

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



**YOUR SASKATOON MLA'S WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR**



## **NEW EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TREATMENT AND REFERRAL PILOT PROJECT LAUNCHED IN SASKATOON**



An Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Treatment and Referral pilot project in Saskatoon was launched this week that expands the scope of practice for paramedics responding to 911 calls to ensure patients are receiving adequate and timely care while easing pressures on emergency rooms.

As part of the pilot, paramedics will have the ability to consult a Virtual Triage Physician for guidance and support. Only adult patients will be included in the pilot at this time. Six protocols will be included as part of the pilot, including: hypoglycemia, heat illness, mild to moderate allergic reactions with dissipating symptoms, falls, minor lacerations or abrasions without active bleeding as well as influenza-like illness.

“We are looking forward to the positive impact this new process will have on patient care,” SHA Executive Director of Provincial Services-Community Care Rod MacKenzie said.

More: <https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/.../saskatchewan...>

## **THE MEDICINE SHOPPE PHARMACY OPENING IN EVERGREEN!**



I am looking forward to attending the grand opening of another new business in the Saskatoon Willowgrove Constituency.

The Evergreen Medicine Shoppe is the second location for owner / pharmacist Courtney Junop who also owns RUH Medicine Shoppe.

Please show your support for this new business!

## **FUNDING FOR SASKATOON'S PRAIRIELAND PARK RENEWED BY GOVERNMENT FOR ANOTHER FIVE YEARS**



As this year's Crop Production Show celebrates its 40th anniversary, Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture David Marit announced a renewed \$150,000 agreement for Saskatoon Prairieland Park Corporation.

The five-year agreement begins in April 2023 allocating \$30,000 per year in funding for agriculture-related events.

This agreement will provide sponsorship support for the Western Canadian Crop Production Show, Ag EXperience for Students, Junior Ag Showcase, Youth Leadership Conference, as well as Saskatchewan Beef Expo.

"These events hosted by Prairieland Park are a key component in building our agriculture industry and we are thrilled to be able to offer continual support for these world class programs," Marit said. "The Crop Production Show attracts producers from across the prairies year-after-year as they gather to share their knowledge, practices and technology in preparation of the upcoming growing season."



The Prairieland-produced event consistently brings in over 300 exhibitors and over 10,000 attendees. The event continues to connect leading manufacturers and suppliers of inputs and technologies with producers. The event is held in conjunction with Crop Production Week annually.

[Funding for Saskatoon's Prairieland Park Renewed by Government for Another Five Years | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## **PROVINCIAL TRAFFIC SAFETY FUND GRANTS: \$1M FOR 65 TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY INITIATIVES**



*62 communities to receive funding for new projects*

Speed display signs, crosswalks and other enhancements to pedestrian safety are among the initiatives benefiting communities from the latest round of grants from Saskatchewan's Provincial Traffic Safety Fund.

Sixty-five projects in 62 Saskatchewan communities were approved for Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grants. Communities will receive grants ranging from \$1,396 to \$100,000 for a total of \$1,033,132.

The funding will help install signage at intersections and school zones and improve pedestrian safety in rural, urban and Indigenous communities across the province.

A full list of approved projects and grant amounts is attached.

"I'd like to thank all communities for submitting applications, and for their commitment to safety in our province," Minister Responsible for SGI Don Morgan said. "I'm pleased we're able to support an additional 65 projects to increase traffic and pedestrian safety across Saskatchewan."

Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grants are awarded to communities twice a year, using proceeds from Photo Speed Enforcement.

A total of 557 community traffic safety projects have been funded, totaling more than \$7.2 million, since the Provincial Traffic Safety Fund was established in 2019.

Eligible traffic safety initiatives must focus on one of the following priority areas: speeding, impaired driving, distracted driving, occupant protection or intersection safety.

Applications are reviewed by a committee made up of representatives from the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, the Prince Albert Grand Council, the Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Highways and SGI.

The Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant Program is currently accepting applications for the next round of funding. The deadline for the next round of applications is March 31, 2023. For more information, visit SGI's website: <https://www.sgi.sk.ca/community-grants-programs>.

**STRONG JOB GROWTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATE SHOW A  
PROVINCIAL ECONOMY THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE**



*Saskatchewan employment reaches 573,600, up 7,700 jobs year over year*

January 6, Statistics Canada released December 2022 job numbers, showing Saskatchewan's continued economic growth having added 7,700 jobs when compared to December 2021, with month-to-month employment also increasing by 4,200.

"2022 was a very good year for Saskatchewan, with remarkable economic growth, record population gains, and thousands of more jobs to close the year," Minister of Immigration and Career Training Jeremy Harrison said. "There is reason to be optimistic about the coming year here in Saskatchewan, as our province is the best place to work, live, play and raise a family in Canada."

[Strong Job Growth, Unemployment Rate Show a Provincial Economy That Works for Everyone | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## **GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND SASKATCHEWAN INVEST 17.6 MILLION IN CROP RESEARCH**



Canada's Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Marie-Claude Bibeau and Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit announced total funding of \$17.6 million today for crop-related research in 2023.

Invested through Saskatchewan's Agriculture Development Fund (ADF), the announcement includes \$10.3 million for 49 research projects, as well as \$7.2 million in operational support over the next five years for the Crop Development Centre (CDC) in Saskatoon. Since being established in 1971, the CDC - a research organization with the Department of Plant Sciences at the University of Saskatchewan - has released over 500 commercial crop varieties in over 40 different crop types.

"Climate change and severe weather conditions threaten farmers' livelihoods," Bibeau said. "We continue to invest in research and innovation so that producers have the tools they need to maintain and increase productivity despite the changing climate."

"Saskatchewan is a consistent and reliable supplier of agriculture products to today's growing and constantly changing global market, and investments like these enable us to be ready for the market of tomorrow," Marit said. "Encouraging this kind of research and innovation is the first step to staying competitive. Staying competitive means Saskatchewan producers can and will remain the best there is at what they do - sustainably feeding the world."

[Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan Invest \\$17.6 Million in Crop Research | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



## IS YOUR ICE SHACK PROPERLY MARKED?



Ice fishing shelters can range from an old camper to some truly elaborate ice castles!

While the shacks themselves may have changed over the years, the fact that they must be properly marked hasn't.

Shelters left on the ice must have the owner's full name, address and phone number in legible letters at least 2.5 cm high on the outside of the shelter.

Don't forget: ice shelters are considered public places and alcohol cannot be consumed in them.



Practicing catch and release when ice fishing can be tricky in the cold. Here are a few tips to help minimize harm to the fish:

- Handle the fish quickly and as little as possible (aim for 30 seconds or less).
- Do not hold or support the fish by its gills, gill covers or eyes.
- Hold the fish in a horizontal position, with one hand under the forward belly and the other gently around the tail.
- A fish's eyes and gills can freeze when exposed to sub-zero temperatures. Whenever possible, keep fish in the water while handling and unhooking them, and have your release tools within reach.
- Catch and release practices are not recommended in extremely cold conditions as post-release survival is greatly reduced when fish are exposed to very low temperatures. If the regulations allow for it, anglers should consider keeping any fish caught in extremely cold conditions.

## **YOU CAN FIND OUT IF YOUR PARTNER HAS A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE OR ABUSE**

You have the right to know if your partner has a history of violence.



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By submitting a Clare's Law application with the RCMP or your local police service, you can find out if your partner has a history of violence or abuse.

If you think you are at risk of domestic violence or abuse, you have the right to know.

To learn more, visit <https://bit.ly/3Mqfl8W>

**SASKATCHEWAN HAS THE 2ND LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT  
RATE IN CANADA**



Saskatchewan has the 2nd lowest unemployment rate in Canada!

StatCan's recently released job numbers showed a strong increase in jobs compared to 2021, bringing our provinces total employment to 573,600.

## **TRAVEL ADVICE FROM GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**



Before you travel out of the country check the information on this site: [Travel.gc.ca - Home](https://travel.gc.ca)

## PREVENTING FALLS





Falls are the leading cause of hospitalization of older adults in Canada. More than 1.6 million older adults fall every year, with 50 per cent of falls causing hospitalization happening at home.

You can prevent falls...

- ◆ use non-slip surfaces in tubs and showers
- ◆ wipe up spills immediately
- ◆ reduce clutter
- ◆ make sure you have good lighting throughout the house
- ◆ if you must use a step stool, make sure it is in good repair and stable
- ◆ ask others for help if you can't do it alone safely
- ◆ always use the handrail on stairs and don't rush

More: <https://www.canada.ca/.../publicat.../you-prevent-falls.html>

## **SASKATOON DOCTOR NAMED TO ORDER OF CANADA FOR PIONEERING WORK IN MEDICAL ROBOTICS**



Photo and story credit: Saskatoon CTV

Dr. Ivar Mendez from Saskatoon has been appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada for his work on the use of technology to improve healthcare delivery in rural and remote populations. Congratulation to Dr. Mendez and thank you for your dedicated service.

Read the story: [Saskatoon doctor named to Order of Canada for pioneering work in medical robotics | CTV News](#)

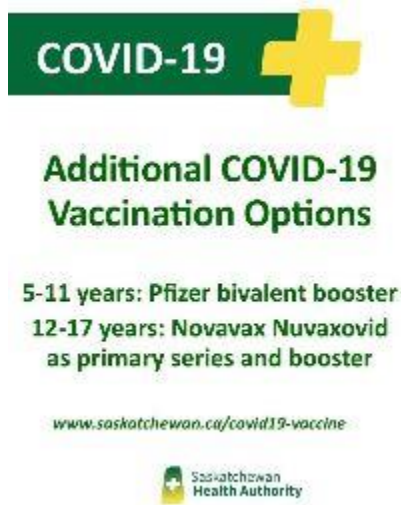
## **PLAYNOW - SUCCESSFUL FIRST FEW MONTHS IN SASKATCHEWAN**



PlayNow has had a successful first few months in Saskatchewan as our historic partnership with FSIN and SIGA has generated strong traffic to the only regulated gaming site in the province.

Called "reconciliation at its finest" by Chief Bobby Cameron, PlayNow will directly benefit 74 First Nations communities across our province as the site continues to grow through new revenue opportunities like single game sports betting.

## ADDITIONAL COVID-19 VACCINATION OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN



As of Monday, January 9, Saskatchewan families have additional COVID-19 vaccination options for children and teens.

For children five to eleven years, the Pfizer bivalent COVID-19 vaccine will be available as a first or additional booster.

In Saskatchewan, children five to 11 years may receive the Pfizer bivalent vaccine as a booster dose four months following their primary series or four months following their original COVID-19 vaccine booster dose (fourth dose).

For children 12 to 17 years, the Novavax Nuvaxovid vaccine will be available as a primary series and booster dose.

The Novavax vaccine is a protein-based vaccine and has been available to residents 18 and older since April 2022. Note that mRNA vaccines (Moderna, Pfizer) continue to be the recommended vaccines for all residents.

Due to limited supply of both of these vaccines, they will only be available through certain Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA), Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority (NITHA) and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) public health clinics. They are not available through pharmacies at this time.

Information on all COVID-19 vaccines approved by Health Canada is available at [Saskatchewan.ca/covid19](https://saskatchewan.ca/covid19).

[Additional COVID-19 Vaccination Options for Children | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOUR CARE**

## Feeling unwell? Make the right choice for your care

EXAMPLES INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

<b>Call 911</b>	*Any difficulty breathing Chest pain/shoulder pain Unconsciousness	Uncontrollable bleeding Falls/droos/slurred speech Severe trauma
<b>Go to nearest Emergency Department</b>	Head injury Broken bone/fracture Trauma-related injuries	Confusion/change in mental state Abdominal pain Thoughts/acts of self-harm
<b>Call your care provider or visit a walk-in clinic</b> Appointments may be virtual or in-person	*Unexpected illness/pain *Cold/flu symptoms *Ear or throat pain Vaccine advice	Mental health concerns Chronic illness care Prescription refills
<b>Self-care At home</b>	*Mild COVID-19 symptoms: sore throat, headache, fever, etc. *Scrapes and Bruises	*Diarrhea* If symptoms worse than one day, seek additional care *Other cold/flu symptoms
<b>Call/visit your Pharmacist</b>	Medication advice Minor wound care *Cold symptoms	Nail fungus infection *Diarrhea Emergency prescription renewal
<b>Call HealthLine 811, open 24/7</b>	Unsure how to manage your symptoms? Have symptoms of COVID-19 and may need a test? Need to report adverse reactions to a COVID-19 vaccine? Need mental health support?	

*\*These may indicate COVID-19 illness. If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, self-isolate immediately and take a COVID-19 self-test. If breathing is difficult, seek medical care immediately at your nearest emergency or call 911.*

**DO NOT delay care if you need it. Delaying care can cause serious illness and even death.**  
If symptoms worsen or do not go away within a few days, other care options should be considered.



[saskatchewan.ca/covid19](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19)

Feeling unwell? Not sure where to go/what to do for advice or care? Choose where to go/who you contact based on your symptoms.

COVID self-test kits are available for pick up across the province ([www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19)). Keep a testing kit available in your home in case of illness. Always wear a mask if you feel unwell and have to leave your home to seek medical care.

## KNOW IT BEFORE YOU THROW IT



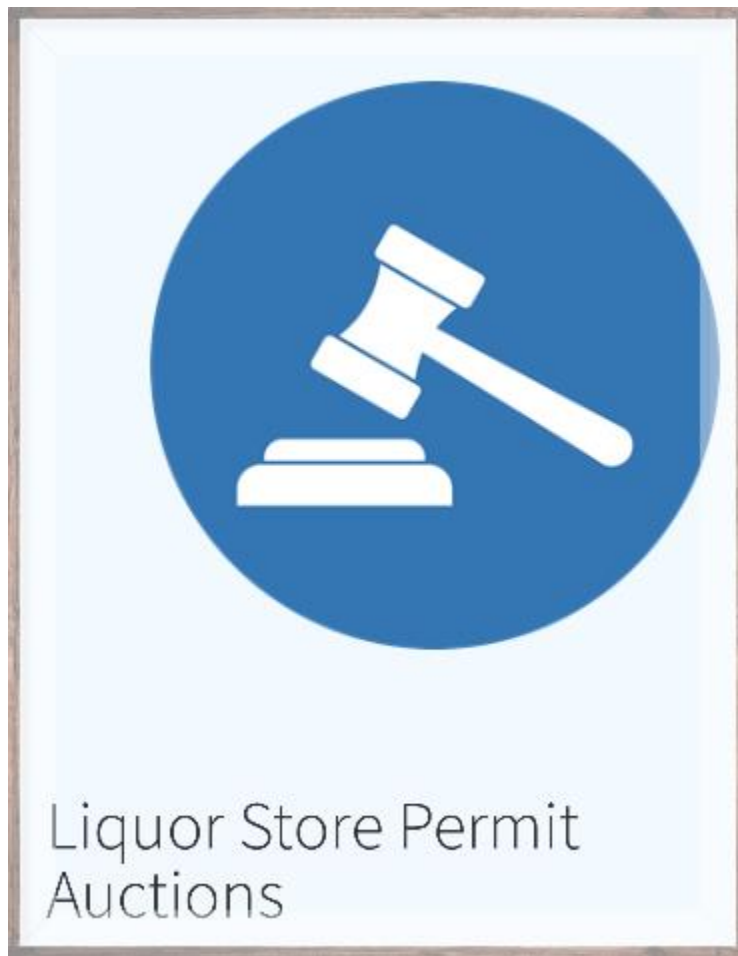


Electronics are recyclable and can be dropped off at more than 100 locations across the province, including SARCAN.

Check out [recyclemyelectronics.ca/sk](http://recyclemyelectronics.ca/sk) for more details.

Keep these out of your garbage bin!

## **ONLINE AUCTIONS FOR SLGA RETAIL INC. PERMITS SET TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 6**



The auctions to sell the permits associated with SLGA Retail Inc. stores will begin Feb. 6. The auctions will be staggered, with the final auctions beginning Feb. 15.

"This is the next step in the process as we transition to a fully private liquor retail system," Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority Lori Carr said. "An online auction format is being used to ensure that permits are sold efficiently and transparently."

Auctions will be held on <https://mcdougallauction.com/new> in real time. Interested bidders must preregister and pay a \$5,000 deposit to participate in an auction. The auctions are for the permits only – there are no buildings, fixtures or inventory included in the sale. The winning bidder must also meet all terms associated with holding a retail store permit.

Once the auctions associated with SLGA Retail Inc. permits wrap up, auctions will be held for communities that qualify for an additional permit under SLGA's population matrix, if someone has expressed interest in the permit. These auctions were suspended during the pandemic.

Please see the attached backgrounder for specific auction dates and other additional information or visit [slga.com](http://slga.com).

## REPORT ILLEGAL SALE OF WILD GAME



Report illegal sale  
of wild game

Contact our 24-hour TIPP service if you suspect wildlife, fisheries, forestry or environmental violations.

Call #5555 SaskTel cell or 1-800-667-7561 or submit the report online.

[saskatchewan.ca/tipp](http://saskatchewan.ca/tipp) **Saskatchewan** 

Was your hunting season a success? Do you have more meat than you need?

Before you post it on a buy-and-sell page or trade with a friend, be aware of the regulations and make sure you have a wildlife sale permit.

In Saskatchewan, it is illegal to sell, barter, trade or buy wild meat or fish – online or in-person. This can result in fines and licence suspensions.

If you see or suspect the illegal sale of wild meat or fish, please report it to Saskatchewan's Turn In Poachers and Polluters (TIPP) line or [www.saskatchewan.ca/tipp](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/tipp)

## ONLINE VOTING OPEN FOR SWINGING WITH THE STARS



★ ONLINE VOTING IS NOW OPEN!!! <http://swtsevents.com/saskatoon/online-voting/>

With only 3 weeks to go until showtime, it's time to start showing these dancers some love and support by placing your votes early to help your favourites take the lead!

The pair with the most votes (monetary donations) will be named the ENS Auto Swinging with the Stars 2023 Champions! 🍷🌟👯 Online voting will remain open until 10pm the night of the event - January 28th!

All Votes will be issued a full charitable tax receipt! Proceeds from the 2023 event will support Medical Imaging at Saskatoon City Hospital.

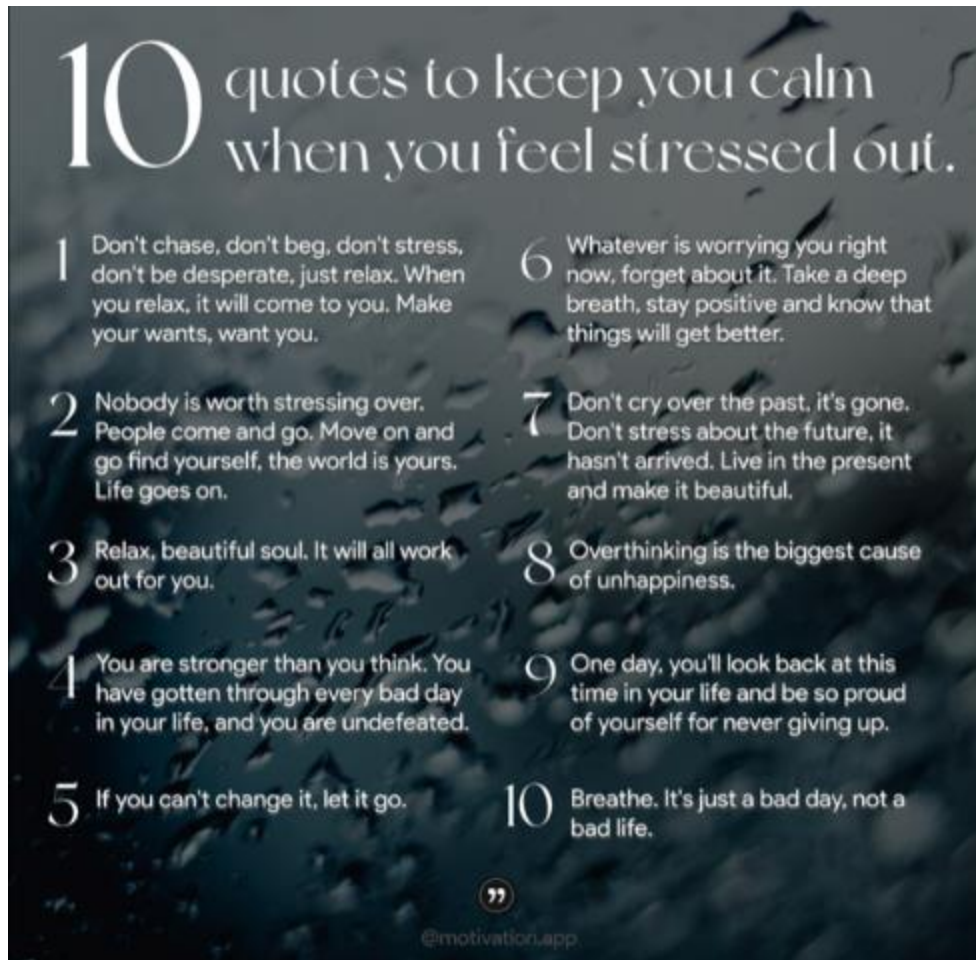
**Tickets are on sale NOW for ENS Auto Swinging With The Stars 2023!**

📅 4 Saturday January 28th, 2023

📍 TCU Place

💰 Reserved Table of 8 is \$1,400 - Half table is \$700

Secure your spot at the biggest birthday party in town here: <https://swtsevents.com/saskatoon/buy-tickets/>



**PSYCHOLOGISTS ARE IN HIGH DEMAND**





If you are a Saskatchewan student interested in pursuing psychology programs, check this out.

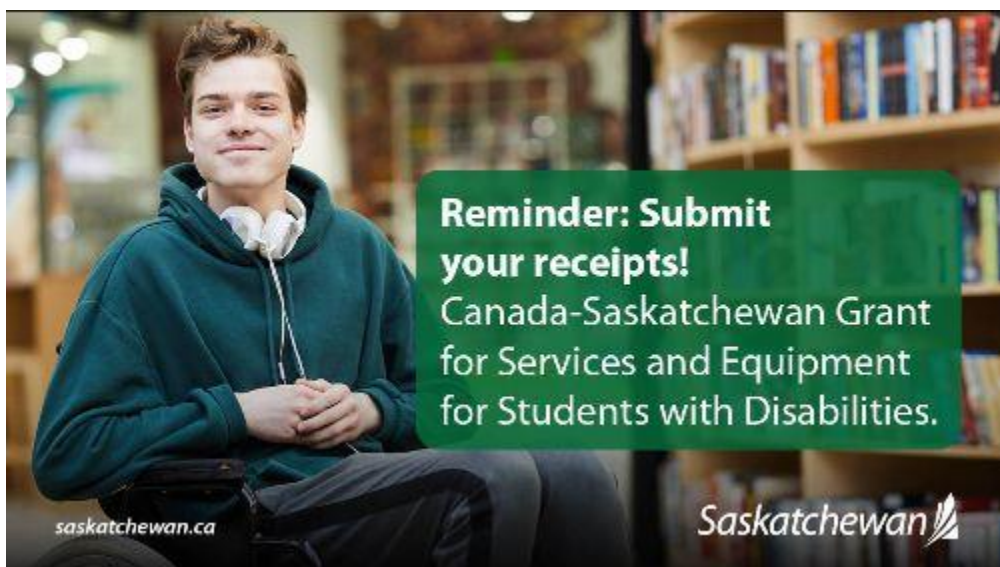
Did you know psychologists are in high demand in Saskatchewan? There are many opportunities to build your career right here in our province's health care sector.

Learn more about psychology programs offered in Saskatchewan at the links below:

University of Regina: <https://www.uregina.ca/.../docs/pdf/2021-Grad-Brochure.pdf>

University of Saskatchewan: <https://grad.usask.ca/programs/psychology.php>

## REMINDER - SUBMIT YOUR RECEIPTS!



Are a Saskatchewan student who have applied for the Canada-Saskatchewan Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Disabilities?

REMINDER: Saskatchewan students who have applied for the Canada-Saskatchewan Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Disabilities will need to submit their receipts before the end of their study period.

Submit your receipts online through the upload feature on your Advanced Education Student Portal account. If you do not have an account, you can submit your documents online through the Post-Secondary Document Uploader tool.

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../canada-saskatchewan-grant...>

## **ONE WRONG DECISION AFFECTS SO MANY - PLEASE DON'T DRIVE IMPAIRED**



MADD Saskatoon's mission is to stop impaired driving and to support victims of this violent crime



Support Project Red Ribbon. Text RIBBON to 45678 to donate \$10. 1.800.665. MADD

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE SASKATOON ZOO SOCIETY FEBRUARY BREAK CAMP**



SASKATOON  
ZOO SOCIETY

# FEBRUARY BREAK CAMP

4-day camp February 21-24, 2023.  
**Registration now open!!**



[WWW.SASKATOONZOO SOCIETY.CA](http://WWW.SASKATOONZOO SOCIETY.CA)

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and services.

**Ken Cheveldayoff**  
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*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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