

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



**FROM A PROVINCIAL
POINT OF VIEW.**

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REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



Saskatchewan's economy and population are growing rapidly and with that growth comes a need for new, expanded and renewed infrastructure. The 2024-25 provincial budget invests a record \$4.4 billion in capital projects to support classrooms, care and communities.

The budget invests \$216 million in education capital to enhance learning environments for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 schools. This includes \$165.9 million to support 11 ongoing new or consolidated school projects and three major renovations in Balgonie, Carlyle, Saskatoon, Regina, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Lanigan, La Loche and Wilcox.

Another \$8.8 million supports the planning for nine new schools and two renovations announced in this year's budget, located in Pinehouse, Regina, Saskatoon, Corman Park and Swift Current. Our government has invested \$2.6 billion into school capital since 2008-09 for 65 new schools and 32 major renovations, demonstrating our commitment to Saskatchewan students.

In health care, our government is making a record investment of \$516.8 million in infrastructure

improvements to provide residents with the care they need and deserve. This is an increase of \$179.3 million from last year.

Major health care capital projects in this year's budget include the redevelopment of Prince Albert's Victoria Hospital; replacement of the Weyburn General Hospital; work on long-term care facilities in La Ronge, Regina, Grenfell, Estevan and Watson; and construction of the parkade at Regina General Hospital.

Our government has invested more than \$2.9 billion to support the construction and maintenance of new health care facilities since 2008-09, helping to ensure that you can get the care you need when and where you need it.

The budget invests \$617.1 million into operating, maintaining, building and improving Saskatchewan roads and highways, an increase of 3.5 per cent. The entire amount collected in fuel tax - \$521.3 million – is enhanced with additional investments to maintain and operate Saskatchewan highways.

The budget provides \$417.3 million for transportation capital to improve more than 1,100 km of provincial highways. Construction continues on several major highway improvement projects, including twinning projects near Rowatt and Corinne on Highways 6 and 39 between Regina and Weyburn, corridor improvements on Highway 5 east of Saskatoon, and completion of the replacement of the two Highway 6 bridges over Regina's Ring Road.

The budget also includes \$73.5 million to build, operate and maintain the transportation system in northern Saskatchewan. Since 2008-09, our government has invested more than \$13 billion in transportation infrastructure, improving more than 20,700 kilometres of highways.

Saskatchewan municipalities continue to benefit from this year's budget, with a record \$350.1 million in transfers through capital programs.

This year, \$78.9 million will be invested in water projects. This includes more than \$35.9 million to continue to develop and expand irrigation in the province, as well as funding to support the engineering, design and construction of the Lake Diefenbaker Irrigation Project.

To continue to enhance public and community safety, \$60.8 million will be invested in projects at provincial courts and correctional facilities. This work includes continued construction of the remand expansion at the Saskatoon Correction Centre.

Our provincial Crown corporations are also a priority in the budget. Crown corporations are

investing approximately \$2.6 billion this year – another record – to improve infrastructure in the province. Over the next four years, the Crown sector will invest more than \$9.5 billion, which is the largest capital investment in its history.

SaskPower is investing a record \$1.6 billion in the provincial electricity system to meet demand and maintain reliability and support the transition to a modern grid. This includes construction of the natural gas plant in south-central Saskatchewan, improvements to the plant near Kerrobert and expanding the southwest transmission interconnection.

SaskEnergy is investing \$416.9 million into the province's natural gas transmission and distribution system to help meet growth in demand.

SaskTel is investing \$439.8 million to ensure the information and communications technology infrastructure is in place to help connect Saskatchewan residents. Investments this year include continuing to deploy fibre to rural Saskatchewan and rolling out the 5G wireless network.

The 2024-25 Capital Plan of \$4.4 billion is the largest in Saskatchewan history and over nine times the amount of the capital budget in 2006 under the NDP government, which was \$484 million in today's dollars.

As our government continues to make these infrastructure investments to build classrooms, care and communities, we look forward to hearing from you. You can reach my constituency office at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net or call 306,651.7100.

**IT WAS GREAT TO ATTEND THE INAUGURAL LOUIS RIEL CUP
IN SASKATOON LAST WEEKEND**



I had the pleasure of joining Saskatchewan Hockey Royalty Bryan Trottier at the Inaugural Louis Riel Cup in Saskatoon this weekend, along with other hockey greats Rich Pilon and Kevin Kaminski.



It was a great weekend for hockey in Saskatoon. Congratulations to everyone involved in the Inaugural Louis Riel Cup.

GOVERNOR GENERAL MAKES FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO SASKATCHEWAN



Governor General of Canada Mary Simon will visit Saskatchewan on April 22, 2024.

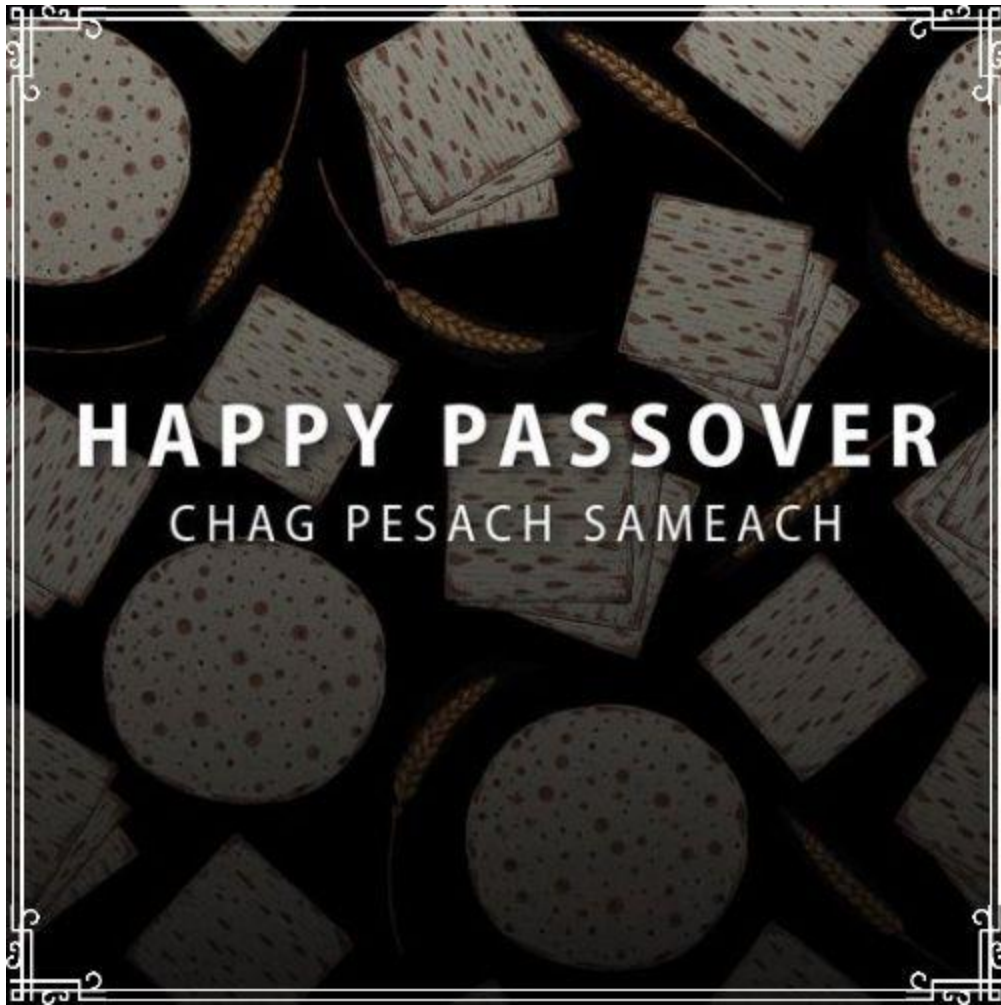
"Saskatchewan was honoured to welcome Her Excellency to our province for her first official visit," Premier Scott Moe said. "Her Excellency demonstrates a deep commitment to promoting unity and understanding among all Canadians, a sentiment which echoes our provincial motto 'From Many Peoples Strength.' I join with all of Saskatchewan in wishing Her Excellency a wonderful visit to our province."

Her Excellency arrived at the Saskatchewan Legislative Building at 11:30 a.m. on April 22, 2024, where she was greeted by the Lieutenant Governor, the Premier, and other dignitaries and will inspect an Honour Guard of troops from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police "Depot" Division.

The public and members of the media were invited to join in welcoming Her Excellency to Saskatchewan at the Legislative Building. Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada, arrived for her first official visit to Saskatchewan.

[#GGSimon](#) was greeted with a Vice Regal Salute, and received a warm welcome from students, residents, and dignitaries at the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan.

HAPPY PASSOVER



Happy Passover to everyone celebrating this important holiday. As the sun set earlier this week, Passover began. I send strength to the Jewish community and extend my best wishes to those celebrating Passover.



As we entered the holiday of Passover, we are reminded of the resilience of the Jewish community. We hope to overcome these tumultuous times.

Chag sameach.

CAREER SERVICES



Struggling to find work or recently lost your job? SaskJobs career development professionals can guide you in building up the essential skills for a successful job search.

Learn more here: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../saskjobs-career-services>

PLEASE BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS IN OUR SCHOOL ZONES

Stopping Prohibitions:

Keeping
**crosswalks
clear** and
**pedestrians
safe.**



After seeing numerous dangerous parking/stopping situations around our two neighbourhood elementary schools, we thought it would be a good time to share the City's "Understanding Parking in Saskatoon" info.

Do not park your vehicle in a space marked as a:

- No Parking or No Stopping area
- Bus Stop
- Bike lane

Know the difference between 'No Parking' and 'No Stopping'.

- No Parking: Vehicles can only stop briefly to load or unload. You may not park your vehicle and wait for someone.
- No Stopping: Vehicles must not stop here for any reason, including dropping off or picking up passengers.

Park safely in school zones. Children's safety is paramount. To help ensure clear sight lights for drivers and students, please obey signage and park only in authorized areas.

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/.../understanding-parking-saskatoon>

EARTH DAY WAS CELEBRATED APRIL 22ND




On April 22nd, Discover Saskatoon partnered with [The Sustainable Events Forum](#) on [#Earthday](#). You can check out the [#TSEF](#) virtual event "Earth Day for Event People", 60-minutes of fun, event sustainability, and case studies.

Remember - not only on earth day, but all year ... you can make a difference



Special thanks to the Discover Saskatoon team along with several others who were out and about on April 22nd, lending a hand along the Meewasin Valley River during their Clean Up Campaign.

**SASKATOON WILLOWGROVE RESIDENTS - DID YOU RECEIVE
YOUR CALENDAR IN THE MAIL?**



WORKING FOR YOU.

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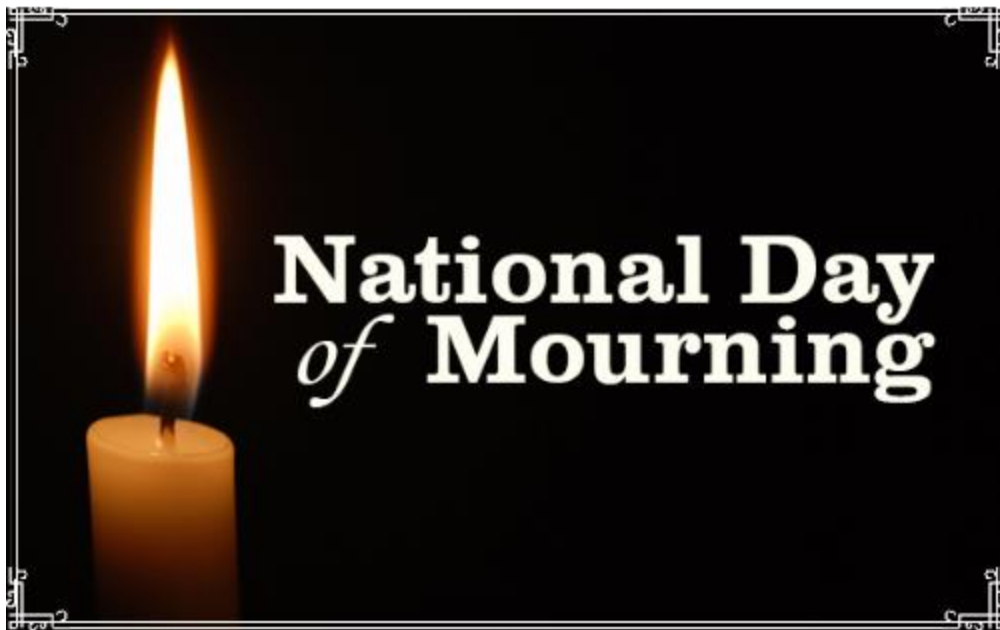
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SASKATCHEWAN NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING



Each year, on April 28 is Saskatchewan National Day of Mourning. Canada recognizes the National Day of Mourning as a day for employers and employees to remember those who have died, and those injured or stricken by illness on the job.

On this day, Saskatchewan renews its commitment to improve occupational health and safety in the workplace. The Saskatchewan Legislature will read the names of those who lost their lives to their work into the provincial record. The Canadian Labour Congress inscribes the names in the National Registry in Ottawa.

**INTAKE PERIOD OPEN FOR SASKATCHEWAN VETERANS
SERVICE CLUB SUPPORT PROGRAM 2024-25**



The initial intake period for the Saskatchewan Veterans Service Club Support Program is open, with applications being accepted until May 15, 2024.

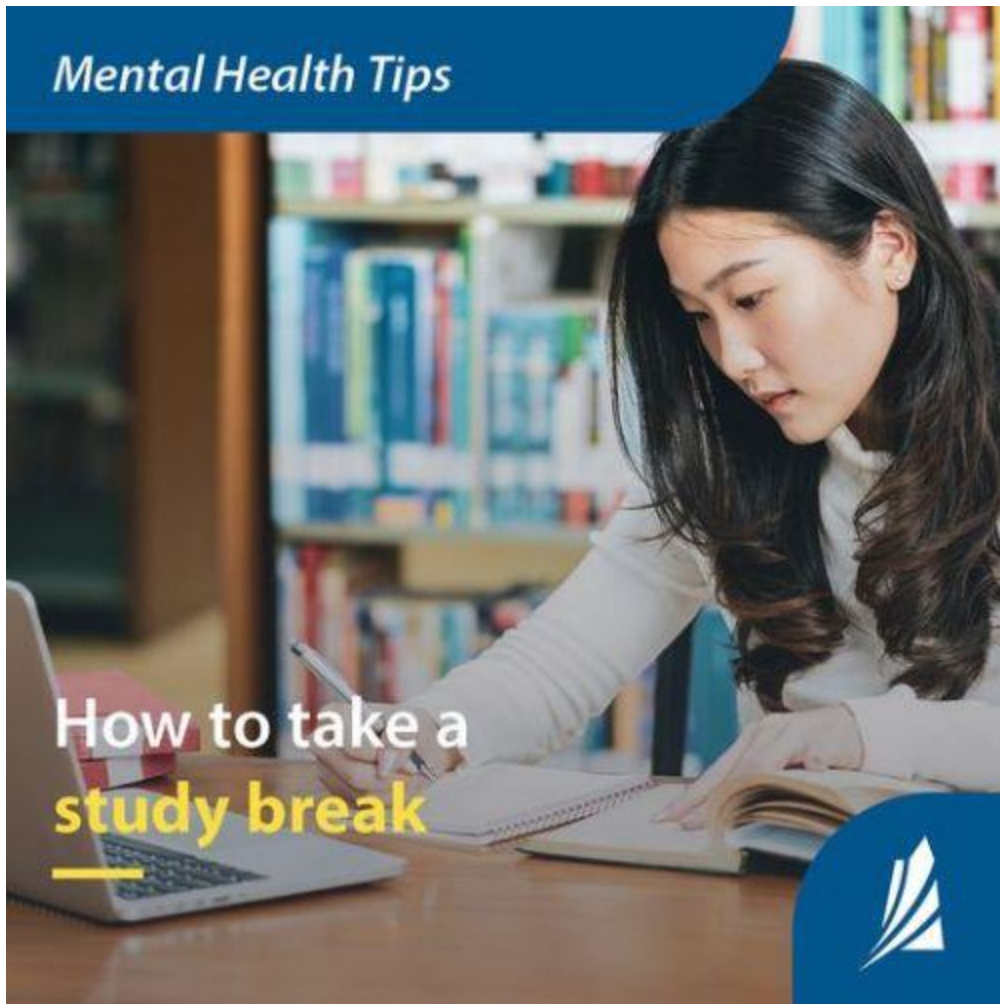
Introduced in 2019-20, the program provides grants for repairs and upgrades, special events, operations, programs and activities to engage communities and advance the work of veterans' service organizations across the province.

"Our province's veterans service clubs work tirelessly on behalf of our communities, and we are thankful for the important work they do year-round," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Laura Ross said. "In 2023-24, a total of 77 grants were awarded to clubs across Saskatchewan, and our government is proud to continue supporting veterans, their families and their communities through this program."

[Intake Period Open for Saskatchewan Veterans Service Club Support Program 2024-25 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

More information about the program, guidelines, applications and eligibility is available through the [Sask Command - Royal Canadian Legion](#) at (306) 525-8739 or admin@sasklegion.ca.

MENTAL HEALTH TIPS



How to take a study break

Study Break! 📖

The end of the semester can be a stressful time of year – between finishing projects and studying for finals, it's important to take some time to reset.

- ☀️ Get some fresh air
- 💻 Give your eyes a break from your computer
- 💧 Drink plenty of water
- 🍎 Eat a snack
- 💤 Get a full night's rest
- 😊 And make time for something that fills your cup

TOP JOBS IN MINING AND MINERALS



Saskatchewan is home to the world's largest potash industry and high-grade uranium deposits. The growth and success of this industry is in your hands. The skills and talents you have are essential for taking on crucial roles.

The [#TopJobs](#) in Mining & Minerals right now are:

- transport truck drivers
- mine labourers
- power engineer
- heavy duty mechanics

SaskJobs.ca is the perfect place to find your next job in the mining and minerals industry. Start job hunting here: saskjobs.ca

BE AWARE - JOB SEEKER SAFETY TIPS

Job Seeker Safety Tips



Protect your personal information



Learn about common employment scams



Create **strong** passwords

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When you're looking for a job, be careful with your personal information like your Social Insurance Number, driver's license number, or health card number. Do not give these details to potential employers. Legitimate job ads won't ask for this kind of information or for money deposits.

Check out [SaskJobs.ca](https://saskjobs.ca) for job hunting resources.

I'M HERE TO LISTEN AND LEARN FROM YOU - PLEASE KEEP 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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\$4.4 BILLIONS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

\$4.4 Billion

for *capital projects* that meet the growing needs of Saskatchewan families and communities.



Saskatchewan Provincial Budget | 2024-25
Classrooms, Care & Communities

Saskatchewan
Party *Caucus*

Saskatchewan's economy and population are growing rapidly and with that growth comes a need for new, expanded and renewed infrastructure. Since 2008-09, our government has invested \$47.2 billion in infrastructure projects that provide essential services for the province.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION INVESTMENT ON THE RISE IN SASKATCHEWAN



Province Sees Substantial Year-Over-Year Growth

Statistics Canada data released today indicate Saskatchewan has increased 19.4 per cent (seasonally-adjusted) for year-over-year growth in investments in building construction.

"Our construction sector continues to see strong growth as a result of our robust economy," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "The increased investment in building construction we are experiencing is helping us create more jobs, more opportunities and a better quality of life for Saskatchewan people."

[Building Construction Investment on the Rise in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

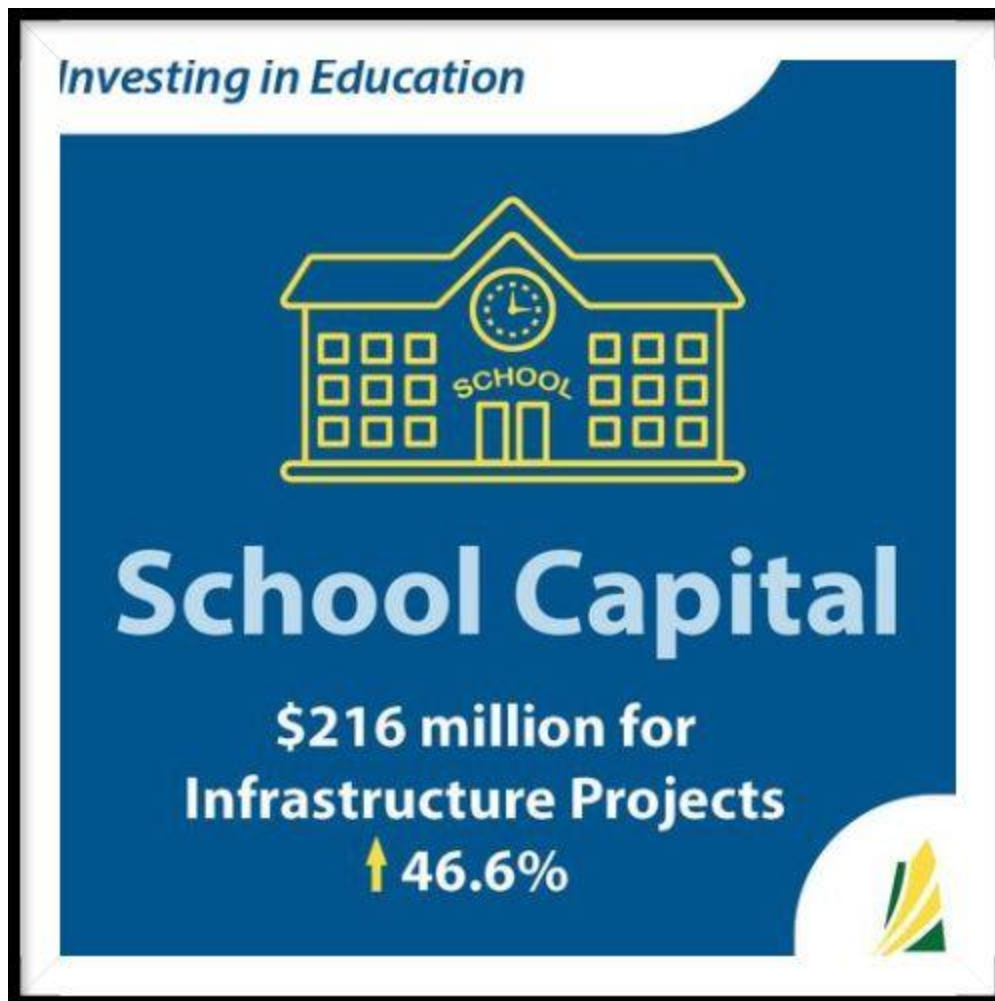
SASKATCHEWAN INVESTS \$13.2 MILLION FOR VETERINARY MEDICINE TRAINING



The Government of Saskatchewan is providing \$13.2 million to the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVI) in 2024-25, representing a \$667,000 increase over last year. This funding will support high-quality veterinary medicine education in the province as well as government's commitment to subsidize 25 training seats for Saskatchewan students.

"We continue to see a rising demand for veterinary services in the province and they are a key support for our growing economy," Advanced Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. "This is a priority investment for Advanced Education that supports the continued implementation with five new seats, bringing the total now to 25 seats, that are available annually for Saskatchewan students."

INVESTING IN EDUCATION



The 2024-25 Provincial Budget Includes \$216 million in School Capital Funding:

- \$8.8 million for the planning of nine new schools and two major school renovations
- \$165.9 million for 14 ongoing new schools and three major renovations
- \$28.5 million for relocatable classrooms
- \$12.8 million for seven minor capital renewal projects

**WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE BRIGHTON ELEMENTARY &
HIGH SCHOOL CAPITAL FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT IN OUR
GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET**



I was pleased to see that the Brighton Community is as excited as I am about the new schools that will be built in their community, the constituency of Saskatoon Willowgrove!

Brighton [Community facebook page](#):

The announcement you have all been waiting for!

The Provincial Government and the City of Saskatoon have formally announced capital funding for both the Holmwood High School and Brighton Elementary School.

These capital investments alongside the previously announced leisure centre and future major

district parks and sports fields will be a tremendous addition to our community.

We are excited to share additional details and construction updates as they happen!

Investing in Classroom Supports

\$648K
for 17 teacher-led projects

Through the Teacher Innovation and Support Fund

The graphic features a green-tinted background image of a classroom. A white line-art icon of a lightbulb with rays emanating from it is positioned above the text. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font. The entire graphic is framed by a decorative border with ornate corner pieces.

The Teacher Innovation and Support Fund continues to receive creative project requests.

Seventeen additional teacher-led ideas have been approved totaling \$647,900.

This round of projects includes outdoor classroom space, renovations to sensory rooms and learning through podcasting.

Over \$1.5 million has been provided through the Fund to date.

Details and applications for funding can be found here: <https://bit.ly/48wFLRC>



The third round of funding for the Teacher Support and Innovation Fund has seen an additional 17 projects approved, totalling nearly \$650,000.

Our government's commitment to provide these additional supports has been met with impressive and innovative project ideas from teachers across the province.

DID YOU KNOW?
THE SASKATOON EARLY YEARS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
IS NOW OPEN AT BRIGHTON MARKETPLACE?



Saskatoon Early Years Family Resource Center is now open at Brighton Marketplace!

Offering fun & free developmentally engaging programming for families with young children in a space that is inclusive, diverse and culturally responsive to the community they serve.

They offer high quality programming for families, often in partnership with other early years professionals, such as SHA Public Health, SHA Early Childhood Psychology, Navera Community Connections, Sask Prevention Institute, Foundations Learning & Skills SK, Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services Saskatoon, and many more.

Check out [@saskatoonfamilycentreeast](https://www.instagram.com/saskatoonfamilycentreeast) for the full weekly schedule and stop by with your children for a drop-in session this week! located on the corner of 163 Gibson Bend next to Brighton Vet.

Avoid Distractions When Driving

Keep focused and never put yourself and others in danger for the sake of a call, text, or other activity.



They Can Wait!

**SASKATCHEWAN BOASTS YEAR OF RECORD EXPORTS IN
2023**



It was a record year for Saskatchewan exports!

The newly released State of Trade Report highlights how Saskatchewan goods reached 163 countries, with 32 of those countries receiving over \$100 million in provincial exports.

Saskatchewan ranked #1 in the nation for per capita exports, at over the double national average, and our agri-food exports surpassed \$20 billion.

This year's record funding in classrooms, care, and communities is only possible due to the strength of Saskatchewan's strong and growing economy and we will continue to leverage our network of nine international trade offices to ensure this growth continues.

[Saskatchewan Boasts Year of Record Exports in 2023 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SPSA TO RENEW ITS LAND-BASED AIRTANKER FLEET



Premier Scott Moe and Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Paul Merriman unveiled further details on the four re-purposed land-based airtanker aircraft, consisting of two Dash 8-Q400AT models and two Dash 8-Q400MRE models, being purchased for the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) at an approximate cost of \$187.06 million.

The planes will replace the current fleet of land-based airtanker aircraft, which consists of four Convair 580 airplanes. Those planes will approach the end of their useful lifespan in 2027.

"Saskatchewan relies on land-based airtanker aircraft as part of its approach to managing wildfires," Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Paul Merriman said. "These aircraft are used in instances where waterbombers may not be able to access lakes to fill up their tanks."

[SPSA to renew its land-based airtanker fleet | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**QUINN STEVENSON / BLUE JAY BATTING CAGE WITH
PARTNER SGI**



Such an exciting upgrade for our community!

New much larger cages coming together. Once again, our dedicated volunteers are going to install the turf and netting in the next day or so and then we should be good to open - stay tuned!

Thanks to volunteers and Nordic Fencing for their hard work on this and to ASL for the site prep!

SASKATCHEWAN HOUSING BENEFIT HELPS ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS



The Saskatchewan Housing Benefit helps eligible applicants with rent and utility costs. For more details on eligibility and how to apply, use the new online application at <https://bit.ly/3N0dZS2>.

[Social Services Clients Benefitting from Income Assistance Increases](#) | [News and Media](#) | [Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SMILE COOKIES BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITIES & COMMUNITY GROUPS



From April 29 – May 5, Tim Hortons restaurants will be launching our annual Smile Cookie program where 100% of Smile Cookies sold will be donated to local charities and community groups.



*Every #SmileCookie counts when it comes to supporting local charities and community groups.
Grab yours today at Tims!*



SUPER SATURDAY AT THE LANDMARK!



Mark your calendars! April 27th is Super Saturday.

From 12:00 - 4:00pm on April 27, 2024, spin to WIN movie tickets, popcorn, drinks, and Landmark EXTRAS prizes when donating \$2 or more to Kids Help Phone at concession.

Every \$2 donation gets you a spin. Donate \$4 and get 2 spins. Donate \$10 and get 5 spins. Plus, you'll get to add your name to our Movie Lovers Care Wall.

Spin to win when you help us support [Kids Help Phone](https://www.kids-help-phone.org/) KHP

<https://www.landmarkcinemas.com/movie-lovers-care/>

REMINDER - FROM PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS!



SPRING MARKETS



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[Construction on Regina General Hospital Parkade Advances with Installation of Panels | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskgaming Reaches New Agreements with all Four Collective Bargaining Units | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY



L I F E

isn't easy but
every day you get
a chance to make
a difference. Be
thankful for what
you already have
and work hard for
the things you
want because
every breath you
take is a blessing.

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