wholesale trade numbers are out and Saskatchewan ranked #2 in year-over-year growth compared to all other provinces!

This substantial increase is 4x the national average, highlighting that our strong and growing economy continues to have what the world needs.

COYOTE SIGHTINGS IN SASKATOON



The City is advising the public that coyote sightings have occurred at various locations throughout Saskatoon. The City reminds people to keep their distance from coyotes and all wildlife as they can be unpredictable when confronted.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding coyotes or other wildlife within City limits, please contact Urban Biological Services at 306-975-3300. If an emergency occurs, please contact Saskatoon Police Service at 306-975-8300.

The following is what to do if you have a close encounter with a coyote:

Never approach the animal;

Look for a way out;

Be observant of the coyote's movements;

Act assertive, yell, and wave your arms so that the coyote maintains a healthy respect for humans;

Ensure the animal has an escape route with enough space to flee the situation; and

Keep pets on a leash and under control.

Coyotes are an important component of a balanced ecosystem and are common in all major municipalities across Canada. Rapid expansion of the city and design of larger green spaces has resulted in more wildlife sightings. Coyotes can be seen in residential and commercial areas, especially if

food and shelter are readily available.

Listed below are tips to help avoid a coyote encounter in your yard:

Never feed coyotes or leave food waste in accessible areas;

Seal off access to decks and other sheltered spaces in your yard;

Do not feed pets outdoors; and

Close the gate to your yard and ensure fencing is in good condition.

MORE PEOPLE, MORE JOBS, MORE OPPORTUNITIES

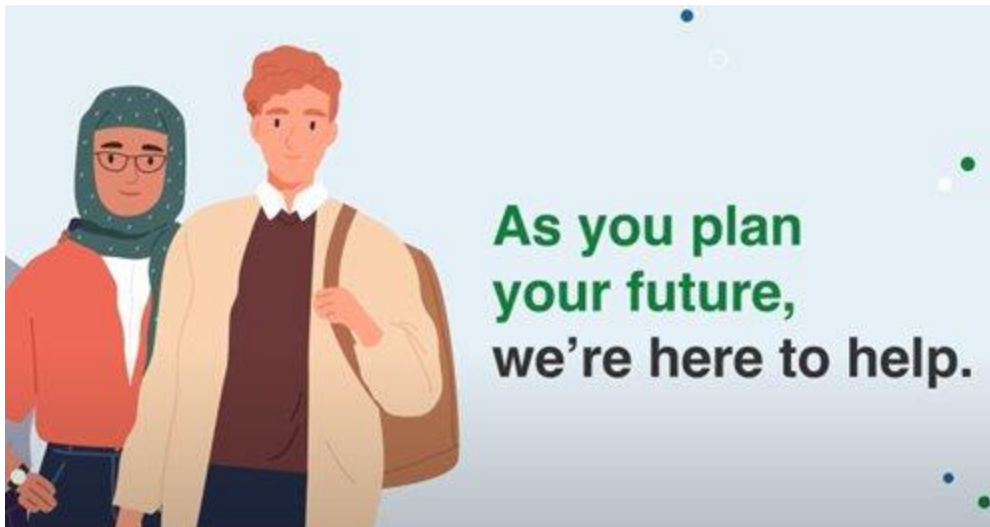


This year's budget includes an investment to expand the Targeted Mineral Exploration Incentive.

This includes \$4 million to include exploration drilling for all hard-rock minerals and an increase to the funding limit to support development.

More people, more jobs, and more opportunities. That's growth that works for everyone.

HELPFUL RESOURCES FOR SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS!



If you've recently finished your studies, you may have questions about repaying your student loan.

Learn more about your repayment options and other helpful resources and tools by visiting <https://www.csnpe-nslsc.canada.ca/en/repaying-your-loan>

ANOTHER MONTH OF GROWTH FOR SASKATCHEWAN HOUSING STARTS



Saskatchewan leads key economic indicators once again, with urban housing starts increasing by 53 per cent through the first three months of 2023 compared to the same time last year, ranking first among the provinces.

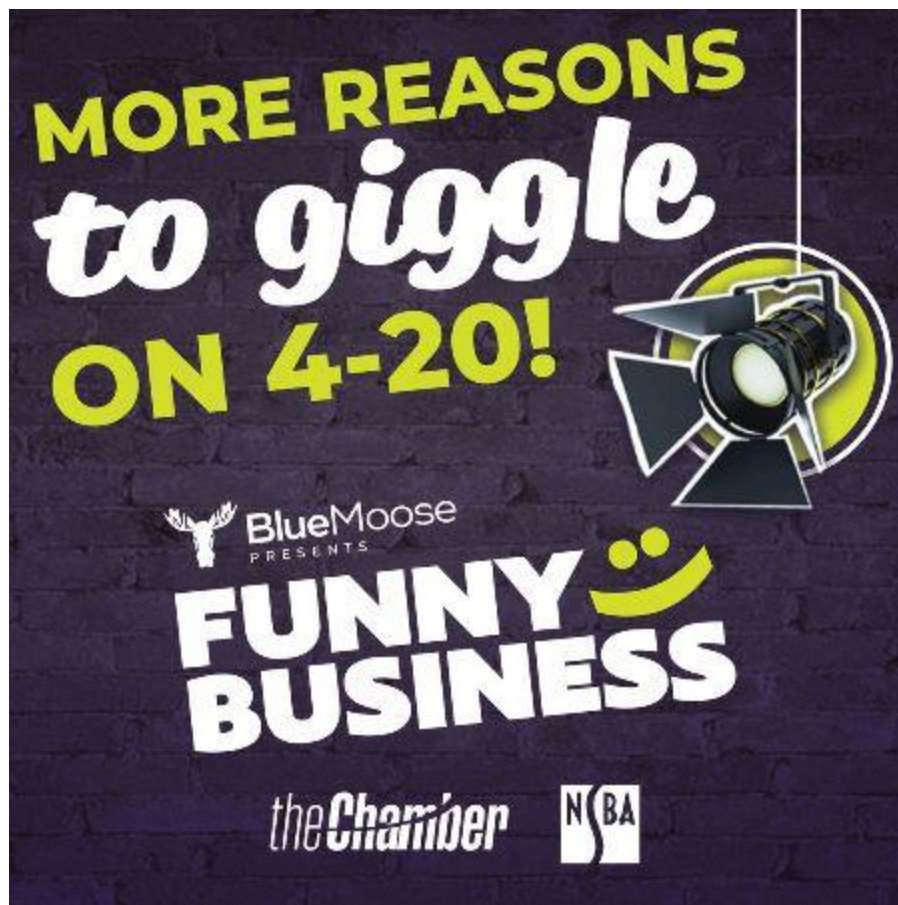
"Our province's economy continues to grow and today's numbers are another example of the important investments being made in Saskatchewan," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Increased housing starts mean families and investors see Saskatchewan's potential as a great place to live, work and raise a family. This is growth that works for everyone."

[Another Month of Growth for Saskatchewan Housing Starts | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE
INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER**



DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUNNIEST NIGHT OF YOUR LIFE!



What do you get when you cross a bunch of belly laughing with some serious elbow rubbing? Funny Business. A business event like no other. Just laughs, networking and some of the best comics in the biz. April 20, Prairieland.

GET YOUR TICKETS:

www.funnybusinessYXE.ca

[Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce](#) [Blue Moose Media](#)

A GREAT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT PRAIRIELAND PARK



[Saskatchewan Polytechnic](https://think.saskpolytech.ca) presents THINK: The Future of Work, Technology and Learning 2023. This unique, one-day conference will help us prepare for the possibilities of our future.

<https://think.saskpolytech.ca>

**ERINDALE ARBOR CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
GARAGE SALE**



SASKTEL SASKATCHEWAN JAZZ FESTIVAL

DAY PASSES ON SALE NOW



Do you have your day pass yet for the 2023 SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival?

This year's ticketed lineup is happening at Victoria Park on July 6, 7, 8 and 9, and each of those days' features five shows per day. Your day pass allows access to all five shows on that given day + if you purchase multiple days, you can save! Think of it as one day, one pass, five shows.

Visit www.saskjazz.com for all the details on this year's festival and to purchase your day pass today.

READ ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES BELOW

[Saskatchewan And New Brunswick Formalize Partnership On SMR Development | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Government of Saskatchewan Extends Regina Emergency Shelter Funding | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Province Ends Detainee Agreement with CBSA | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

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Life is full of surprises.
When your day is wonderful,
cherish it. When it becomes
difficult, **stay strong.**
There are no guarantees how
many days you have left, so
be grateful for each and
every one of them.



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