

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



- Nothing quite like a summer evening at Riverlanding - Image

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REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



Saskatchewan continues to receive great news on its economy. The province's AA (low) credit rating and stable outlook was affirmed in a recent release from DBRS Morningstar. When ratings from three major rating agencies (Moody's, DBRS Morningstar and S&P) are considered, Saskatchewan has the second highest credit rating among all provinces.

The province's wholesale trade for May 2023 was up 89.8 per cent from May 2022, for a total value of \$7 billion. This is also an increase of 47.9 per cent above April 2023. This record wholesale trade growth is proof that Saskatchewan's economic momentum continues.

Our province's strong and growing economy allows our government to invest in the programs and services that matter most to Saskatchewan people. The Seniors Income Plan (SIP) benefit has increased to \$360 per month fulfilling our government's three-year commitment to better support seniors across Saskatchewan. SIP provides seniors with financial assistance to help meet their basic needs, in addition to income they receive through the Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement. Eligible seniors automatically receive this benefit based on the filing of their most recent income tax return. This \$3 million investment will support 14,500 seniors and marks the eighth increase to SIP since 2008 when the maximum benefit was just \$90 per month. Our government just announced an investment of \$530,000 to provide bursaries for students and

recent graduates joining Emergency Medical Services (EMS) here in Saskatchewan. You can learn more at www.saskhealthauthority.ca.

As Saskatchewan's economy continues to grow, we celebrate the industries that create this economic growth. August 5 is Canada Food Day, an opportunity to celebrate Saskatchewan's world-class, environmentally sustainable products that feed people all over the world. Canada Food Day highlights the farmers and ranchers who grow the products served at consumers' dinner tables.

This year, as those agricultural producers are facing many challenges due to dry conditions, our government is supporting them in many ways. The Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) has doubled its low yield threshold for this year to allow additional acres of low yielding crops to be diverted to feed. For more information, call 1-888-935-0000 or visit scic.ca.

Agriculture Minister David Marit requested the federal government conduct an AgriRecovery assessment to determine what assistance could be provided to livestock producers. The province also requested an early designation of the federal Livestock Tax Deferral Program to provide producers facing potential feed shortages with more options as they consider if they need to liquidate part of their herd. Our government is committed to supporting our farmers and ranchers to lessen the impact of these challenging conditions.

Our government also continues to urge the federal government to do everything within its power to facilitate a resolution to the BC port workers' strike. We are deeply concerned about the impact on our province's export-based industries. The efficient and reliable delivery of goods through these ports is key to maintaining Saskatchewan's reputation as a dependable trading partner. As summer continues, there are many opportunities to enjoy what Saskatchewan has to offer.



If you have questions, concerns or feedback, I invite you to contact my office at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net or call 306.651.7100.

INNOVATIVE SERVICE IMPROVES ACCESS TO CARE FOR SASKATCHEWAN PATIENTS



The Government of Saskatchewan is reminding patients and providers of a free tool to increase accessibility of medical appointments. Up and running since June 2022, the Saskatchewan Virtual Visit Program allows patients to connect with their health care provider from home, or a location of their choice, using audio or video conferencing. Patients may also choose to have family members or support persons with them during the consultation.

Health care providers across Saskatchewan including physicians, nurses, mental health professionals and allied health care professionals (such as physiotherapists) can use the Saskatchewan Virtual Visit Program to connect with patients.

"Our goal is to ensure that Saskatchewan residents, regardless of where they live may easily connect with their health care providers," Minister of Health Paul Merriman said. "The program improves access to care, reduces the need to travel for patients in rural settings, and allows providers to treat patients in a more timely fashion, on a schedule that works for them."

[Innovative Service Improves Access to Care for Saskatchewan Patients | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

THANK YOU TO TIM HORTONS AND EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING CAMP DAY LAST WEEK



It was a pleasure to once again join Saskatoon Willowgrove constituent and Tim Hortons franchisee Janna Dutton for the annual Camp Day held June 19th at Tim Hortons across Canada. 100% of proceeds from hot or iced coffee purchased helped underserved youth reach their full

potential. A great initiative so kids can go reach their full potential. Thanks to everyone who supported this fantastic initiative.

OVERDOSE OUTREACH TEAMS EXTENDED IN SASKATOON



A pilot program to help people reduce their risk of overdose and other drug-related harms is being extended.

Overdose Outreach Teams (OOT) in Saskatoon will continue for another six months to further develop the outreach process and expand the reach of the teams.

"The Overdose Outreach Teams have done some promising work building relationships with Saskatchewan residents who are struggling with addictions," Mental Health and Addictions Minister Everett Hindley said. "I've heard some of the success stories that the teams have had so far and look forward to seeing how they help more people access supports."

[Overdose Outreach Teams Extended in Saskatoon | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SASKATCHEWAN NOW OFFERING LARGE TRAINING BURSARIES TO SUPPORT FUTURE PARAMEDICS



The Government of Saskatchewan is now offering financial supports for individuals interested in pursuing a frontline paramedic career in Saskatchewan. Training bursaries will be available to students and new graduates of paramedic programs who commit to joining Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Saskatchewan. The bursaries will be administered by the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

"Having stable and reliable emergency medical services that meet patients' needs in our communities is a priority of our government," Rural and Remote Health Minister Everett Hindley said. "This includes training more paramedics to work in the Saskatchewan EMS field and supporting them with incentives, especially in rural communities."

One-time funding of \$530,000 will provide a total of 58 bursaries to support paramedic training for EMS providers within the province. Bursaries will range from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

[Saskatchewan Now Offering Large Training Bursaries to Support Future Paramedics | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**SASKATCHEWAN'S AA (LOW) CREDIT RATING AFFIRMED BY
DBRS MORNINGSTAR**

Growth that Works for Everyone

MLA Ken Cheveldayoff on Saskatchewan's AA (low) Credit Rating

Saskatchewan's economy continues to grow, and our province has a strong fiscal outlook. We will continue to invest in the programs, services, and capital projects to improve the lives of Saskatchewan people, while being financially responsible by paying down debt.

**Saskatchewan
Party Caucus**



In its recent release, DBRS Morningstar affirms the province's AA (low) credit rating and stable outlook.

Saskatchewan currently has the second highest credit rating among the provinces when all three major rating agencies (Moody's, DBRS Morningstar, and S&P) are considered. In June 2023 S&P Global Ratings gave Saskatchewan their highest credit rating amongst Canadian provinces.

"Saskatchewan's economy continues to grow, and our province has a strong fiscal outlook. We will continue to invest in the programs, services, and capital projects to improve the lives of Saskatchewan people, while being financially responsible by paying down debt," Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance Donna Harpauer said. "DBRS Morningstar's report and affirmation is encouraging and speaks to our strengths."

[Saskatchewan's AA \(low\) Credit Rating Affirmed by DBRS Morningstar | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND SASKATCHEWAN SIGN HISTORICAL BILATERAL AGREEMENT TO END GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



Living a life free from violence is a fundamental human right, unfortunately gender-based violence (GBV) continues to be a significant barrier to achieving gender equality in Canada. It is one of the most pervasive, deadly and deeply rooted human rights violations of our time that affects people of all backgrounds, genders and ages.

"This funding will help us enhance our existing programs and expand on the good work going on throughout the province." Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women Office and Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs Laura Ross said. "The Saskatchewan Government will fund a wide range of initiatives with a special focus on prevention; actions that will raise awareness of the issue, educate the public, assist those at

greatest risk, and support intervention. These are investments that can get us closer to our ultimate goal, which is to end gender-based violence."

[The Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan sign historical bilateral agreement to end genderbased vi | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

HAVE YOU BEEN TO THE SASKATOON ZOO THIS SUMMER?



The zoo is an incredibly beautiful place to go for a walk and enjoy nature.

Kinsmen Express II



**FREE Narrated Tours
around the Zoo**

Operated by the Saskatoon Zoo Society



Also, the wheelchair accessible car has finished its maintenance and is back in service on the train! Train runs daily from 10am-4pm

IMPROVING ACCESS TO CARE

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Improving Access to Care

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TAKE A MOMENT IN SASK PARKS: JULY 26 -AUGUST 8



Saskatchewan's provincial parks offer camping, glamping, hiking, and fun at the lake. There are also exciting events and programming to fill visitors' days with fun, laughter, and joy in the great outdoors.

Take a moment to join in the fun and experience nature to the fullest. Here are a few special events occurring over the next two weeks, all are free with a valid Park Entry Permit:

Read this news release for information at many of our beautiful Saskatchewan Parks: [Take a Moment in Sask Parks July 26 - August 8 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

GOVERNMENT INCREASES SENIORS INCOME PLAN BENEFIT



The Government of Saskatchewan is investing an additional \$3 million in the Seniors Income Plan (SIP) this year, helping approximately 14,500 seniors with low income enjoy a better quality of life.

"I am proud to announce our government's continued commitment to making life more affordable for seniors," Social Services Minister Gene Makowsky said. "This increase to the Seniors Income Plan represents an investment to support positive outcomes for Saskatchewan people."

On July 1, 2023, the maximum monthly benefit increased \$30 per month from \$330 to \$360 for single seniors, and from \$295 to \$325 per month each for married partners for a total of \$650 per month.

SIP provides seniors with financial assistance to help meet their basic needs, in addition to income they receive through the Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement. Eligible seniors automatically receive this benefit based on the filing of their most recent income tax return.

This fulfills the Government of Saskatchewan's three-year commitment to increase SIP benefits. This is also the eighth increase since 2008, when maximum benefits for single seniors were \$90 per month.

For more information about SIP, please visit: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/family-and-social-support/seniors-services/financial-help-for-seniors>.

FIND THE LATEST WATER SAMPLING AT SELECT SASKATCHEWAN BEACHES



Healthy Beaches

Public swimming areas at select Saskatchewan beaches are monitored to protect swimmers.

Find the latest water sampling results and swimming advisories.

saskatchewan.ca/healthy-beaches

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Healthy Beaches helps ensure safe water quality at many public beaches in Saskatchewan. Find the latest water sampling results at saskatchewan.ca/healthy-beaches

SASKATCHEWAN WHOLESALE TRADE GROWS 89.8%



Saskatchewan's wholesale trade numbers for May 2023 are up 89.8 per cent compared to the same time last year, marking 32 straight months of growth, according to most recent figures from Statistics Canada.

The total value of Saskatchewan's wholesale trade was \$7.0 billion in May 2023.

"This record growth in wholesale trade is proof that Saskatchewan's economic momentum continues," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "These numbers again demonstrate that Saskatchewan is a sustainable, reliable provider of food, fuel and fertilizer to customers across the country, and around the globe."

[Saskatchewan Wholesale Trade Grows 89.8% | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**SASKATCHEWAN CROP INSURANCE LOW YIELD APPRAISAL
IS DOUBLED FOR 2023**

*Producers are facing many challenges
due to dry conditions.*

**Saskatchewan
Crop Insurance low
yield appraisal is
doubled for 2023.**



Please contact your local SCIC office or call 1-888-935-0000 for more information.

**YOU CAN APPLY FOR STUDENT AID NOW AND BE ASSESSED
BEFORE CLASSES BEGIN**



Are you planning on attending post-secondary in the fall and looking for ways to pay for tuition and living expenses?

You can apply for student aid now and be assessed before classes start!

Learn more about supports for full-time and part-time students, Indigenous students, students with disabilities, and how to apply online: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../education.../student-loans>



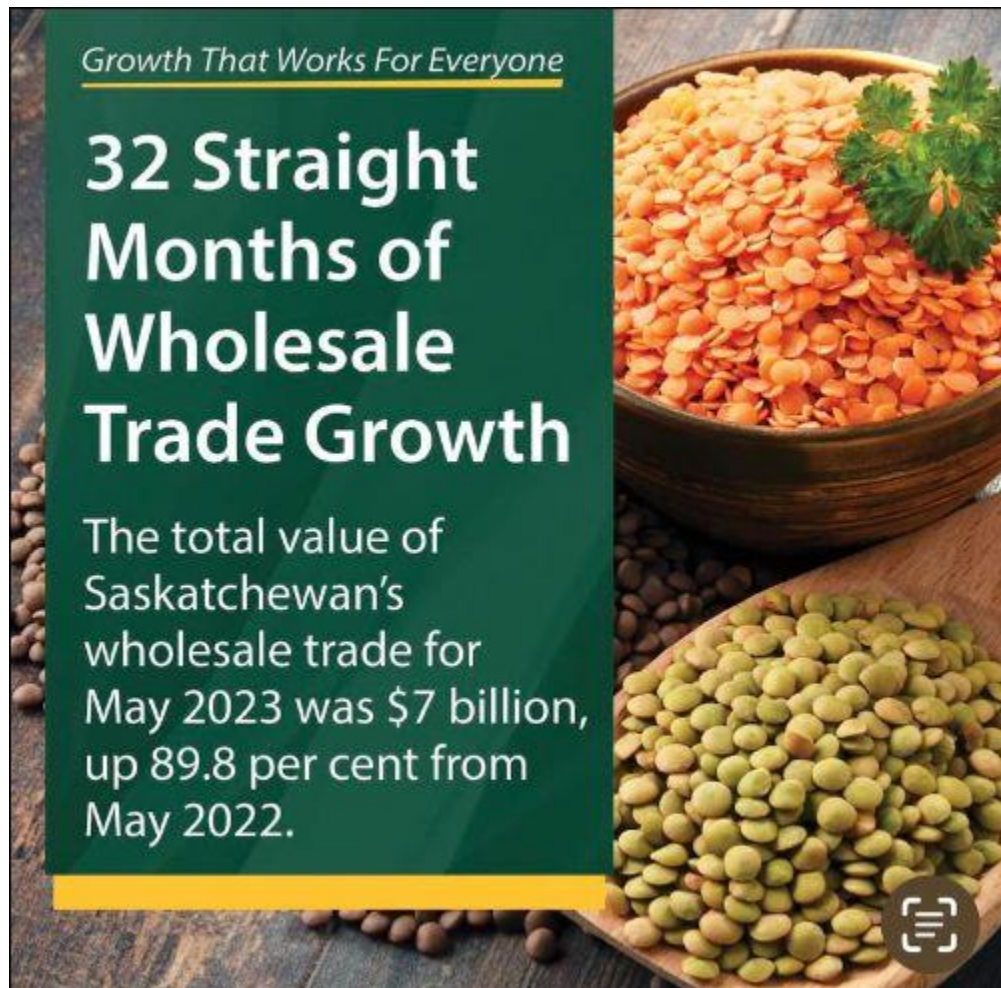
Do you have a student loan? Set up your online account early with the National Student Loan Service Centre and monitor or manage repayment of your student loan at your convenience.

Some options include:

- ✓ changing your monthly payment amount;
- ✓ making a lump sum payment; or
- ✓ paying off your loan early.

Register your account: <https://protege-secure.csnpe-nslsc.canada.ca/.../register...>

32 STRAIGHT MONTHS OF WHOLESAL TRADE GROWTH

A graphic featuring two wooden bowls filled with lentils. The top bowl contains orange lentils and is garnished with fresh green herbs. The bottom bowl contains green lentils. A dark green rectangular text box is overlaid on the left side of the image. At the top of this box, the tagline "Growth That Works For Everyone" is written in a small, italicized font. Below it, the main headline "32 Straight Months of Wholesale Trade Growth" is displayed in large, bold, white sans-serif font. Underneath the headline, a paragraph in white text states: "The total value of Saskatchewan's wholesale trade for May 2023 was \$7 billion, up 89.8 per cent from May 2022." A small QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the green text box.

Growth That Works For Everyone

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For more information visit [Saskatchewan.ca/news](https://saskatchewan.ca/news)

SASKATOON SHENANIGANS



Join Paul on a leisurely 48-hour itinerary as he explores the city, discovering hidden gems and indulging in delightful treats along the way.

<https://www.tourismsaskatoon.com/.../saskatoon.../>

[Back2Nature Wellness and Adventures](#) [Botte Chai Bar](#) [The Prairie Lily](#) [Alt Hotel Saskatoon](#) [OEB Breakfast Co.](#) [Meewasin](#) [Breakout Escape Rooms and Board Game Lounge](#) [The Berry Barn](#)

SIX INDIVIDUALS NAMED AS THE 2023 SASKATCHEWAN ORDER OF MERIT RECIPIENTS

Saskatchewan Order of Merit



2023 Saskatchewan Order of Merit Recipients:

- Al Anderson, Saskatoon
- Nora Cummings, S.V.M., Saskatoon
- Neal Hardy, Hudson Bay
- Pierre Hucl, Saskatoon
- Don Meikle, Saskatoon
- Jacqueline Tisher, Regina

saskatchewan.ca/honoursawards

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Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty announced the names of six outstanding individuals who will become the next recipients of the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, the province's highest honour. These medal recipients will be invested with the Order at a formal ceremony in Saskatoon on Sept. 27, 2023.

"These Saskatchewan Order of Merit recipients have taken on challenges and dedicated themselves to making positive change in their communities," Mirasty said. "Their efforts have made a remarkable impact on our province and its people. I wish to congratulate and express my gratitude to each of the recipients for years of contributions and commitment."

The Saskatchewan Order of Merit was established in 1985 to celebrate excellence and achievement by Saskatchewan citizens. To date, 266 individuals have been invested with the Order in appreciation of their significant contributions in areas such as agriculture, business, industry, community leadership, public service, art, research and volunteering. The Saskatchewan Order of Merit is recognized in the Canadian Honours System and members of the Order are entitled to use the post-nominal letters S.O.M.

For more information about the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, or to nominate someone, visit www.saskatchewan.ca/honoursawards.

TRAINING BURSARIES FOR PARAMEDICS



Growth That Works For Everyone

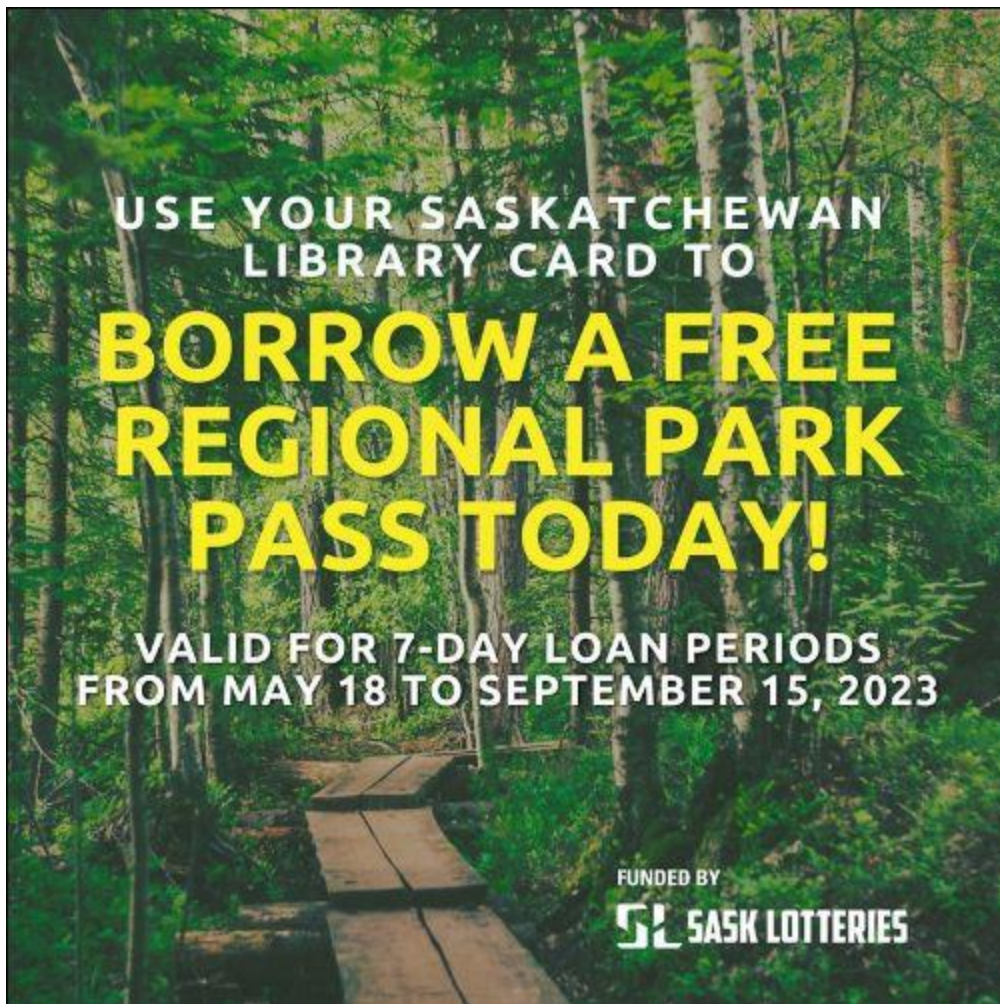
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Paramedic bursaries will range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and be administered through the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA). For more information, visit www.saskhealthauthority.ca.

BORROW A FREE REGIONAL PARK PASS WITH YOUR SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARY CARD



Free Park Pass Lending Program has been popular this summer.

You can still borrow a free Regional Park Pass until Sept. 15, 2023. People with a valid library card can borrow a pass from any Saskatchewan library and enjoy a seven-day loan period with free access to nearly 100 Regional Parks across the province.

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Passes must be borrowed in person and are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Library customers are encouraged to contact their local branch to ensure availability.

TRAINING PROGRAMS AVAILABLE



Private vocational schools, or career colleges, offer training programs to prepare students for specific occupations. Students can train to become medical office assistants, massage therapists, estheticians, hairstylists, dog groomers and more.

These schools are privately owned and operated and are registered with the Ministry of Advanced Education.

Find out if one of these schools is a fit for you!

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/university/career-colleges...>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOODTRUCK WARS!



Get ready for a mouthwatering showdown as the city's finest food trucks gather for an epic culinary battle! Indulge in a delightful array of flavors, from sizzling burgers to delectable pizzas, and so much more!

PlayNow Foodtruck Wars

Mark your calendars: July 27th -29th!

Downtown (City Hall)

Noon-8pm Daily

<https://www.tourismsaskatoon.com/.../food-truck-wars/26076/>

ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES



[Saskatchewan's International Efforts Continue to Show Results | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Targeted Sector Support Building Stronger Community Networks | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan Requests AgriRecovery Assessment Due to Drought | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Innovation Saskatchewan Provides \\$100,000 to Startup TNT to Support SK Tech Startups | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Overdose Outreach Teams Extended in Regina | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[WSA Announces Launch of GeoHub Portal | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Early Works Construction Begins for Prince Albert Victoria Hospital Project | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

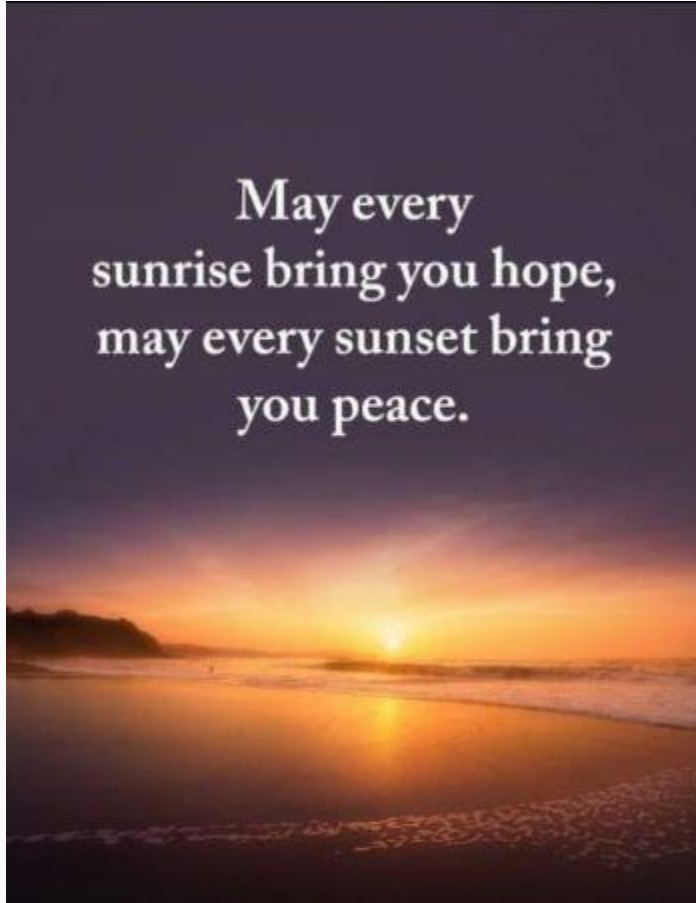
[Construction Begins on the New La Ronge Long-Term Care Home | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[SIRT Investigates Death at Pelican Narrows RCMP Detachment | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Crop Report for the Period of July 11 to July 17 2023 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

May every
sunrise bring you hope,
may every sunset bring
you peace.



so often living through
the worst allows us to see
the best in others, because
"we've been there and felt
that way before."

we all walk our own paths,
but knowing what it feels
like to carry pain longer
than we thought we could
and seeing someone else do
the same allows us to have
empathy, and encourages us
to love people as they are -
where they are.

while offering help in the
ways we can.

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