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



FROM MY FAMILY TO YOURS, MERRY CHRISTMAS!



The true joy of Christmas is in the love shared with family and friends. Trish, Carter, Meredith, Paige, Kevork and I send our warmest wishes to everyone celebrating Christmas this week.

Cherish each moment this holiday season, for these are the memories that warm our hearts year after year.

Christmas is a special time of year when we celebrate faith, family, and goodwill towards others. It is also a time to be thankful for the beautiful province in which we live and for the freedoms we enjoy. Regardless of the special traditions you may embrace, please be mindful of those who cannot be home with their own families and friends. I offer my deepest thanks and Merry Christmas wishes to members of

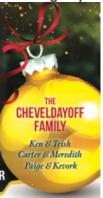
the Canadian Forces here at home or deployed overseas. Special thoughts to all those affected by the wars Israel and Ukraine.



If your holiday plans involve travel, please do so safely and may the true meaning of this holiday season fill your heart and home with many blessings. Live each moment with joy and gratitude and may you carry this thought with you all through the year.



May this Christmas bring us closer to the spirit of human understand and closer to the blessing of peace!



From my family to yours, we wish all of you a very Merry Christmas!

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR RUSS MIRASTY - 2023 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



Hello! Bonjour! Tansi!

As the days shorten and the temperatures drop, we brighten the darkness with glowing candles and twinkling lights, and ward off the cold with hot drinks and a warm fire.

This can be a wonderful season of friends and family coming together in a spirit of warmth, with heartfelt wishes for "peace on earth".

While we gather with loved ones, let's also remember that what is a joyous time for some, can be lonely for others. I applaud all of you who reach out to people who may be feeling cut off from their communities.

Giving reflects the true spirit of the holiday season. I am grateful to everyone who donates their time, talents and funds to food banks, shelters, charities, service groups, and wherever there is need. In Saskatchewan, we have an abundance of kind-hearted people.

One of the most fulfilling parts of my role as Lieutenant Governor is acknowledging people who make our province a special place to live. The Queen Elizabeth the Second Platinum Jubilee Medal program was created in celebration of the Late Queen's seventy years on the Throne. In 2023 the program continued, as people throughout Saskatchewan were awarded medals for their outstanding contributions and accomplishments in diverse fields.

I also had the pleasure of presenting exemplary service medals to police, fire fighters, EMTs and other emergency services. We owe our first responders, health care professionals, and members of the Canadian Armed Forces a debt of gratitude for all they do to keep us safe. They give so much of themselves - often spending time away from their families during the holidays.

Donna and I are fortunate to serve as Honorary Patrons of many worthwhile organizations. The work of these groups ranges from supporting military and veterans; to supporting seniors or youth; from promoting mental health or physical fitness, to celebrating arts and culture. We are grateful to each of our patronage organizations for enriching the lives of so many people in our communities.

As the end of the year draws near, it is a good time to reflect on some of the highlights of the past 12 months. Last May, for the first time in over seven decades, a new Canadian monarch was crowned at Westminster Abbey. Here in Saskatchewan, we celebrated King Charles the Third's Coronation with a public event at Government House in Regina on May 13.

Just three days later, Donna and I had the privilege of a private meeting with His Majesty in the breathtaking surroundings of Buckingham Palace. We were impressed by both The King's interest in, and knowledge of our province.

We treasure these and many more memories of the passing year, and we look forward to the new year. We invite you to join us at Government House on January first for the annual New Year's Day Levee.

And now, I am happy to bring you seasons greetings on behalf of His Majesty, King Charles the Third, King of Canada. I will also share these greetings in my first language, which is Woodland Cree.

Nitha ikwa Donna ni-cawasimisinanak, nosisiminanak.

Nipakosithitinan kahkithaw

Kita mitho makosikisikanisik

ekwa kita mitho ocimikisikansik.

On behalf of my family and staff, I wish you health, happiness and prosperity throughout the holidays and into the new year.

Joyeux Noël! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM PREMIER SCOTT MOE



Joy to the world! The Lord is come...

Let earth receive her King...

Let every heart prepare Him room...

The story of Christmas is well known... A child born in humble beginnings.

A child sent to bring a message of peace...of salvation... of joy...

And to bring a message that joy is not found in possessions but in our family... in our friends...in the freedom that we have.

Christmas can be a very busy time...

As we get on the road to travel to spend time with family...

Or prepare to have family and friends share the holidays with you...

There is the inevitable rushing to find the perfect gift...

the perfect tree... rushing to make the perfect meal...

It is easy to get caught up in the busyness of the season.

Let us not forget that...

The message of joy at Christmas remains unchanged.

And so as you gather this Christmas season, I hope you will find joy in fellowship with family and friends.

As you open presents on Christmas morning, you will find joy in the excited eyes of your children and grandchildren.

And as you look on the blessings in your life, that you might find joy in being a blessing to those around you.

Joy to the world... the Lord is come...

On behalf of my colleagues, my wife Krista, and our family...

I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



What does Christmas mean to me?

First off, for me, it means family. And community. Joining loved ones for a time of love and laughter while celebrating traditions and making new memories.

It's also a time to remember to reach out to those for whom this most wonderful time of the year can be profoundly difficult.

When I was a kid growing up in Lang, every Christmas Eve, on our way home from mass, we'd stop by to visit our neighbour Mildred.

Mildred had been widowed for many years and I know she always looked forward to our family visits.

My mom and dad would hide a stocking full of small gifts for her and in that stocking would be a goat, because Mildred and my dad would always tease each other about being old goats.

I know Mildred always loved those visits but when I look back, those visits are some of my fondest childhood memories because we were able to share the joy of the season with someone we all truly cherished.

When Guy and I started our family, we got to bring together our different Christmas traditions, and got to start a few of our own!

To say the least, our three kids give us a lot to celebrate. There is no greater joy than celebrating the season through the eyes of a child.

And I have to say, one of the biggest gifts for me this year is that my eldest child, my daughter Hannah, who's been away at school for the better part of the past five years is now moving back to the province - and I couldn't be happier.

A Saskatchewan Christmas can certainly be cold, but it's by joining with our loved ones that we can find comfort and joy, warmth and light. It's a time to hold our loved ones close, to count our blessings.

To know that it is better to give than to receive. To seek renewal.

To do our part to better the lives of those around us.

think of the Hindu festival of lights, Diwali, or of Judaism's celebration of Hanukkah.

Like Christmas, both hold out the hope for the triumph of light over darkness, togetherness over isolation, love over hate.

Ultimately, hope, generosity, and love is what we're all celebrating this season, and it's what we should strive for...every day.

So, no matter where you live, who is at your table,

On behalf of my family, and on behalf of the extended Saskatchewan NDP family, I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.



MORE AMBULANCES AND PARAMEDICS FOR SASKATOON



The Government of Saskatchewan is investing \$700,000 in 2023-24 and \$2.6 million annually to provide support for additional resources to help address growing demands for emergency medical services (EMS) in Saskatoon.

Saskatoon will receive two additional ambulances staffed 24 hours a day/seven days a week, as well as an additional community paramedic 12 hours a day/seven days a week.

"We are committed to ensuring Saskatchewan patients have the access they need to emergency medical services in health crisis situations," Health Minister Everett Hindley said. "This increase in ambulance and paramedic capacity for the Saskatoon area will improve response times to 911 calls and better balance the workload for our paramedics."

More Ambulances and Paramedics for Saskatoon | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

SASK DLC PROVIDES K-12 EDUCATION TO MORE THAN 5,500 ONLINE STUDENTS



Saskatchewan Distance Learning Centre (Sask DLC) is providing Kindergarten to Grade 12 online education to students throughout the province. There are more than 2,000 full-time K-12 students and 3,500 part-time students, primarily in Grades 10-12, taking more than 16,000 courses.

That includes students from 26 school divisions, some independent schools, First Nation schools and post-secondary institutions.

"It is wonderful to see so many students taking advantage of the opportunities available through online learning," Minister Responsible for Sask DLC Jeremy Cockrill said. "Sask DLC provides students, families and schools choice, flexibility and access to an amazing selection of courses

that supports them in reaching their academic goals and graduation."

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HOW WILL YOU REDUCE YOUR WASTE THIS HOLIDAY?



Still shopping for gifts?

It can be easy AND low waste. Some ideas we have are:

- Experiences give tickets to movies or sign them up for events/classes.
- Gift cards bonus for shopping local.
- Are you baking? Sharing your treats is a great way to show love.
- · Donation to a charity close to their heart.

saskatchewan.ca/environment



The Ministry of Environment is once again encouraging everyone in Saskatchewan to consider waste reduction when preparing for this holiday season.

"This is a special time of year, where we gather together with friends and family, but this season also gives us the opportunity to think about the amount, and kind, of waste we produce,"

Environment Minister Christine Tell said. "On average, only half of the material in your garbage

bin belongs there - the rest can be diverted into other waste management programs, such as recycling and composting."

It can be tricky to know where to start, however, the Ministry of Environment will be sharing low waste holiday tips - including low- or no-waste decorating, gift-giving and wrapping, and post-holiday clean up - starting tomorrow on the Saskatchewan Environment Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/SKEnviro

How Will You Reduce Your Waste This Holiday? | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

55 NEWLY RENOVATED AFFORDABE HOUSING UNITS OPEN IN SASKATOON TO SUPPORT LOW INCOME FAMILIES



Saskatoon families in need have access to newly renovated affordable housing units, thanks to a \$13.04 million investment from the provincial and federal governments.

The announcement was made today by Saskatoon Churchill-Wildwood MLA Lisa Lambert, on behalf of Social Services Minister and Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Housing

Corporation (SHC) Gene Makowsky alongside representatives from the Saskatoon Housing Authority to officially welcome tenants into their newly renovated homes.

"We recognize that safe and affordable housing contributes to the health and wellbeing of people in our province," Makowsky said. "Our government continues to work with the Government of Canada through the National Housing Strategy to modernize and improve in-demand social housing across the province."

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SASKATCHEWAN SETTING THE PACE IN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

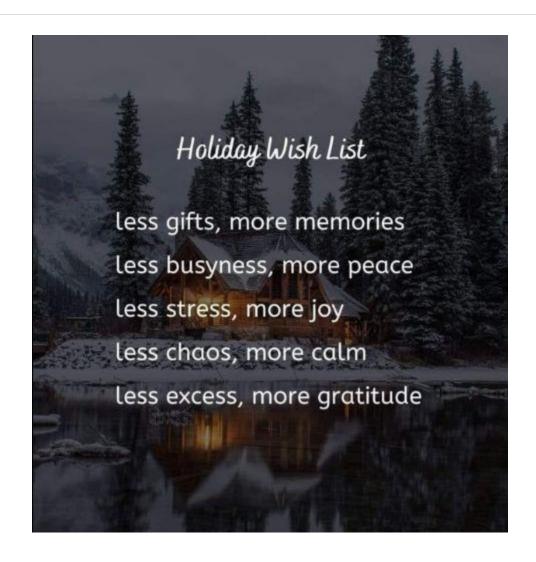


Province a Leader in the Nation in Year-Over-Year Growth

New figures released by Statistics Canada rank Saskatchewan second for year-over-year and month-over-month growth in investment in building construction for October 2023 (seasonally adjusted).

"Saskatchewan's economy continues to thrive, as shown by the current surge in building construction investment," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Our stable business environment, competitive incentives, and personalized support continue to provide opportunities for the investors, companies and communities that contribute to the success of our province."

Saskatchewan Setting the Pace in Building Construction | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan



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OUR GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO BUILD AND PROTECT



The Assembly unanimously passed several pieces of legislation including:

Bill 151: The SaskEnergy (Carbon Tax Fairness for

Families) Amendment Act

Bill 139: The Saskatchewan Remembrance

Observance Act

Bill 147: The Tobacco and Vapour Products Control

Amendment Act, 2023

Build and Protect

Saskatchewan Party <mark>Caucus</mark>

With nation-leading economic growth, strong job creation and maintaining our reputation as the most affordable place to live in Canada, Saskatchewan is showing no signs of slowing down. For more information visit Saskatchewan.ca

There will be a lot of posts soon with people sharing how much they achieved in 2023.

But in case someone needs to hear this, just making it to January 2024 is an achievement. It's okay if the only significant thing you did this year was get through it. That alone is something to celebrate.

SASKATCHEWAN INTRNATIONAL MERCHANDISE EXPORTS INCREASE!

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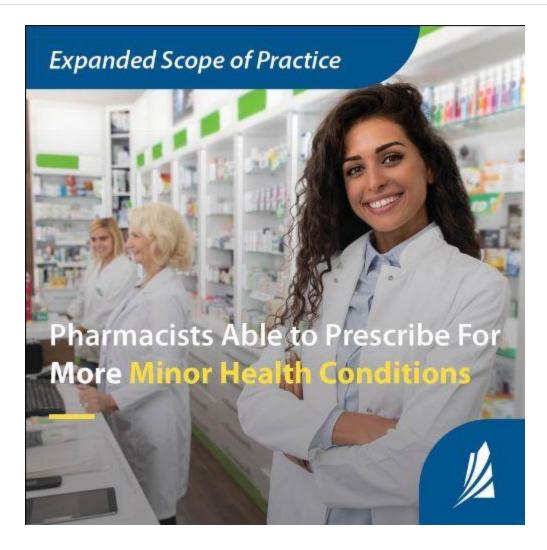
\$4.7 billion in October 2023

Increasing 26.3 per cent in October 2023 compared to September 2023, the highest increase among provinces.



As our merchandise exports grow the economy, we create jobs, strengthen businesses and protect communities across the province. It's clear we have the food, fuel, fertilizer and critical minerals needed for generations to come, and Saskatchewan is open for business.

SASKATCHEWAN SECOND LARGEST GLOBAL PRODUCER OF URANIUM



Saskatchewan is expanding the list of health conditions for which pharmacists can see patients.

See the full list of conditions at https://bit.ly/3GJX2dL.

SASKATCHEWAN SURGICAL RECORD BROKEN



Premier Scott Moe, "Saskatchewan's surgical system recorded the highest volume of procedures performed in the first six months of the fiscal year!



As we continue to bolster our healthcare system with our ambitious Health Human Resources Action Plan, I would like to thank our surgical teams for their hard work in improving the quality of life for thousands of people across our province."

SNOW EXCUSES! SASK PARKS OFFERS WINTER FUN IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON



Saskatchewan residents can look forward to an exciting winter season in provincial parks with a wide range of winter programs and activities set to launch.

Read the entire news release to see the different events in our Provincial Parks from sating to guided winter programs and more

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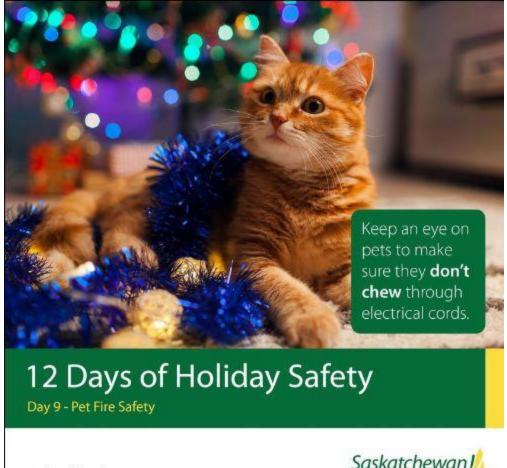
LAUNCHING FIRST-EVER SASKATCHEWAN TECHNOLOGY FUND



Saskatchewan's first-ever Technology Fund will help fund industry-driven projects that reduce, sequester or capture emissions.

Our industries are already producing some of the most sustainable products on earth, and this fund will support the acceleration of innovative technologies in our great province.

CHECK OUT THE 12 DAYS OF HOLIDAY SAFETY - THIS PHOTO
IS JUST ONE OF THE 12 DAYS



saskpublicsafety.ca



Have an 'ornamen-tastic' holiday season, and keep safety in the mix! It's time for Day 9 of our 12 Days of Holiday Safety - Pet Fire Safety.

Having pets in the home can increase the risk of a fire during the holiday season. Keep an eye on pets to make sure they don't chew through electrical cords.

Lit candles should be out of reach of wagging tails to avoid being knocked over. Consider using electric candles instead of real ones.

Check out more ways to keep your furry critters safe in your home on our website: www.saskpublicsafety.ca/holidays









Each home should have a:

- · carbon monoxide detector
- smoke alarm
- fire extinguisher
- first-aid kit



12 Days of Holiday Safety

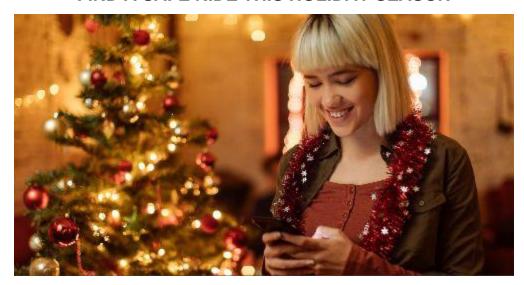
Day 1 - Holiday Preparedness

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Find more safety tips to keep you and your loved ones safe this holiday season by visiting: www.saskpublicsafety.ca/holidays

FIND A SAFE RIDE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



#FindASafeRide this holiday season with Operation Red Nose!

SGI is proud to partner with this volunteer-driven safe ride service that gets you AND your vehicle home. Running in Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Yorkton and The Battlefords.

Operation Red Nose Yorkton
Operation Red Nose Saskatoon
Operation Red Nose Prince Albert
Operation Red Nose Saskatchewan

DID YOU KNOW?



SASKATCHEWAN CONTINUES TO GROW AT FASTEST PACE IN MORE THAN A CENTURY



POPULATION

Saskatchewan's population grew by 9,869 people in the third quarter of 2023 to a new all-time high of 1,218,976 people as of October 1. Saskatchewan has grown by 31,369 people over the past year - the largest population growth in a single year in more than a century.

The population growth in the third quarter consisted of net international migration of 11,021 people and a natural increase (births minus deaths) of 766 offset by net interprovincial outmigration of 1,918 people.

Saskatchewan has grown by over 200,000 people since the current government took office in 2007 and is on track to reach the government's Growth Plan goal of 1.4 million people by 2030.

Christmas Riddles Be The First To Match The Riddle To The Correct Answer. What do you get if you cross Santa with a A. Claus-trophobics Detective? B. Santa Paws What Christmas Carol is a favorite of parents? C. It was feeling crummy. What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck? D. Merry Xmas, What do monkeys sing at Christmas? Deer! E. Crisp Kringle What kind of people are afraid of Santa Claus? F. Santa walking What did Santa change his name to after sliding backwards. down a chimney where the fire was still burning? G. Saint Nickel-less What do you call Santa when he has no money? H. At Snow-balls Why did the Christmas cookie go to the doctor? I. The elf-abet J. A cookie sheet Where do Snow-Women like to dance? K. Low 'elf-esteem What is a snowman's favorite lunch? 10. L. Silent Night What did the Gingerbread Man put on his bed? 11. M. Fleece Navidad How do sheep say Merry Christmas in Mexico? N. An ice-burger 13. What did the buck say to the doe on Xmas Day? O. A Christmas 14. Why was Santa's elf depressed? quacker P. It's Christmas, What goes Oh! Oh! Oh! 15. Eve What did Adam say the day before Christmas? 16. Q. Santa Clues What do elves learn in school? R. Jungle Bells Who delivers Christmas presents to dogs?

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN SASKATOON



Family Fun Saskatoon: Nothing drums up Christmas spirit quite like Christmas lights displays! There's just something magical about that drive around in a warm vehicle on a cold night and all those twinkling lights! It can be tricky to find the best displays, that's why we've compiled this handy list for you. Please note, some homes are waiting for December or for the snow to hit before decorating.

Check out this link for the best Christmas Lights Displays in Saskatoon:

Christmas Lights in Saskatoon | Family Fun Saskatoon (familyfuncanada.com)



REMINDER - GREAT THINGS TO DO IN SASKATOON



BHP ENCHANTED FOREST



CHRISTMAS MARKETS & CRAFT FAIRS IN SASKATOON



Please check them out - something for everyone: 2023 Guide to Christmas Markets & Craft Fairs in Saskatoon (todocanada.ca)

SASKATOON'S HOLIDAY LIGHT FESTIVAL - GLOW SASKATOON



When: Nov. 30 - December 30
Where: 503 Ruth St W
Get your tickets now - 25% off!
Glow Saskatoon (glowyxe.com)

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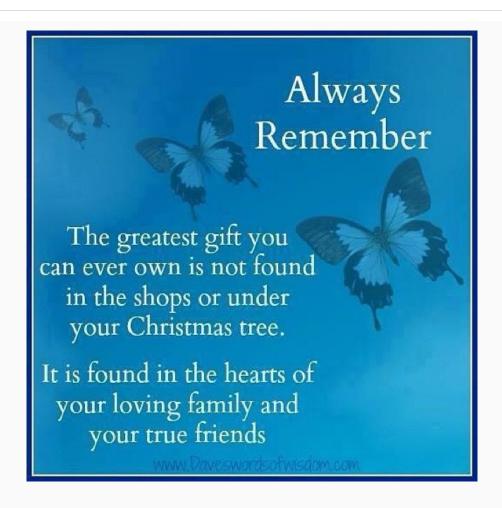
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