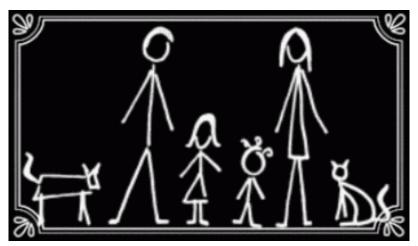
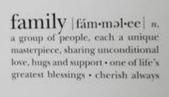


HAPPY FAMILY DAY



Don't let the busy world of today keep you from showing how much you love and appreciate your family. When you look at your life, the greatest happiness is family happiness.



There are numerous free, fun activities taking place in Saskatoon and throughout the province

this weekend. I encourage you to check our the many events featured in this newsletter. Take the time to celebrate the importance of families and how important family life is to the communities we live in.

WILLOWGROVE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FAMILY FUN DAY A HUGE SUCCESS



I was thrilled to attend the successful WUHCA family fun day last Saturday. Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly to create lasting memories for the families in our community. I appreciate everyone who took the time to stop by the Tim Hortons hut. I enjoyed hearing about things that matter to their families while enjoying a visit and hot beverage.

SAVE THE DATE!



Save The Date: Wednesday, March 20

You are invited to attend the delivery of the Provincial Budget by the Hon. Donna Harpauer

Saskatchewan Legislative Building 1:00pm

Please RSVP to:

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SASKATCHEWAN WILDLIFE FEDERATION HOLD 95TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IN SASKATOON



Pictured above with SWF President David York and Saskatoon City Councillor Randy Donauer

I was delighted to bring greetings on behalf of Premier Scott Moe and the Government of Saskatchewan at the 95th Annual SWF Convention opening ceremonies at the Saskatoon Inn..

Established in 1929, SWF is a non-profit, non-government organization and a key partner of the Ministry of Environment that provides guidance and leadership in several capacities. SWF and Government of Saskatchewan work closely together. Our government recognizes and acknowledges the value of this organization.

It was wonderful to have the opportunity to address this fine group of individuals and wish them well at their convention.

YOUR LEGISLATIVE REPORT



February 11 to 17 is Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week in Saskatchewan. This year's theme is "Shaping the Future Together," and our government reaffirms its commitment to listening to and collaborating with our educators to improve today's classrooms. To highlight this commitment, our government has made several new investments to improve classrooms across our province.

Nine local teacher-led solutions through the new Teacher Innovation and Support Fund have been selected for funding effective immediately. Announced last month, this program provides \$2.5 million in funding, allowing teachers to work with their school administration to apply for up to \$75,000 to put toward projects that assist in providing better student and teacher experiences within today's classrooms.

Projects range from innovative ideas supporting literacy, mental health and wellness, STEM and teacher practice. The next round of successful applications will be awarded in the coming weeks,

and the pilot will run until the end of the 2024-25 school year.

Eight Saskatchewan schools have been selected to implement the Specialized Support Classroom Pilot through a \$3.6 million investment. This pilot aims to help staff in schools manage and de-escalate behavioural incidents by helping students practice self-regulation skills while addressing the impacts of classroom disruptions.

An investment of \$32 million for 45 new relocatable classrooms will help increase classroom space throughout the province. Funding is allocated to Regina, Saskatoon, Humboldt, Lloydminster, Lumsden, Pilot Butte, Warman and Weyburn.

A new formula has been developed to support school enrolment growth. With recent immigration, a new trend has emerged where students continue to arrive in our schools throughout the year. The new formula determines eligibility for post-September enrolment growth funding, taking into account actual growth from October through January and projected growth for the rest of the school year.

Our government thanks the incredibly hard-working teachers and educational staff within this province. We look forward to continuing to work with teachers, schools and school divisions to improve the experience in Saskatchewan classrooms for all students.

Saskatchewan's labour market is off to a strong start in 2024, with 12,900 new jobs added from January 2023 to January 2024. The provincial labour force also reached a record high for January of 623,300. Building a labour force to support the economy is a top priority to our government and the province is consistently making strategic investments to promote economic growth.

A strong and growing labour force helps Saskatchewan's key industries continue to grow, and our province's agriculture sector just received exciting news on its growth. Our province has posted a fourth consecutive year of record agri-food exports, with shipments totaling \$20.2 billion for 2023. With this record, our province has also surpassed its Growth Plan target of \$20 billion in agri-food exports by 2030.

As Saskatchewan's agriculture industry continues to grow, private sector companies continue to invest and expand in our province. The Louis Dreyfus Company recently announced a new pea protein isolate production plant at the site of its existing industrial complex in Yorkton. This announcement once again shows how Saskatchewan continues to be a great place to invest and do business.

Our strong and growing economy allows our government to invest in the health care system.

Saskatchewan physicians and our government recently ratified a new four-year contract, which includes an overall average general rate increase of 2.5 per cent per year and a competitive market rate adjustment applied to the first year of the agreement. The contract also includes increased funding to support long term retention, parental leave and continuing medical education.

Work also continues under the province's Heath Human Resources Action Plan. Since September 2021, 262 physicians have been recruited to the province. The Rural and Remote Recruitment Incentive of up to \$50,000 has resulted in 253 hard-to-recruit positions being filled. A total of 964 nursing graduates have been hired, and 178 registered nurses recruited from the Philippines have arrived in Saskatchewan. Our government continues to make these investments to build our health care system, ensuring you receive the care you need and deserve.

As our government continues to move forward with plans to build and protect our great province, we look forward to hearing from you. You can reach my constituency office at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net or call 306.651.7100.

GOVERNMENT DEVELOPS NEW FORMULA TO SUPPORT SCHOOL ENROLMENT GROWTH



With recent immigration, a new trend has emerged where students continue to arrive in Saskatchewan schools throughout the school year. Government remains committed to supporting enrolment growth past the start of each school year.

The Ministry of Education has been working with a committee comprised of partners in the education sector to come up with a new formula for ongoing support for school divisions that see a substantial increase in enrolment growth past September 30.

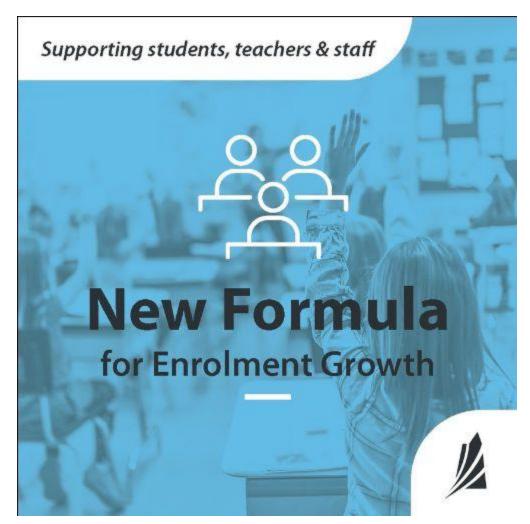
"Our schools are welcoming more and more students," Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill said.

"We know that enrolment growth has been trending upward for the past number of years and we continue to work with school boards to fund enrolment increases to support students, teachers and staff in the classroom."

To recognize significant in-year enrolment growth, a threshold was developed to determine school division eligibility for post-September enrolment growth funding. The new formula measures actual growth from October 1 to January 31, and projects growth through the spring months. Estimating total growth at the end of January aligns with the start of semester two and allows school divisions to plan and staff more effectively for the rest of the school year. In-year enrolment growth is evaluated based on the overall change at the school division level. This option recognizes significant in-year enrolment growth and allocates funding to where the need is greatest.

On June 1, 2023, the Government of Saskatchewan announced an additional \$40 million for Saskatchewan's 27 school divisions to support enrolment growth and the complexity of today's classrooms. With this announcement, operating funding has grown to \$2.08 billion for the 2023-24 school year, an increase of \$89.4 million or 4.5 per cent over the 2022-23 school year.

NEW FORMUAL FOR ENROLEMENT GROWTH

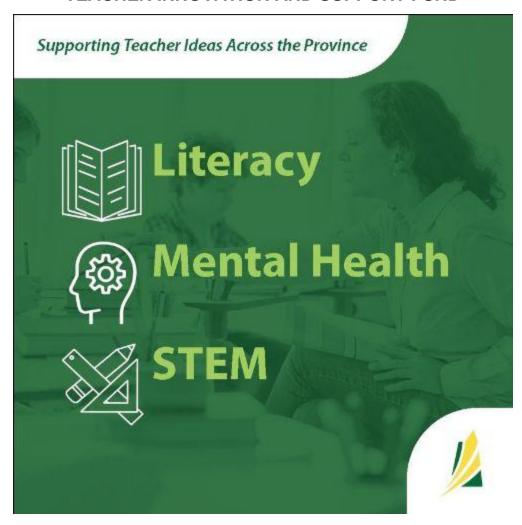


Our province is seeing record population growth and with that growth, students continue to arrive in Saskatchewan schools throughout the school year. We remain committed to supporting enrolment growth past the start of each school year.

In collaboration with our partners in the education sector, we have come up with a new formula for ongoing support for school divisions that see a substantial increase in enrolment growth past September 30.

The new formula measures actual growth from October 1 to January 31 and projects growth through the spring months. Estimating total growth at the end of January aligns with the start of semester two and allows school divisions to plan and staff more effectively for the rest of the school year. In-year enrolment growth is evaluated based on the overall change at the school division level. This option recognizes significant in-year enrolment growth and allocates funding to where the need is greatest.

OVER \$400,000 IN FUNDING PROVIDED THROUGH THE NEW TEACHER INNOVATION AND SUPPORT FUND



It is Teacher and Education Staff Appreciation Week in Saskatchewan! From February 11 to February 17, join the Government of Saskatchewan and other educational partners as we set time aside this week to thank all the hardworking and dedicated teachers and education staff in Saskatchewan.

With this year's theme of "Shaping the Future Together", the Government of Saskatchewan reaffirms its commitment to listening to and collaborating with our educators to improve today's classrooms.

To highlight this commitment, nine local teacher-led solutions through the new Teacher Innovation and Support Fund have been selected for funding effective immediately. Projects that support better student and teacher experiences in today's classrooms have been chosen and range from innovative ideas supporting literacy, mental health and wellness, STEM and teacher practice.



"I want to thank the incredibly hard-working teachers and educational staff within this province," Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "I am excited to see the many great ideas being submitted by teachers seeking to improve the classroom experience."

Funding for the first nine successful applications will total \$410,649.

The new Teacher Innovation and Support Fund was announced in January 2024, and provides \$2.5 million in funding. This funding allows teachers to work with their school administration to apply for up to \$75,000 to put toward projects that assist in providing better student and teacher experiences within today's classrooms.

The next round of successful applications will be awarded in the coming weeks. The pilot will run until the end of the 2024-25 school year.

This pilot builds on the Government of Saskatchewan's commitment to supporting students, teachers and classrooms through previous investments of \$47 million toward enrolment,

complexity and the hiring of more educational assistants, as well as the more than \$300 million in supports for learning and the Specialized Support Classroom Pilot announced earlier this year.

SASKATCHEWAN STARTING 2024 STRONG: 12,900 JOBS ADDED YEAR-OVER-YEAR, UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FALLS TO 4.7 PER CENT



Newly released numbers from Statistics Canada show Saskatchewan's labour market is off to a strong start in 2024, with 12,900 new jobs added last month when compared to January 2023, an increase of 2.2 per cent. The provincial labour force also reached 623,300 in January, a record high for the month.



"Saskatchewan continues to excel in 2024, with strong job growth, a low unemployment rate and a growing labour force," Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said.

"Building our labour force to support our economy is a top priority to our government. This is why the province is consistently making strategic investments to promote economic growth and is actively supporting employers to help them train, recruit and retain the talent needed to fill job vacancies and build a skilled workforce."

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TOP JOBS IN CONSTRUCTION



Do you want to contribute to building a strong and thriving province? Find a variety of job opportunities available for you to team up with the hardworking people inside the construction industry on Saskjobs.ca.

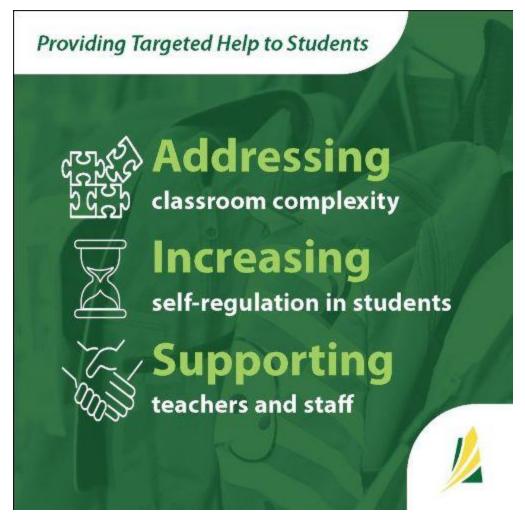
The **#TopJobs** in construction right now are:

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- carpenters
- heavy-duty equipment mechanics
- · heavy equipment operators
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SaskJobs.ca connects job seekers to meaningful employment opportunities. We are your trusted and reliable employment support, offering expert services to help you find the right fit.

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PROVIDING TARGETED HELP TO STUDENTS



Eight Saskatchewan schools have been selected to implement the Specialized Support Classroom Pilot through a \$3.6 million investment to help students practice self-regulations skills while also addressing the impacts of disruption in the home classroom.

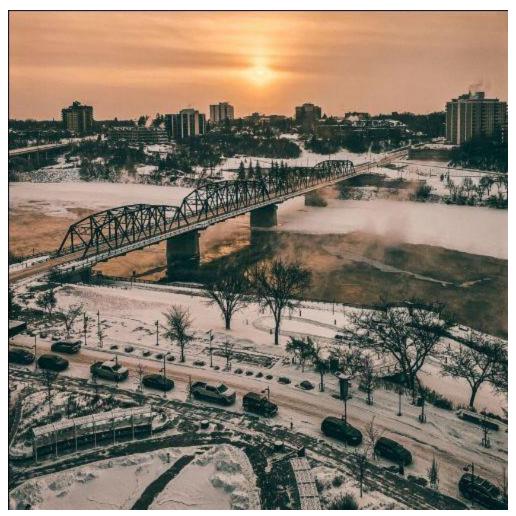
Participating school divisions have selected the schools and are developing individual plans to meet the needs of their school communities. The selected schools are: McKitrick Community School - Living Sky School Division, St. Mary School - Light of Christ Catholic Schools, St. John School - Prince Albert Catholic School Division, Queen Mary Public School -



Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division, Father Vachon School - Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, King George School - Saskatoon Public Schools, Arcola Community School - Regina Public Schools and St. Augustine School - Regina Catholic Schools.

The specialized support classrooms have capacity for 15 students and are staffed by a minimum of one teacher and two educational assistants. Other staff supports may also be used, including psychologists and counsellors.

DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know Saskatoon is one of the sunniest cities in Canada and records an average of 2,268 hours of sunlight annually?!

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ICE THICKNESS GUIDELINES

Ice Thickness Guidelines









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lce thickness can be tricky to gauge - it doesn't freeze uniformly, and strength varies.

Thickness is just one consideration when evaluating ice safety. Clear, hard ice is the only ice recommended for travel.

Remember:

- Check the local ice conditions.
- 2 Re-evaluate every visit.
- 3 Avoid slushy, refrozen, or layered ice.
- 4 Stay away from moving water and structures like pressure ridges.
- For more ice safety tips, visit the Water Security Agency's

website: https://www.wsask.ca/news/stay-safe-on-the-ice-this-winter/

SCHOOL BREAK EVENTS



Are you ready for the February Break? If you're looking for some fun ideas for your week off, this is one of the best weeks in the city of bridges!

<u>City of Saskatoon - Your Local Government</u> has you covered for staycation ideas. <u>Wintershines</u> is back for a week of sparkly winter brilliance.

Nutrien Kôna Winter Festival at <u>Wanuskewin Heritage Park</u> is an immersive event with indoor and outdoor activities.

Find details about these and more on our website. Just click the link for more information. https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/february-break/

\$32 MILLION IN NEW FUNDING FOR MORE CLASSROOM SPACE



The Government of Saskatchewan is providing an additional \$32 million in funding for 45 new relocatable classrooms to increase classroom space throughout the province. The majority of this new funding is allocated to Regina and Saskatoon, the two cities where the province is experiencing the fastest population growth. Other communities included are Humboldt, Lloydminster, Lumsden, Pilot Butte, Warman, and Weyburn.

This new funding is in addition to the \$16 million investment for 23 relocatable classrooms and two classroom moves as announced in the 2023-24 budget.

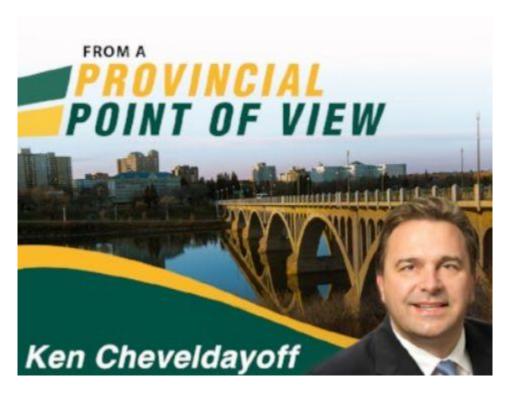
"Our government is committed to working with our educational partners to help address the concerns around class size that we are seeing in some of our schools," Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "This additional funding will help school divisions better manage, at the local level, enrolment pressures in the fastest growing areas of the province."

With this additional investment, the total for classroom relocatables is \$48 million for 68 new relocatables and two classroom moves for the 2024-25 school year.

This investment builds on the Government of Saskatchewan's commitment to supporting students, teachers and classrooms through previous investments of \$47 million toward enrolment, complexity and the hiring of more educational assistants, the more than \$300 million in supports for learning for the 2023-24 school year, and the \$6.1 million for the Specialized Support Classroom Pilot and the new Teacher Innovation and Support Fund announced earlier this year.



KEEP IN TOUCH



IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO HIGHLIGHT IN THIS

NEWSLETTER, PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Provincial Point of View is a great way to connect with our community. We appreciate the opportunity to share the successes we see in our constituency and highlight the many events happening in our community. If you have a suggestion for items you would like highlighted in this newsletter, please email: ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net

SASKATCHEWAN'S HOUSING STARTS UP 62 PER CENT OVER
LAST YEAR WHILE RANKING THIRD IN THE NATION IN
BUILDING INVESTMENT GROWTH



According to Statistics Canada, Saskatchewan continues to see remarkable growth with housing starts increasing by 62.1 per cent over the last year. Saskatchewan also saw impressive figures in building construction investment as the province is third in the nation from December 2023, compared to December 2022.

"This growth does not just happen on its own," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "It is a reflection of an economic climate where individuals and businesses are confident making long-term investments based on a stable and reliable regulatory regime coupled with confidence in our provinces steady growth trajectory. This continued surge in building construction highlights Saskatchewan's strong economy, fostering opportunities for individuals, investors and communities."

Saskatchewan's Housing Starts Up 62 Per Cent Over Last Year While Ranking Third in the Nation in Building Investment Growth | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

NEW RECORD IN AGRICULTURE EXPORTS



Saskatchewan's agriculture industry has posted a fourth consecutive year of record agri-food exports, with shipments totalling \$20.2 billion for 2023!

Saskatchewan's exports have grown by more than 52.1 per cent since 2013. Trade and investment offices around the world support Saskatchewan companies seeking investment opportunities and promoting trade.

We look forward to continuing to expand our exports, open new markets and share Saskatchewan's story with the world.

NUTRIEN WINTERSHINES



Get ready to embrace the chill and ignite your winter spirit because Nutrien WinterShines is finally upon us!! Get ready for a jam packed week long celebration filled with WinterAction!

From friendly ice carving challenges, to shlockey, street hockey, crazy carpets, sleigh rides and more, WinterShines promises non-stop fun! Are you ready to join the ACTION?!



<u>Wintershines</u> fun runs from February 17-24 at the original location, Market Square at River Landing. The week will be full of fun with: Soup Cook-offs Co-presented by TCU Place, Sleigh Rides, Fun for the kids, Telescope Star Gazing, Ice Carvings and more! Find out more here: https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/wintershines/

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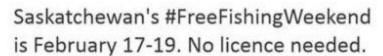
Do you know someone looking to put down roots in Saskatchewan? Saskatchewan employers are looking for people with experience in manufacturing, agriculture, automotive services, and construction. Saskatchewan employers looking to hire will be at the Career Fair Canada Event in Toronto on February 29.

Learn more here:

https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../living.../about-saskatchewan

EXPERIENCE THE GREAT OUTDOORS ON FREE FISHING WEEKEND

Free fishing weekend.





Calling all anglers! Free Fishing Weekend is coming up on the Family Day weekend in Saskatchewan. From February 17-19, residents and visitors can angle on Saskatchewan's public waters without a license.



"Free Fishing Weekend is an excellent time to try winter fishing for the first time, or for experienced anglers to bring friends and family and show them the ropes - or reels, in this case," Environment Minister Christine Tell said.

Experience the Great Outdoors on Free Fishing Weekend | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

MORE THAN \$800,000 FOR 17 MUNICIPAL PROJECTS THAT
WILL BUILD AND PROTECT COMMUNITIES



The Government of Saskatchewan is investing \$803,648.84 in 17 new municipal projects under the Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative.

The TSS Initiative provides cost-shared grants to support inter-community collaboration on projects that promote good governance, build capacity, and foster regional cooperation. Fifty communities around Saskatchewan have partnered on 17 approved projects following the Fall 2023 intake.

"Cooperation is integral to the success of Saskatchewan's communities," Government Relations Minister Don McMorris said. "Our government is proud to support the TSS Initiative and the hard work of our municipal partners, who are dedicated to improving the lives of their citizens through these important regional projects."

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SHARING A MESSAGE FROM NSBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KEITH MOEN



With permission from Keith Moen, I am sharing his message below:

This may come as a bit of a surprise to some, but I'm not much of a social media poster. And for those of you that are active on social media, this following message may not be all that informative to you, as, out of character, I have been a little active on social media these past few days.

Reason being, last week the City of Saskatoon released artist renderings of the Downtown Event and Entertainment District (DEED). To the surprise of no one, it received both rave reviews and harsh criticism, depending on which side of the debate you may fall upon.

As a member of the DEED Advisory Group, and as NSBA has taken the position of support for the development of this important piece of public infrastructure, I therefore put out the following post:

There are strong opinions on both sides of this debate, including within our membership. Many questions are yet to be answered, including the costs and how it will be paid for. We're very mindful of that, but also very excited about the possibilities this will bring for generations into the future.

Aside from the costs, naysayers also speak to the usefulness of <u>today</u>'s SaskTel Centre. Although SaskTel Centre has been an amazing addition and asset for the City of Saskatoon, it is antiquated by <u>today</u>'s standards. How can that be, it's only 35 years old, some may wonder. There are many factors to this, too numerous to mention in post like this, and SaskTel Centre CEO John Howden can speak to them better than anyone. He may even offer a tour, like he did for me.

But things have changed a lot in 35 years. For instance, consider that 35 years ago, one of SaskTel Centre's (then Saskatchewan Place's) biggest competitors for consumer discretionary/entertainment spending was Blockbuster Video.

Times have changed indeed.

Let's move forward in a positive fashion and create something truly awesome in our downtown.

And of course, as expected, I received blowback as is the norm on social media (and hence one of the biggest reasons I hate it.) And some of it from friends of mine on top of it.

What a waste of taxpayer's money. Which acts aren't coming here? Calling them naysayers is disrespectful (huh??) Etc. etc.

To which I responded and hopefully quelled their concerns to some degree (but I doubt it, frankly). However, the arguments for a new event centre and entertainment district are as follows:

In speaking with those in the know, SaskTel Centre is becoming harder and harder to accommodate the acts of <u>today</u>. They've simply outgrown our facility. For example, Morgan Wallen's recent show here didn't include four semi loads of equipment that were used in shows in all of their other stops.

Reason being, our ceiling height is too low. We don't have a rigging grid, which is commonplace for arenas of today. As a result, any time any rigging is required (which is virtually all of the time for the lights, speakers, big screens, pyro, etc.), SaskTel Centre has to call in the Saskatoon Fire Department to do the rigging. They get harnessed up and dangle between the rafters to get the lights, speakers, big screens etc., just right for the performance. Whereas with a rigging grid, you would just walk on the platform, fix a clip to the right place, hang whatever from there and away you go.

As a result, many times the shows double the amount of time, and labour, it takes for set up and take down here. As they say, time is money, so you know what that does to the profit margin for the act and their promoter. And if they have another venue to play in that costs them less, guess what, they're gone.

And they're already starting to do that. But because of the potential for damaging relationships and spotlighting artists for the wrong reasons, SaskTel Centre isn't willing to provide a list of those who have foregone Saskatoon for other destinations. But just look to the shows that play in Winnipeg, then Edmonton (or vice versa) but no stop in Saskatoon.

As I said in my response to one of the detractors (is this also a derogatory term? I hope not, no offence intended...), unless we're willing to accept Nestor Pistor and Irish Rovers tribute acts as

our entertainment options of the future, we may want to do something about this. (Apologies to Nestor Pistor and Irish Rovers fans.)

So why doesn't SaskTel Centre just put in a rigging grid as part of a renovation project, people wonder. Well, because the reno's would cost more than what it's worth to solve their bigger problems.

Such as a higher roof (like 30 feet higher), which also has the structural integrity to support the required HVAC units for a crowd of 16,000 (unlike the current one – have you ever been in the nosebleed section at a summertime Rush game? I have, and it's sweat-rolling-down-your-back hot up there). That's because the roof can't structurally support enough AC units on the roof to keep the place cool.

They'd also need to replace the seats with bigger ones, which means less capacity; or add more rows if the roof gets lifted; create wider concourses and bigger entry points; have more concessions, a new and much larger kitchen, more dressing rooms; add elevator shafts and loading docks. More, bigger and better luxury suites. More bathrooms. And let's not forget about the roof, with increased structural integrity, along with more HVAC units and the rigging grid.

The list goes on and on, and these all mean blowing out walls, literally raising the roof etc. to make space. In other words, basically, changing everything. There comes a point when reno's don't make sense on any project and you're better off to start from scratch. This is a perfect example of that.

Like, I said in my post, let's move forward in a positive way.

Until next time, be safe, be smart, be considerate, be well, but most of all, be kind.

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Regina Symphony Orchestra Receives 200000 in Emergency Funding from the Government of Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

<u>Progress Continues on Specialized Support Classrooms | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

Explore Saskatchewan's History on Family Day at Government House | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

<u>February Break Programming at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan</u>

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

THINGS TO REMEMBER

You are important and you matter.

You are so loved. Your mistakes don't define you.

lt's okay to ask for help.

You are allowed to say no.

Your wants and needs are valid.

Productivity doesn't define your worth.

Your boundaries are important & worth respect.

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