

LEGISLATIVE REPORT



The 2024-25 provincial budget delivers the largest-ever increase in health care funding. This investment will expand patient care and services, increase access to primary care, support health professionals, and fund key infrastructure projects like new hospitals and long-term care homes across Saskatchewan.

This year's Ministry of Health budget is \$7.59 billion, an increase of \$726.4 million, or 10.6 per cent, over last year. The Saskatchewan Health Authority will receive an increase of \$248.3 million, or 5.6 per cent, for a total highest-ever budget of \$4.68 billion – another record investment.

This budget will increase patient access to primary and community-based care, supporting Saskatchewan residents in receiving care closer to home and alleviating pressures on the acute care system through investments totaling \$59.4 million.

The budget includes an increase of \$5.1 million for specialized medical imaging services to add essential CT and MRI capacity in the province. This expansion will help increase access and reduce waitlists for these important diagnostic procedures.

A \$16.0 million total increase will be distributed across several primary, public health and community care initiatives, including increasing access to nurse practitioners and other allied health professionals through integration into primary care teams, funding to support Healthline 811 and added supports for Chronic Pain Clinics in Regina and Saskatoon.

An investment of \$71.4 million focuses on increasing the capacity of the acute care system. This includes \$30 million for the Saskatoon and Regina Capacity Pressures Action Plans, as well as an increase of nearly \$10 million for the Regina Urgent Care Centre. Funding is also directed to continuing to reduce the surgical waitlist, working to achieve a three-month wait time target years ahead of schedule.

The budget includes an increase of \$29.2 million for the Health Human Resources Action Plan to recruit, train, incentivize and retain health care professionals in the province. This includes \$11.6 million to fully fund the commitment to add 250 new or enhanced permanent full-time positions in rural and remote locations. A \$6.7 million investment for the Rural and Remote Recruitment Incentive will fund existing recipients of the program and extend this initiative for another year.

This year's budget includes \$214 million for the recent Saskatchewan Medical Association contract agreement, including increased physician compensation and new programs to support the province's efforts to recruit and retain physicians.

A record budget of \$574 million will be invested into mental health and addictions programs and services, which represents more than seven per cent of total health care funding. This includes an increase of \$34 million to expand access to targeted initiatives focused on children and youth, addictions and vulnerable populations across the province.

The Saskatchewan Cancer Agency will see an increase of \$26.1 million for a total record budget

of \$248.9 million to ensure patients can access the most effective and cutting-edge treatment options.

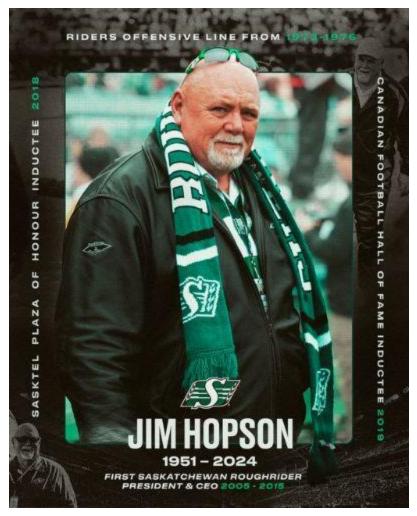
The budget includes investments to deliver timely, exceptional cancer care services for Saskatchewan women. A \$3.5 million increase for breast cancer care and screening includes technology enhancements and new diagnostic imaging equipment, as well as the establishment of a Breast Health Centre in Regina. A continued investment of \$1.0 million will be designated for important ongoing ovarian cancer research.

Targeted seniors' care initiatives will receive a \$43.4 million increase to stabilize services and programming so seniors can live safely and comfortably in their home communities for as long as possible.

To provide high-quality care, meet the needs of a growing province and ensure our health professionals have the appropriate facilities to provide care to the people of Saskatchewan, the budget invests a record \$516.8 million in health infrastructure, such as new hospitals and health care centres. This is an increase of \$179.3 million from last year.

Our government is committed to continuing to make investments that improve health care. As we continue this work, please feel free to reach out to my office with your questions, concerns or comments. You can reach my constituency office at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net.

WE MOURN THE LOSS OF JIM HOPSON



As we mourn the loss of a genial giant, we remember everything he gave us to savour and celebrate. A good friend to many. Jim made our province a better place. Forever remembered. Heartfelt condolences to Brenda, family and friends.



Looking back at a lifelong love of the Green & White — demonstrated many times over by player, executive and staunch support, Jim Hopson.

Jim's legacy will live on. Rest in peace Jim.

EXPANDING SERVICES AND IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS CARE FOR SASKATCHEWAN PEOPLE

\$574 million investment for mental health and addictions, including an increase of \$34 million for targeted initiatives.



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This budget invests in expanding services and improve mental health and addictions care for Saskatchewan people as well as hospital-based services, physician visits and prescription drug costs.

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS



April 6th marked the sixth anniversary of the tragic Humboldt Broncos bus accident.

Today and every day, the victims and survivors of that awful event are in the hearts of all of us in the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League.

The lives lost in this tragic accident will not be forgotten. On this anniversary, we especially remember, the SJHL and IKS Media Governors, Staff, Players, and Administration send their deepest thoughts, prayers, and warmest regards to the families and friends of the 2018 Humboldt Broncos.



Let us remember the importance of sharing our wishes with our loved ones. The story of Logan Boulet, who made the selfless decision to become an organ donor and shared his wishes with his family, is a reminder of how one person's actions can make a significant impact on others. His decision not only saved six lives but also inspired a nation and created a movement known as the #LoganBouletEffect.



Our hearts remain with the victims, their families and communities. April 6th was a day to remember lives lost and forever changed. May their memories continue to inspire us.

SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS TO HAVE 24/7 ONLINE ACCESS TO HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS



High school and Adult 12 student transcripts will be available online beginning in summer 2024, through a partnership with the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC), which owns MyCreds_{TM}. The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to offer this service to students making the process of accessing transcripts more convenient and efficient.

Through MyCreds $_{TM}$, Saskatchewan high school and Adult 12 students will have secure digital access to their transcripts any time they need them.

"Education is the foundation for developing Saskatchewan's labour force," Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "Offering this service to make the transcript process more efficient will ultimately help students move forward in their careers and decision making as they plan their career path."

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HINDU SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN'S 38TH VEGETARIAN BANQUET



It was an honor to attend and be part of the Hindu Society of Saskatchewan's 38th Vegetarian Banquet in 2024, along with several Saskatchewan Party MLAs and candidates, (pictured above) including Ghislaine McLeod, Speaker Randy Weekes, and Jaime Martin.



It was a pleasure to rise in the house to acknowledge this great event. Check out the entire Member's Statement on my facebook page.

\$530,000 INVESTMENT KEEPS SHORT LINE RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE ON TRACK



Highways Minister Lori Carr announced \$530,000 in provincial short line rail investments that will keep this key transportation infrastructure moving.

"Short line railways play an important role in getting Saskatchewan's food, fuel and fertilizer on their journeys to worldwide markets, which helps keep our export-based economy strong to sustain our quality of life," Carr said. "We are proud to invest in this transportation sector as it is essential to keeping our great and growing province strong."

\$530,000 Investment Keeps Short Line Rail Infrastructure On Track | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan



GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN SUPPORTS ROYAL
REGINA RIFLES 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY



Photo courtesy: Laura Ross Facebook

The Government of Saskatchewan is providing a \$40,000 grant to support The Royal Regina Rifles Trust's Battlefield Tour of Honour for the 80th Anniversary of Operation Overlord (D-Day) taking place in June 2024.

Then called The Regina Rifle Regiment, they were one of the first infantry regiments to storm Juno Beach as part of the Normandy D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944. Nicknamed "The Johns", the regiment was made up of young men from across the province. The Battalion landed on the western side of Juno Beach, destroying gun positions on the beach and successfully clearing the village of Courseulles-sur-Mer before pushing further inland.

"Our government is proud to provide funding to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Operation Overlord and the sacrifices of Regina Rifle Regiment during the Second World War," Parks,

Culture and Sport Minister Laura Ross said. "The Royal Regina Rifles have a proud history and linkage to our past. It is important to honour our veterans and keep the memories alive of our fallen heroes."

Government of Saskatchewan Supports Royal Regina Rifles 80th Anniversary of D-Day | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

\$137,000 FOR PHARMACIST SCOPE OF PRACTICE EXPANSION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN



The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to announce it will provide \$137,000 to the University of Saskatchewan's College of Pharmacy and Nutrition for a new Advanced Pharmacy Prescribing Training program.

This training program will enable licensed, practicing pharmacists to become authorized to prescribe and manage medication for a variety of chronic conditions such as asthma, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), obesity, heart failure and hypertension.

"Pharmacists are valued members of our communities who are reliable and trusted sources of health care services," Advanced Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. "Our government is very pleased to invest in this program at the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition in an effort to further increase primary care capacity and ease health care system pressures in the province."

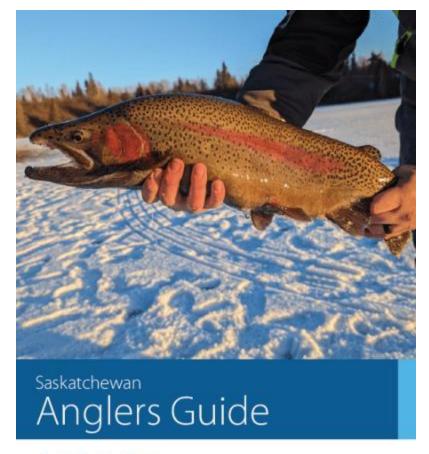
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\$248.9 MILLION FOR THE SASKATCHEWAN CANCER AGENCY



This budget also sees investments to deliver timely and quality cancer care services for Saskatchewan women such as breast cancer care and screening initiatives, ongoing ovarian cancer research and enhanced gynecological cancer therapy.

THE 2024-25 SASKATCHEWAN ANGLERS GUIDE IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE



2024-25



saskatchewan.ca/fishing



Outdoor enthusiasts can now conveniently access and download this year's Anglers Guide to their phones or other devices.

The Saskatchewan Anglers Guide details the regulations, policies and practices that guide recreational fishing in the province, including a comprehensive listing of waterbodies with specific catch limits and special regulations. Physical copies of the 2024-25 Saskatchewan Anglers Guide will be available at Ministry of Environment's field offices with front counter

service where angling licenses are sold, most provincial park offices and select retail outlets in early May.

"Saskatchewan is lucky to be home to some of the best freshwater fishing in Canada,"

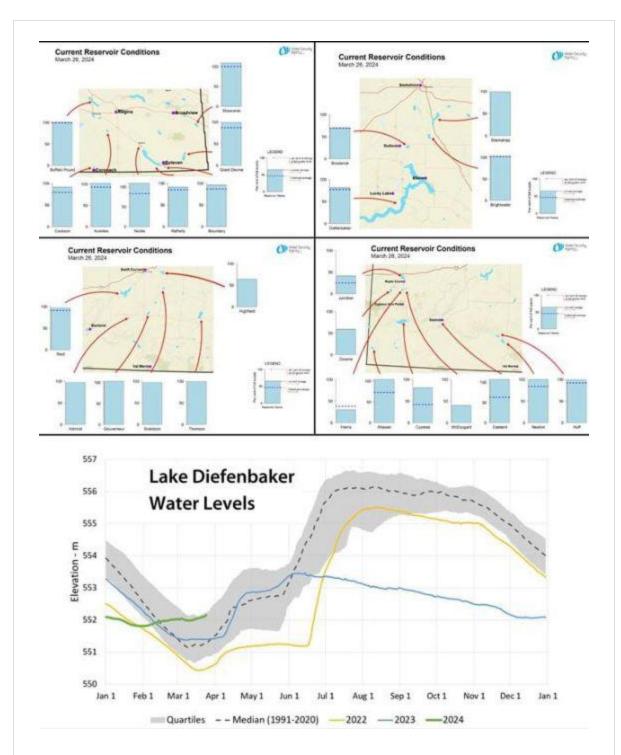
Environment Minister Christine Tell said. "With the 2024-25 guide now available, we encourage all anglers to review the guide to ensure your fishing activities are compliant with the regulations.

We look forward to a safe and enjoyable fishing season for all anglers in Saskatchewan!"

For more information or to purchase an angling license, visit: saskatchewan.ca/fishing.

The 2024-25 Saskatchewan Anglers Guide is Now Available Online | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

WSA PROVIDES UPDATE ON SASKATCHEWAN'S RESERVOIRS - LARGE MAJORITY TO FILL THIS SPRING



The Water Security Agency (WSA) is providing an update on the status of Saskatchewan's reservoirs.

Overall, 33 out of 45 major reservoirs - nearly three quarters - are near full or are expected to fill, while another six reservoirs are between 70-90 per cent full and still filling. The remaining six reservoirs will likely not completely fill, most of which are in southwestern Saskatchewan.

Over the winter, WSA implemented a conservative operating plan at Lake Diefenbaker to retain and store water ahead of possible dry conditions this spring.

Saskatchewan's largest reservoir, Lake Diefenbaker, supplies over 60 per cent of the province's water supply needs. Levels were brought up earlier than normal to maximize supply. Other major reservoirs are currently at or near full as a result of good water management practices and sound decision making.

WSA Provides Update on Saskatchewan's Reservoirs - Large Majority to Fill This Spring | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

NEW SYSTEM SET TO IMPROVE EMS RESPONSE TIMES



Pilot Project to Address Emergency Department Offload Delays in Regina and Saskatoon

Saskatchewan will soon pilot an emergency medical services (EMS) triage system in Regina and Saskatoon to help improve patient flow and reduce ambulance offload delays within emergency departments (ED).

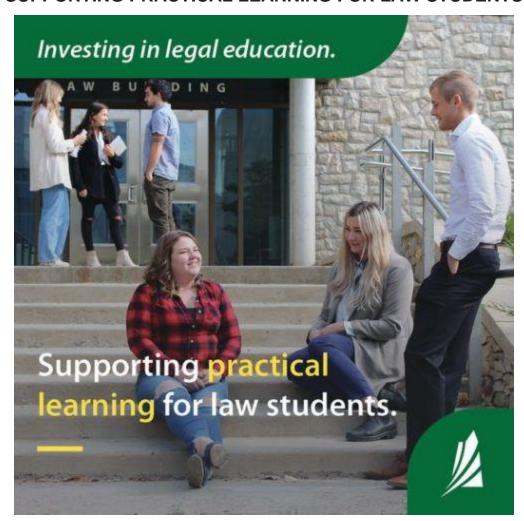
A new triage software support system to be introduced this June will utilize a Registered Nurse (RN) to evaluate calls processed by an Emergency Medical Dispatcher and deemed non-emergent. The RN will be able to direct the patients to an alternative, appropriate health care option if it is determined they do not require an ambulance.

"We are grateful for the work done by our EMS providers, and we have heard from them the need to address pressures caused by unnecessary EMS transfers to hospital emergency departments," Health Minister Everett Hindley said. "This new support system will streamline services for our

EMS providers and help ensure that patients are seeing the right health care provider in the right location at the right time."

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SUPPORTING PRACTICAL LEARNING FOR LAW STUDENTS



We are providing \$100,000 to the University of Saskatchewan College of Law to expand practical learning placement opportunities for students in the Ministry of Justice, Public Prosecutions, and Legal Aid. College of Law, University of Saskatchewan University of Saskatchewan

BETTER HEALTH CARE



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The 2024-25 Budget invests in health care to help meet the needs of a growing Saskatchewan. The budget makes a record investment of \$7.6 billion to improve patient care and access across the province.

Learn more at saskatchewan.ca/budget

CHECK OUT THE EACCA SPRING NEWSLETTER ONLINE NOW!



ERINDALE ARBOR CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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SPRING 2024

Spring Programming! Play Pickleball with Us! See Page 2 for more Information



ERINDALE ARBOR CREEK
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VOLUNTEER WITH US

Our EACCA board is an energetic group of community members. We organize events and activities with the goal of making Erindale & Arbor Creek the BEST place to live in Saskatoon. If you want to make a difference in your community, consider volunteering with us.

Positions currently open:

- President
- Vice President
 Soccer Coordinator
- Website Coordinator

Help guide the direction of your community association. Without a full board, it will be difficult for the EACCA to provide a full schedule of programming.



I was pleased to have to opportunity to write a message in the Erindale Arbor Creek Community Association Spring 2024 Newsletter. Thank you to this incredible group of individuals that do so much to make our community a better place.

The newsletter is Live! Head to https://www.erindalearborcreek.org/newsletter to check it out! Spring Programming, School Information, and much more!

EACCA ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE - CLEAN OUT THAT CLUTTER!



9am-3pm • May 11 • Follow Facebook.com/EACCASASKATOON for Updates and How to Join!

CLEAN OUT THAT CLUTTER!

EACCA is excited to announce the return of the Erindale Arbor Creek Annual Community Garage Sale on Saturday, May 11 th from 9am-3pm.

More information to come as the date gets closer.

If you are an EACCA member and would like your address added to our Community Garage Sale map, please email the following information to cassandrajherbert@gmail.com

- 1. Your membership number
- 2. Your address
- 3. The primary items you will have for sale (ie. baby clothes, toys, skates, furniture, electronics, etc.)

EACCA memberships are \$15/household and renewed annually thru our website erindalearborcreek.org under the On-line Registration page.

For only \$15.00 per household per year, you have the benefits of:

- An opportunity to participate in Indoor Programming through the Fall and Winter, as well as sports programs through the Spring. There are programs for all ages and a variety of interests.

- Participating in community events, such as family fun day and movie nights.
- A vote at the Annual General Meeting: have your say on how your community association operates.
- Supporting your friends and neighbors, as they volunteer their time and talents to: organize and offer the many athletic and recreational programs to all members of the community; organize and present community events; maintain the ice rink, and produce the newsletter and maintain the website to keep the community informed about things that affect them.

 Share this post with your neighbours!

SASKATCHEWAN'S ECONOMY IS STRONG



The latest forecast from Deloitte Canada says Saskatchewan's economy will outpace most of the rest of the country this year and next, driven largely by our resource sector.

A strong and growing economy means a bright future for our province.

SPRING IS HERE!

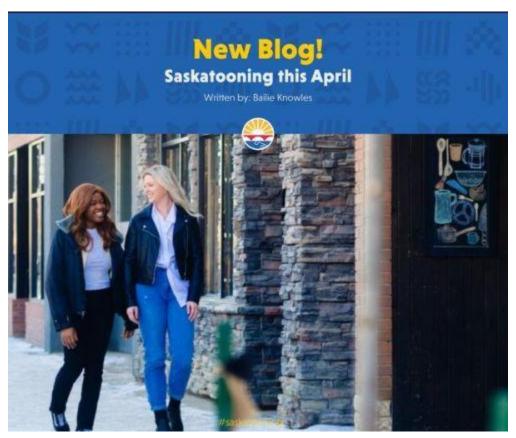


Discover Saskatoon:

With each passing day, we're greeted with more signs that Spring is just around the corner!

Thanks to @mikedigout for the photo.

SASKATOONING THIS APRIL



Spring is here .. ENJOY APRIL!

Check out Discover Sasktoon's monthly blog for everything happening in April 💮 🏽

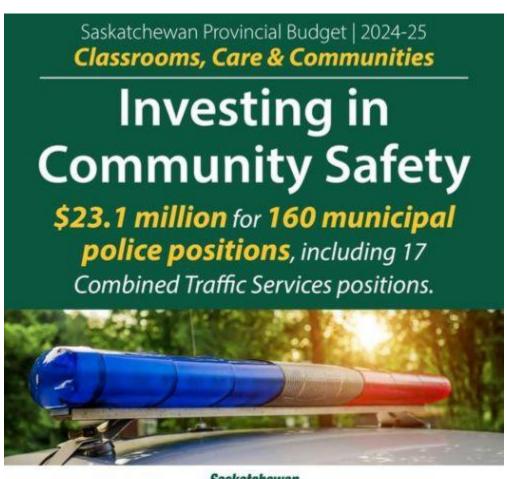


Read here: https://www.discoversaskatoon.com/.../saskatooning-this...

Saskatoon Blades Hockey Club Saskatchewan Rush SaskTel Centre Prairieland Park WDM

Saskatoon TCU Place Persephone Theatre

INVESTING IN COMMUNITY SAFETY



Saskatchewan Party

Community safety remains a priority for our government; that's why this budget includes \$641.1 million for the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety. Together they will work to maintain and promote public safety in Saskatchewan communities.

SASKATCHEWAN POST-SECONDARY STUDENT COUNCIL
COMPLETES INAUGURAL YEAR



The Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Student Council has officially completed its first year.

Twenty-one students from across the province shared their perspectives on mental health and wellbeing, transitioning in and out of post-secondary education, and financing post-secondary education.

"I am very impressed with the fantastic group of students who participated on this council in its first year," Advanced Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. "We truly appreciate their enthusiasm and value their opinions. They have set a great example for how this council will continue to operate in the coming years."

Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Student Council Completes Inaugural Year | News and Media |
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SPRING / SUMMER STUDENT AID APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



Are you taking spring or summer classes? Good news – 2023-24 Spring/Summer Saskatchewan Student Aid is now available!

Whether you're a part-time or full-time student looking for a student loan, grants, or both, you can apply now for the student aid option that works for you.

Visit https://www.saskatchewan.ca/studentloans to learn more and apply!

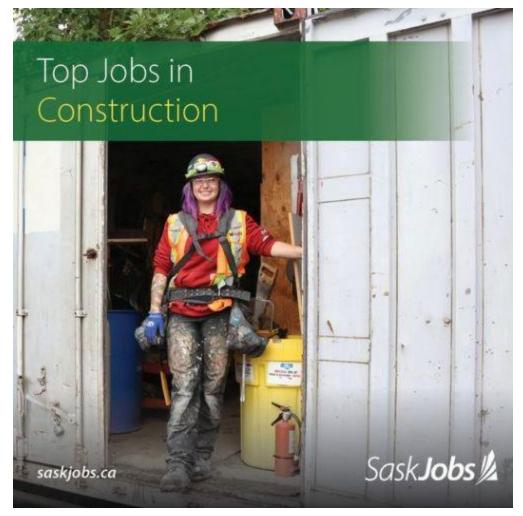
PROVINCE INTRODUCES IMMIGRATION SERVICES ACT



The Immigration Services Act was introduced in the Legislature today. The act will improve Saskatchewan's immigration system, protect newcomers and workers, and establish the strongest program integrity framework in Canada.

Province Introduces Immigration Services Act | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

TOP JOBS IN CONSTRUCTION



Looking for a construction job in Saskatchewan? Check out the skilled trades posted on Saskjobs.ca. for a variety of job opportunities and join a team of hardworking individuals dedicated to building a strong and thriving province.

The **#TopJobs** in construction right now are:

- industrial electricians
- carpenters
- · heavy-duty equipment mechanics
- · heavy equipment operators
- construction trades helpers and labourers

SaskJobs.ca is an online platform that helps people find the right job opportunities for them. Start job hunting here: saskjobs.ca

DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know all animal bites (from a wild animal or pet) are meant to be reported for investigation? Call your local public health office or HealthLine 811.

If a domestic animal, such as a cat, dog or livestock, is involved, keep the animal in a controlled environment (i.e. kennel or pen) until the incident has been fully investigated. Wild animals should be destroyed and submitted for testing. If possible, avoid damaging the head. The incident will be investigated.

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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ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES



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Building Interprovincial Partnerships for Recovery | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Government of Saskatchewan Supports Royal Regina Rifles 80th Anniversary of D-Day | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Province Introduces Immigration Services Act | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

<u>Update on Saskatchewan's International Post-Secondary Student Application Process | News and Media</u> | Government of Saskatchewan

Government of Saskatchewan Refers Federal Oil and Gas Cap and 'Methane 75' Regulations to
Saskatchewan Economic Impact Assessment Tribunal | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

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April Oil and Gas Public Offering Nets \$15.4 Million | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan Holds Small Business Tax Rate Reduction at One Per Cent | News and Media |
Government of Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan Municipalities Encouraged to Apply for Targeted Sector Support Funding | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Changes to Liquor Regulations Provide New Opportunities for U-Brew/U-Vin Facilities | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Province Provides \$400,000 to Hospitality Saskatchewan to Grow the Workforce | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Celebrating a Decade of Saskatchewan Red Tape Reduction Success | News and Media | Government

of Saskatchewan

<u>Asbestos Awareness Week - Be Aware of Asbestos Hazards | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

Key International Export Markets See Significant Agri-Food Volume Increase | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

Government of Saskatchewan Expands Student Placement Opportunities at University of Saskatchewan College of Law | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

THOUGHTS OF THE DAY

April

Be present

Let the day flow with grace

Expect joy Be positive

Serve with compassion

Speak only kindness

Impart only love

Never forget you're not alone

Give thanks for everything

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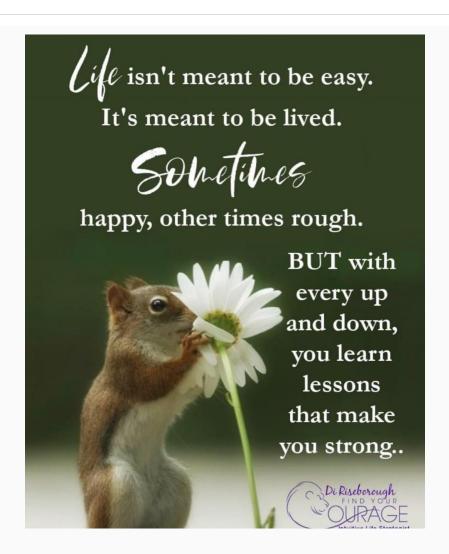
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