

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



CARBON TAX FAIRNESS



Our government's decision to remove the carbon tax on home heating saved Saskatchewan families over \$1 million a day during the extreme cold experienced last weekend.

During this time, the previous natural gas consumption record reported two years ago was

surpassed three times, a stark reminder of how critical reliable, affordable power is for residents in our province.

REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



Saskatchewan is off to a strong start in 2024. Our growing economy continues to fuel investments in the programs and services that matter most to Saskatchewan people. With these investments in place, Saskatchewan continues to be one of the best places to live, work and raise a family.

Saskatchewan stood out for economic growth in 2023, and experts predict our province will continue to lead this year with growth expected to be pushed to more than double the national average. A major contributor to this year's economic growth will be BHP's \$6.4 billion Stage 2 expansion of the Jansen potash project. Once this project is complete it will be the largest potash

mine in the world and will provide more jobs and opportunities while continuing to drive economic growth in our province.

Economic growth from 2023 continues to give momentum to 2024. Saskatchewan led the nation in growth in building permits in November 2023, up 83.9 per cent year-over-year. Housing starts are up too; December 2023 saw an increase of 86.4 per cent from the year before.

As our economy grows, so does our labour market. The latest numbers from Statistics Canada indicate that Saskatchewan has reached another record for job growth with 22,100 full time jobs added year-over-year, ranking second in the nation. Our government is committed to continuing to make investments and decisions to help grow our economy, resulting in more opportunities and a higher quality of life for Saskatchewan people.

Saskatchewan's strong and growing economy means we can invest more in the areas that matter most. This February, a new specialized support classroom pilot project will be launched that focuses on helping manage and de-escalate behavioural incidents. This project will help address classroom complexity by assisting students who need targeted interventions in the short-term. Our government is providing a \$3.6 million investment to fund the pilot in eight school divisions across the province which will run until the end of the 2024-25 school year.

Also new this year is the Teacher Innovation and Support Fund, which will foster local, teacher-led solutions while addressing classroom and student needs. Applications are now being accepted for Saskatchewan teachers to access funding for projects that assist in providing better student and teacher experiences within today's classrooms. This \$2.5 million pilot project will allow teachers to work with their school administration to apply for up to \$75,000 to put toward their ideas.

The goal of this fund is to have local, innovative ideas be brought forward to continue to enhance our classrooms in such areas as student achievement, student and teacher wellness, and school safety. Our government is listening to teachers and is engaged in finding practical solutions to improve the classroom environment for teachers and students.

We are also committed to investing in health care so Saskatchewan people can receive the care they need when they need it. The Health Human Resources Action Plan introduced in the fall of 2022 to recruit, train, incentivize and retain health care workers continues to show strong results. A total of 131 nurses from the Philippines have arrived in Saskatchewan, 21 of which have begun working in communities across the province.

Since December 2022, 964 nursing graduates have been hired from across Saskatchewan and Canada. Since September 2021, 259 physicians have been recruited to Saskatchewan, including

105 family physicians and 154 specialists.

To further support health care in our province, our government is committed to investing health care training programs. An additional investment of \$850,000 will add 25 seats to the Mental Health and Wellness Diploma program at the Saskatchewan Institute of Technologies. This funding helps to not only meet labour demands in our growing health care sector, but also ensures our communities receive the care and support they need.

As Saskatchewan continues to experience growth, our government is committed to building and protecting our province for generations to come. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact my constituency office at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net or call 306.651.7100.

BE SURE TO USE PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATERS PROPERLY



Fires can happen anywhere, anytime!

Make sure you are using your portable electric heater properly.

When using one inside your home, supervise children and pets so they don't touch any hot surfaces. Also, do not place the heater on unstable surfaces where it could tip over.

Don't leave portable electric heaters on when you leave the room.

For more information: <https://ow.ly/loVH50QpBUUp>

I APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU

We're here to help
you navigate provincial
government programs
and services.

Ken Cheveldayoff
MLA for Saskatoon Willowgrove

Please reach out, we look forward to hearing from you.
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PROVINCE, PHYSICIANS REACH TENTATIVE CONTRACT AGREEMENT



The provincial government and the Saskatchewan Medical Association (SMA) have reached a tentative four-year contract agreement for the period April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2026.

"We are pleased to have reached a tentative agreement for a fair and competitive compensation package that supports our ongoing retention and recruitment efforts," Health Minister Everett Hindley said. "We value the physicians in our province and appreciate the commitment and dedication they have shown over the past number of years."

SMA President Dr. Annette Epp noted the tentative agreement is still subject to a ratification vote.

"The SMA Board of Directors is recommending that members accept the tentative agreement which addresses priorities raised by physicians during the negotiations," Dr. Epp said.

Details of the agreement will not be released until the ratification process has been completed. The ratification vote closes February 2.

SASKATOON FIRE DEPARTMENT IS COLLECTION WINTER CLOTHING DONATIONS



Share the warmth... [Saskatoon Fire Department](#) is collecting winter clothing donations if you have some available.

Communities across Saskatchewan will have similar needs this winter. If you are able to help, contact your local charities. They will be able to provide you with items they may be in need of.

NURSES FROM THE PHILIPPINES BEGIN WORKING IN SASKATCHEWAN



More health care professionals *in Saskatchewan*

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Build and Protect

Progress is Being Made on Recruiting Additional Physicians

Twenty-one nurses recruited from the Philippines have completed their training in Saskatchewan and started working in communities across the province. More are expected to join the health care system in the coming months.

"I am very pleased that a large number of the Filipino nurses have now arrived in the province and their transition to successfully joining Saskatchewan's workforce is well underway," Health Minister Everett Hindley said. "I look forward to these highly qualified nurses joining health care teams across the province and making a valuable contribution to patient care."

[Nurses from the Philippines Begin Working in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

PREVENTING FROZEN PIPES

1 Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals up out of the reach of children.

2 When the weather is very cold outside, let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes.

Running water through the pipe - even at a trickle - helps prevent pipes from freezing.

3 Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. By temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.

4 Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.



SASKATCHEWAN HOUSING STARTS CONTINUE TO CLIMB



The Province's Urban Housing Starts are Among the Highest in Canada

The latest numbers show that Saskatchewan is among the top provinces in Canada for urban housing starts, with December's numbers up 86.4 per cent year-over-year from December 2022.

Saskatchewan Housing Starts Continue to Climb

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According to Statistics Canada, December 2023 saw an increase of 86.4% from the year before.



"It's encouraging to see the new year start off with more good news about Saskatchewan's economy," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Today's numbers for housing starts show that people are continuing to build their futures in this province, keeping our communities and economy strong and prosperous for everyone. The numbers also show that our construction industry is responding to the massive population growth in the province with significant new construction to house that new population."

[Saskatchewan Housing Starts Continue to Climb | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

TRAVEL SMART



If transportation and hotel are included in the travel package, ask how to contact those companies and confirm with them directly that the reservation has been made.

For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/48AxlMz>.

**SASKATCHEWAN ON TRACK TO REACH 100K NEW JOBS BY
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Saskatchewan is on track to reach its goal of 100,000 new jobs by the end of 2030!

In 2023, the largest job gains year-over-year were reported in:

Professional, scientific and technical services, up 5,600;

Educational services, up 4,000; and

Transportation and warehousing, up 3,100.

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INFORMATION - FEVERS

Fever

A fever in a child is anything above 38°C. If a fever does not go away on its own within 72 hours seek medical care. Fevers are not usually harmful but can make your child feel more uncomfortable, and can be treated with acetaminophen or ibuprofen.

Seek emergency medical attention if your child is:

- Less than 3 months old
- Having trouble breathing
- Too dehydrated to make pee
- Has a rash that looks like small bruises
- Has other signs of a serious illness like headache, neck pain, light sensitivity or repeated vomiting
- Is difficult to wake up or confused - an irritable child who can't be consoled
- Your child is becoming increasingly unwell after several days of illness



Saskatchewan
Health Authority



If you are unsure, call HEALTHLINE 811

A fever is a rise in body temperature above normal range. It is often a sign that the body is fighting an infection. Fevers don't always need to be treated but rest and hydration are very important. You can also call HealthLine 811 for advice or contact your pharmacist.

**PROVINCE REALIGNS HEALTH SYSTEM APPROACH TO ILLICIT
DRUG USE ISSUES**



Under the new Action Plan for Mental Health and Addictions, the Government of Saskatchewan is focused on getting more people the treatment they need to overcome addictions and live healthy, safe lives in recovery. As part of the transition to a Recovery-Oriented System of Care, changes are being made to how the health care system responds to illicit drug use issues.

The provision of pipes for smoking methamphetamine, crack cocaine and other illicit drugs will be discontinued. The practice of providing materials with instructions on how to use illicit drugs will also be discontinued. No third-party organization will be permitted to use funding provided by the Ministry of Health or the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) for these purposes.

“Providing taxpayer-funded pipes for smoking illicit drugs and instructions for how to use them sends the wrong message to people who we want to help,” Mental Health and Addictions Minister Tim McLeod said. “Instead, the message coming from the health care system should be that there is hope for recovery, and there is help available through treatment.”

[Province Realigns Health System Approach to Illicit Drug Use Issues | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SUPPORTING ONGOING POWER DEMANDS



Premier Scott Moe, "In Saskatchewan, we will not attempt the impossible when it comes to power production in our province.

We will not risk plunging our homes, schools, hospitals, special care homes and our businesses into the cold and darkness because of the ideological whims of others.

To support the ongoing power demands across western Canada, Boundary Dam 4 has been restarted to ensure families can continue to keep the heat on.

Net zero by 2035 is not only impossible, it's irresponsible as it would leave Saskatchewan and Western Canadian families freezing and in the dark."

SASKATCHEWAN TO LEAD ECONOMIC GROWTH

ECONOMY

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OVERDOSE OUTREACH TEAMS CONNECT WITH INDIVIDUALS



Overdose Outreach Teams (OOT) in Regina and Saskatoon connect with individuals who have recently experienced an overdose. The teams provide short-term counselling and connect them to programs and services for longer-term support to reduce their risk of overdose and other drug related harms.

Both teams are comprised of a Mental Health Addictions Services counsellor from the SHA and a primary care paramedic from the local fire service ([Saskatoon Fire Department](#), Regina Fire & Protective Services).

For more information visit, www.saskatchewan.ca/overdose | Regina referrals: Phone: 306-510-3445 ; Saskatoon referrals: Phone: 639-471-8335

FEELING UNWELL?



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.

Remember, emergency departments use triage to prioritize patients based on urgency of need for care (it's NOT first-come, first-served).

SASKATCHEWAN REACHES ANOTHER RECORD

HEALTH EDUCATION **ECONOMY** SOCIAL SERVICES

22,100 New Full Time Jobs

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**LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE
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OPTIMIST HILL - ENJOY THE FUN



What a beautiful weekend planned at Optimist Hill! A great opportunity to enjoy some outside activity and a BBQ..

When: Sunday January 21...12 noon to 3pm.

Remember to book your tubing time online at www.optimisthill.ca

Check out this video: <https://www.facebook.com/thelostgirlsguide/videos/908386587475312>

SASKATOON ZOO PD CAMP DAY

No school for the kids?

Send them to a
PD Day Camp at the Zoo!!!



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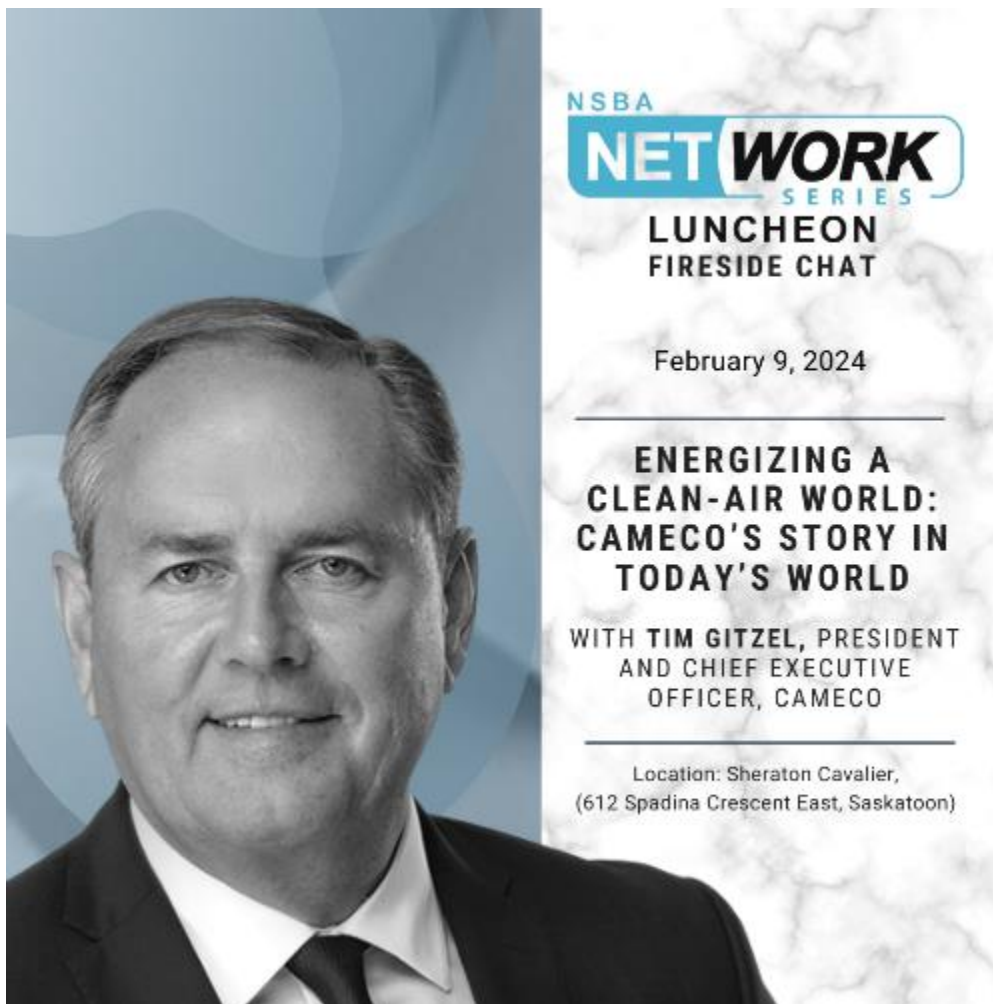
January 22

saskatoonzoosociety.ca/camp-activities

UPCOMING
DATES

Only a couple spots left in the upcoming January 22nd PD day. Your kids will have a blast and learn some cool animal facts!

**FIRESIDE CHAT – ENERGIZING A CLEAN-AIR WORLD –
CAMECO'S STORY IN TODAY'S WORLD**



February 9, 2024

11:30am - 1:00pm

Location : Sheraton Cavalier , 12 Spadina Crescent East

Registration @ 11:30am -

Register: [NSBA Network Series - Luncheon - Fireside Chat with Tim Gitzel \(February 9, 2024\) - Event Registration \(memberzone.com\)](#)

Presented by: Tim Gitzel, President and CEO, Cameco

WUHCA WINTER FUN DAY!

WUHCA Winter Fun Day

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

1- 4 PM

WALLACE PARK (BEHIND WILLOWGROVE SCHOOL)

- Hot chocolate
- Sleigh rides
- Ice skating, sledding
- Kick sleds, snowshoes
- Face painting
- Lots of family fun!



WUHCA Winter Fun Day!

Saturday, February 10th

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Wallace Park

Thank you to the many volunteers that are working hard to make this fun day extra special for our community.

ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES

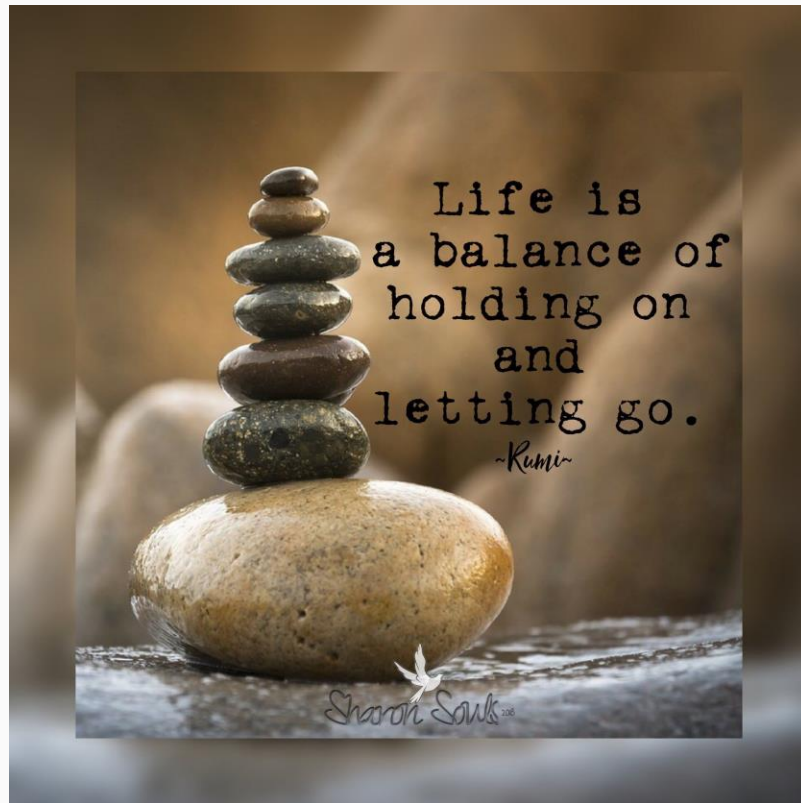


[Consumer Alert - Former Licensed Vehicle Dealer, Big Q Auto, Forfeits Surety Bond | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Government of Saskatchewan Announces Funding for 10 Emergency Shelter Spaces in La Ronge | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Innovation Saskatchewan Invests More Than \\$1 Million in Research and Development Projects in Core Sectors | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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