

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



**THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE WILL RESUME MONDAY, MARCH 5**

**READ THE LATEST LEGISLATIVE REPORT BELOW**

Our government recently made the decision not to remit the carbon tax on natural gas used by residential SaskEnergy customers. This is a decision we do not take lightly, and we recognize it may come with consequences.

That is why in December of 2023, the Saskatchewan Legislature unanimously passed *The SaskEnergy (Carbon Tax Fairness for Families) Act* which gives our government and the Minister of Crown Investment Corporation, Dustin Duncan, the exclusive responsibility for compliance with the federal carbon tax on home heating.

The Canada Revenue Agency has accepted Minister Duncan's application to register the Government of Saskatchewan as the Registered Distributor of natural gas in the province and has deregistered SaskEnergy. As a result, the hardworking women and men at SaskEnergy are protected from any consequences which may arise from our decision.

The decision to remove the federal carbon tax on home heating has already saved Saskatchewan families a lot of money through January and February. It also helped reduce Saskatchewan's inflation rate to 1.9 per cent, down from 2.7 per cent in December, according to the latest Consumer Price Index report released by Statistics Canada.

Our government believes that if the federal government is serious about fighting inflation, they need to remove the carbon tax for everyone and everything. These numbers show how much impact the removal of the carbon tax on home heating has on inflation, just here in one province. Imagine the impact it would have on gas prices, grocery prices and everything else we produce and transport in Canada if the federal government scrapped the carbon tax.

Instead, the federal government is committed to another carbon tax increase on April 1. It shows they really don't care about the impact it is having on Canadian families struggling with the cost of living.

As inflation goes down, our province's economy continues to grow; housing starts are up 62.1 per cent over last year. We saw impressive figures in building construction investment as well, ranking third in the nation for year-over-year growth with an increase of 13.9 per cent.

We also recently learned that Saskatchewan ranked second among provinces for private capital investment in 2023 and is expected to rank first in 2024. Growth in private capital investment helps to build jobs and opportunities, creating a high quality of life for Saskatchewan people.

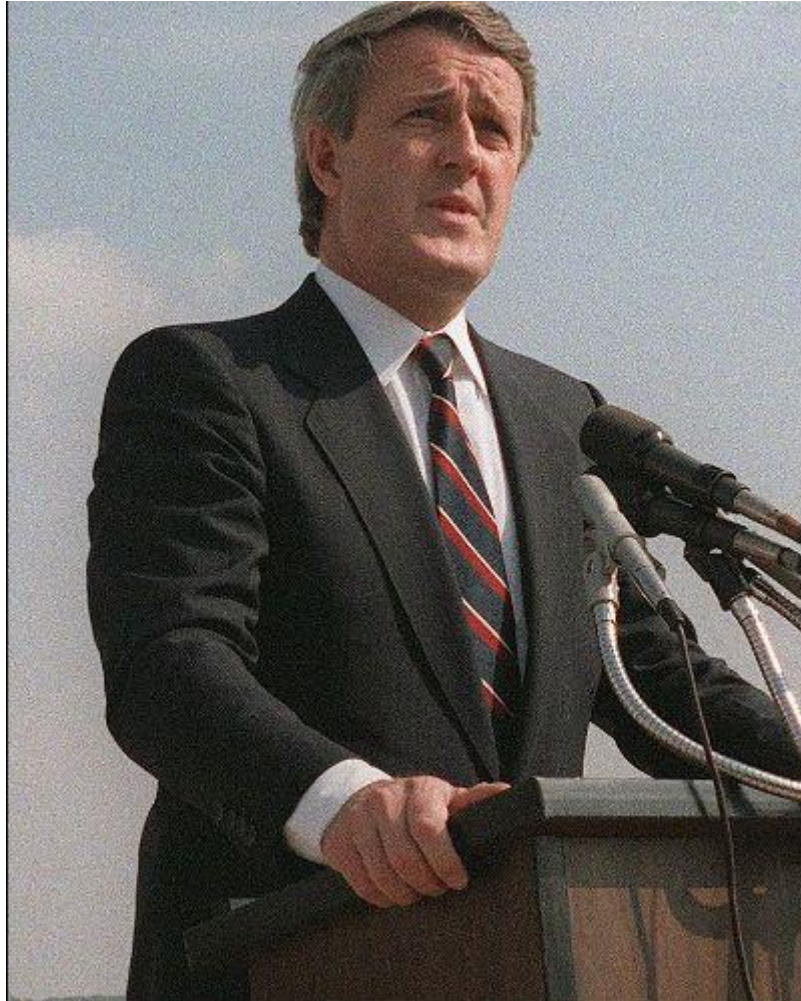
Economic growth allows our government to invest in key programs and services, such as health care. Saskatchewan's surgical system achieved the highest volumes ever recorded in the first nine months of the fiscal year from April 1 to December 31, 2023. Within that period, 71,850 procedures were performed, an increase of 6,000 procedures over the same period in 2022.

Aggressive surgical targets are in place to surpass last year's highest surgical volume of over 90,000 procedures, to ensure 90 per cent of surgeries are performed within 10 months and that no patients are on the waitlist longer than 18 months.

To further build capacity in our health care system, we continue to make investments in training programs for health care professionals. Suncrest College will offer a new provincial Diagnostic Medical Sonography Advanced Diploma program in Yorkton beginning this fall. The new program will help meet the demand for diagnostic services and ultimately speed up treatment for residents.

Our government will continue to build and protect our great province so Saskatchewan continues to be the best place to live, work and raise your family. As we continue this work, we look forward to hearing from you. You can reach my constituency office at [ken.cheveldayoff.ma@sasktel.net](mailto:ken.cheveldayoff.ma@sasktel.net) or call 306.651.7100.

**SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF  
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE BRIAN MULRONEY**



Our country was saddened to hear of the passing of a great gentleman, an extraordinary statesman and Canadian - the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney. At the age of 84, he passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, his wife Mila, and his four children Caroline, Ben, Mark and Nicolas.

Committed to this country, former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney was Canada's 18th Prime Minister.

Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESENTATION OF THE  
BUDGET ADDRESS**



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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*Would you like to attend the presentation of the Budget Address March 20, 2024? I have a limited number of invitations to distribute, so please let me know if you are interested in attending.*

*The Honourable Donna Harpauer, Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance will*

*be presenting the Budget Address at 1:30 pm March 20, 2024, in the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Chamber.*

*You are asked to arrive prior to 1:00 pm as seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.*

*Please RSVP to [ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel](mailto:ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel) as soon as possible.*

*Invitations will be on a first-come, first-served basis. I will confirm your request by responding to your email.*

**PREMIER MOE'S RESPONSE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
THREATENING TO TAKE AWAY THE CARBON TAX REBATE  
FOR SASKATCHEWAN FAMILIES**



Even though Saskatchewan has made the decision to no longer collect and remit the Trudeau carbon tax on natural gas, Saskatchewan people are still paying millions of dollars of Trudeau carbon tax each year on gasoline, diesel, propane, and essentially everything in the supply chain.

So on what basis would they cancel the entire rebate, especially when they are still providing carbon tax rebates to families in Atlantic Canada?

Of course, it's a ridiculous and unfair response to Saskatchewan providing tax fairness for Saskatchewan families after the federal government removed the carbon tax on home heating oil, primarily for Atlantic Canada.

If the Trudeau government follows through on this threat, they will once again be penalizing Saskatchewan families for wanting to be treated the same as other Canadians.

**But if Saskatchewan people stop getting the rebate entirely, Saskatchewan should stop paying the carbon tax entirely.**

**No rebate = no tax.**

# Taking Carbon Tax off Home Heating **Drops** **Inflation to Under 2%** **in Saskatchewan**

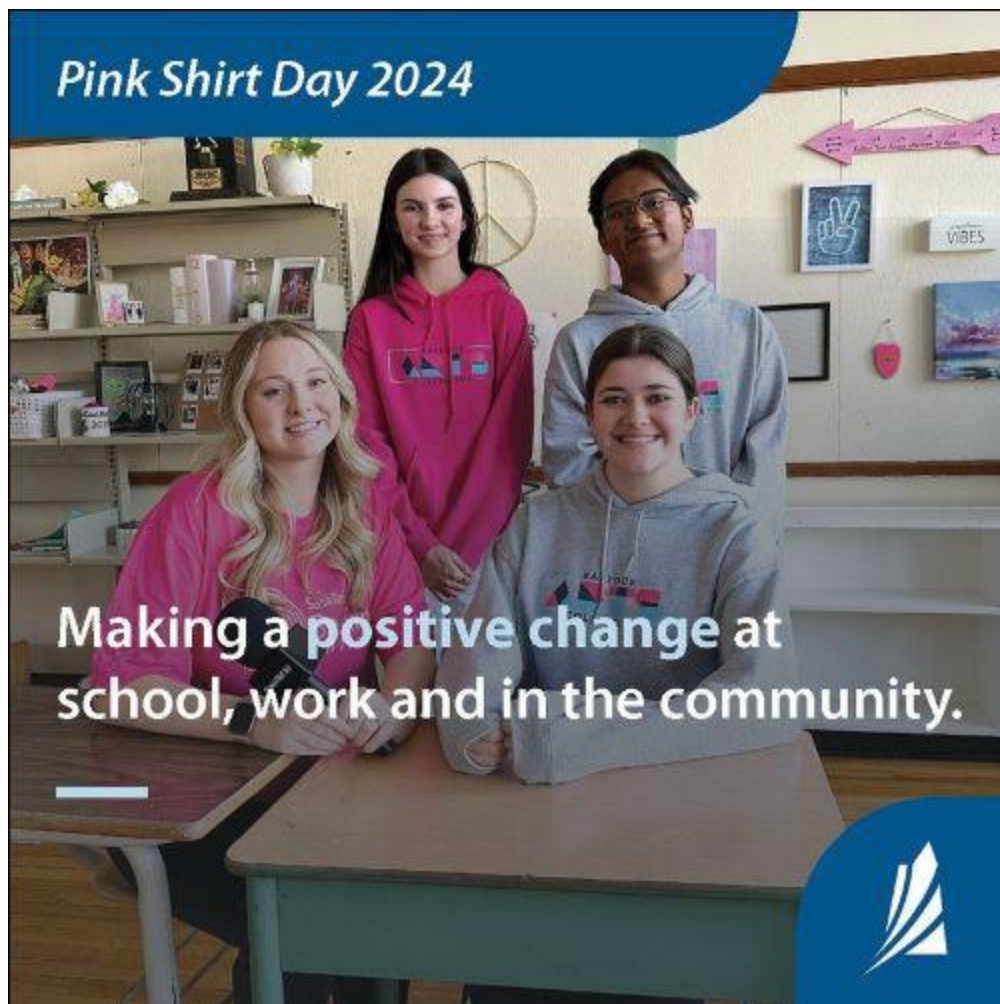
*Removing the federal carbon tax from home heating helped reduce Saskatchewan's inflation rate to 1.9 per cent, down from 2.7 per cent in December, according to the latest Consumer Price Index report.*



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**PINK SHIRT DAY 2024 - BE KIND EVERY DAY**



**Pink Shirt Day!** This past week we wore pink and encouraged everyone in Saskatchewan to make positive changes in their schools and their communities by speaking up when others are in need.

Through a partnership with SaskTel “Be Kind Online” provides grants of up to \$1,500 for youth-led initiatives to address bullying and cyberbullying within the province. The goal is to empower youth to take action in their communities to spread kindness, positivity and connectedness. The grant provides youth the opportunity to collaborate and find solutions to stop bullying and inspire others to do the same.

To learn more, visit <https://bekindonline.com/>





I was happy to be working in the Saskatoon Willowgrove Constituency Office on Pink Shirt Day. Our hearts go out to the brave individuals who started the day. Remember everyone, please be kind today and every day!

## **SUICIDE LOSS SUPPORT PROGRAM LAUNCHES ACROSS PROVINCE**



Free, rapid access counselling is now available to support the immediate psychological needs of families and friends of people who have died by suicide or survived with significant injury or trauma.

The launch is part of the Government of Saskatchewan's \$200,000 in new annual funding to Family Service Saskatchewan to develop and deliver a provincial suicide loss support program. Suicide loss supports are an important prevention effort aimed at reducing the risk of future suicides due to unresolved grief or trauma.

"Families and friends who have lost a loved one to suicide or whose loved one has made a suicide attempt will be able to quickly access counselling services at a time when they may need it most," Mental Health and Addictions Minister Tim McLeod said. "This program makes it easier for them to get the psychological supports and services they need after experiencing this trauma."

[Suicide Loss Support Program Launches Across Province | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## INVESTING IN POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS

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MLA for Saskatoon Willowgrove

## *Investing in Post-Secondary Students*

- ▶ Investing *\$112 million in direct student support* through tax credits, grants and scholarships this year
- ▶ Helping students pay for their post-secondary education through the *Saskatchewan Student Aid Program*, consisting of both grants and loans
- ▶ Providing a non-refundable *tax credit of up to \$20,000 of tuition fees* for graduates who live and work in Saskatchewan



**SASKATCHEWAN BREAKS NEW SURGICAL RECORD WITH  
HIGHEST-EVER VOLUMES PERFORMED**

*Improving Access*

## Province delivers record-breaking surgical volumes.

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Saskatchewan's surgical system achieved the highest volumes ever recorded in the first nine months of the fiscal year from April 1 to December 31.

As of December 31, 71,850 procedures have been performed, which is an increase of 6,000 procedures over December 2022.

"Thousands more patients are receiving the procedures they need thanks to the tireless effort, leadership and collaboration of our surgeons, anesthesiologists, nurses and care teams," Health Minister Everett Hindley said. "Our government will continue to work closely with our partner agencies to continue supporting health care professionals in improving the quality of life for patients in our province."



## New Surgical Record

# 71,850

### PROCEDURES PERFORMED

Between April 1 and December 31, 2023

*An increase of 6,000 procedures over December 2022.*

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Aggressive surgical targets are in place to surpass last year's highest surgical volume of over 90,000 procedures, to ensure 90 per cent of surgeries are performed within 10 months and that no patients are on the waitlist longer than 18 months.

From October 1 to December 31, 2023, the surgeries performed or offered exceeded the 90 per cent target.

[Saskatchewan Breaks New Surgical Record with Highest-Ever Volumes Performed | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



# How to Have a **HAPPY DAY**

1. Slow down
2. Say thank you
3. Smile
4. Take a deep breath
5. Compliment someone
6. Appreciate small things
7. Focus on awesomeness
8. Notice three things you are grateful for

**SASKATCHEWAN LEADING THE NATION IN CAPITAL  
INVESTMENT**



#### *The Province Ranks First in Canada in Expected Investment Growth in 2024*

Statistics Canada released data showing that Saskatchewan ranks second among the provinces for growth in capital investment in 2023, and expected capital investment for 2024. Saskatchewan is also second among the provinces for private capital investment in 2023, and expected to rank first for 2024.

## *Projected Capital Investment*



# 1st in Canada

2024 Expected Growth in Private Capital Investment



"The massive influx of investment into the province we are seeing is further proof of Saskatchewan's strong economic position," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Our efforts to attract capital investment demonstrate our commitment to building opportunities, creating jobs and providing a high quality of life for Saskatchewan people. These positive numbers also put us closer to reaching our Growth Plan goal of growing private capital investment in Saskatchewan to \$16 billion annually. This growth helps us ensure the provincial economy remains strong."

[Saskatchewan Leading the Nation in Capital Investment | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



Saskatchewan is one of leading provinces in Canada when it comes to capital investment, according to Statistics Canada.

Saskatchewan ended 2023 with the second highest growth in capital investment with total capital investment increasing by 25.9% and private sector capital investment increasing by 24.6%.

Saskatchewan is projected to lead the nation in private sector capital investment growth in 2024. Our efforts to attract new investment has translated into nation leading growth, which has means more jobs and opportunities for residents across our province.

**SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS - TAX SLIPS ARE NOW  
AVAILABLE**



Calling [#skstudents](#) and recent grads! Tax slips are now available through your Advanced Education Student Portal!

You can find your T4A and Graduate Retention Program certificate by logging in at the link below. Graduates from a Saskatchewan regional college may also find their T2202A in their portal account.

<https://www.sfaonlineapp.gov.sk.ca/aesp/servlet/Login>

The deadline to file your taxes is April 30.

## **MARCH IS AGRICULTURE LITERACY MONTH IN SASKATCHEWAN**





The Government of Saskatchewan proclaimed March as Agriculture Literacy Month in Saskatchewan. Agriculture Literacy Month activities invite farmers, ranchers and industry experts into participating classrooms, offering students the chance to discover where their food comes from.

"Agriculture Literacy Month contributes to building an informed perspective on the significance of farming and ranching in Saskatchewan and its impact on the world," Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "By ensuring our youth understand the many hands it takes to grow safe and nutritious food, we are helping to create a sustainable future for the industry."

Throughout the month of March, industry volunteers, from all levels of food production, will join classrooms to share presentations and personal experiences to help students learn more about agriculture.

[March is Agriculture Literacy Month in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**PLEASE CONSIDER BEING AN ORGAN DONOR**



The need for organs and tissue for transplants far outweighs the available supply. As of December 2023, 48 Saskatchewan residents were waiting on the kidney transplant list.

The organ and tissue donor registry can be found at <http://givelifesask.ca>.

Residents of Saskatchewan 16 years+ can use the online registry to register their decision to donate their organs and/or tissues so that decision can be shared with organ donation coordinators in the future.

## **CARBON MONOXIDE DANGERS**



Carbon monoxide (CO) can be very dangerous. You can't see it, smell it or taste it. Symptoms of CO exposure could include a minor to severe headache, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, confusion, vision/hearing impairment, fainting, drowsiness, unconsciousness or even death.

If you suspect CO exposure (or your CO detector alarm alerts to a problem), stay calm and get everyone (including pets) outside as soon as possible. Call 911 or your local fire department, fuel supplier, a licensed heating contractor or your gas company for an inspection. Do not go back in until given the all-clear.

The best ways to prevent CO exposure in your home is to:

- \* regularly inspect vents/chimneys for foreign material, ice/snow build-up or damage
- \* perform regular maintenance of your furnace/boiler
- \* never run a vehicle/generator/BBQ inside a camper/home/attached garage

- \* install a CO alarm and test it regularly
- \* avoid smoking indoors

## WIND CHILL HAZARDS

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Wind Chill	Exposure Risk	Health Concerns	What to Do
0 to -9	<b>LOW RISK</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slight increase in discomfort.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress warmly.</li> <li>Stay dry.</li> </ul>
-10 to -27	<b>MODERATE RISK</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uncomfortable</li> <li>Risk of hypothermia, frostnip and frostbite if outside for long periods without adequate protection.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress in layers of warm clothing, with an outer layer that is wind-resistant.</li> <li>Wear a hat, mittens or insulated gloves, a scarf and insulated, waterproof footwear.</li> <li>Stay dry.</li> <li>Keep active.</li> </ul>
-28 to -39	<b>HIGH RISK:</b> exposed skin can freeze in 10 to 30 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High risk of frostnip or frostbite: Check face and extremities for numbness or whiteness.</li> <li>High risk of hypothermia if outside for long periods without adequate clothing or shelter from wind and cold.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress in layers of warm clothing, with an outer layer that is wind-resistant.</li> <li>Cover exposed skin.</li> <li>Wear a hat, mittens or insulated gloves, a scarf, neck tube or face mask and insulated, waterproof footwear.</li> <li>Stay dry.</li> <li>Keep active.</li> </ul>
-40 to -47	<b>VERY HIGH RISK:</b> exposed skin can freeze in 5 to 10 minutes*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very high risk of frostbite: Check face and extremities for numbness or whiteness.</li> <li>Very high risk of hypothermia if outside for long periods without adequate clothing or shelter from wind and cold.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress in layers of warm clothing, with an outer layer that is wind-resistant.</li> <li>Cover all exposed skin.</li> <li>Wear a hat, mittens or insulated gloves, a scarf, neck tube or face mask and insulated, waterproof footwear.</li> <li>Stay dry.</li> <li>Keep active.</li> </ul>
-48 to -54	<b>SEVERE RISK:</b> exposed skin can freeze in 2 to 5 minutes*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Severe risk of frostbite: Check face and extremities frequently for numbness or whiteness.</li> <li>Severe risk of hypothermia if outside for long periods without adequate clothing or shelter from wind and cold.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be careful. Dress very warmly in layers of clothing, with an outer layer that is wind-resistant.</li> <li><b>Cover all exposed skin.</b></li> <li>Wear a hat, mittens or insulated gloves, a scarf, neck tube or face mask and insulated, waterproof footwear.</li> <li><b>Be ready to cut short or cancel outdoor activities.</b></li> <li>Stay dry.</li> <li>Keep active.</li> </ul>
-55 and colder	<b>EXTREME RISK:</b> exposed skin can freeze in less than 2 minutes*	<b>DANGER!</b> Outdoor conditions are hazardous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Stay indoors.</b></li> </ul>

\*In sustained winds over 50 km/h, frostbite can occur faster than indicated.

The windchill can dramatically impact your comfort and safety outdoors. Protect yourself. Make sure you are covering up as exposed skin can freeze in minutes. Check out this wind chill chart from Environment Canada.

## SASKATOONING THIS MARCH



Welcome March! That means it is time for Discover Saskatoon's monthly blog, where they round up all the exciting events and activities awaiting for you in Saskatoon

Dive into what March has in store <https://www.discoversaskatoon.com/.../saskatooning-this...>

## DRIVING TIPS / REMINDERS - STAY SAFE!





## Driving tips

- Adjust** your driving for the conditions.
  - Drive **slowly**.
  - Do not use **cruise control** on icy roads.
  - Accelerate and brake **gently**.
  - Use **small, smooth** steering movements.
  - Allow **5 seconds of space** for other drivers to stop.
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You might be dealing with some lousy road conditions on your drive to work. Here are a few tips to keep in mind.

**TRAVEL SMART TIP**



When purchasing travel insurance, make sure you understand the claims process before you go.

In the event you need to make a claim, it's important to know who to contact and what information to provide. Knowing the process before a situation arises can prevent unnecessary stress.

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

We always work for a  
better tomorrow. But when  
tomorrow comes, instead of  
enjoying, we again think  
of a better tomorrow!  
Let's have a better today.

#### KEEP IN TOUCH

### We're here to help

you navigate provincial  
government programs  
and services.

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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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**HONOUR OUR DIVERSE CULTURES AND THE COMING  
SPRING: FIVE THINGS TO DO THIS WEEKEND IN SASKATOON,  
MARCH 1 - 3**



*Story credit to the Saskatoon StarPhoenix, Jocelyn Bennett*

*Photo credit: to Michelle Berg / Saskatoon Star Phoenix*

*Bonnie Hughes decorates her Pysanka (Ukrainian Easter egg) during a workshop at the Ukrainian Museum of Canada in Saskatoon, March 18, 2023.*

I encourage you to read this great article taken from the Saskatoon StarPhoenix. Celebrate Irish and Ukrainian cultural traditions, listen to blues and orchestral music, or take in live musical

theatre!

[Honour cultures and spring: Five things to do in Saskatoon, March 1-3 | The Star Phoenix](#)

Learn more about 5 things you can do this weekend, including: (Information is in the link above)

1. Experience an Irish Céilí celebration
2. Enjoy a celebration of blues music:
3. Learn the Ukrainian art of Pysandky
4. Embark on a musical adventure
5. Spend an evening with musical theatre

## ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES

# NEWS RELEASES

[Federal and Provincial Governments Invest More Than \\$51 Million in Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Across Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2024/march/01/saskatchewan-housing-corporation-partners-with-lung-saskatchewan-to-test-radon-levels-in-units>

[Cameras Set to Roll: Double Feature Film Productions in Waskesiu | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Guardians of the North Returns for Season Two | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Artsvest to Continue Building New Partnerships in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Invasive Species Awareness Week - Help Stop The Spread | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan Invest in a New Habitat for Humanity Family Home | News](#)



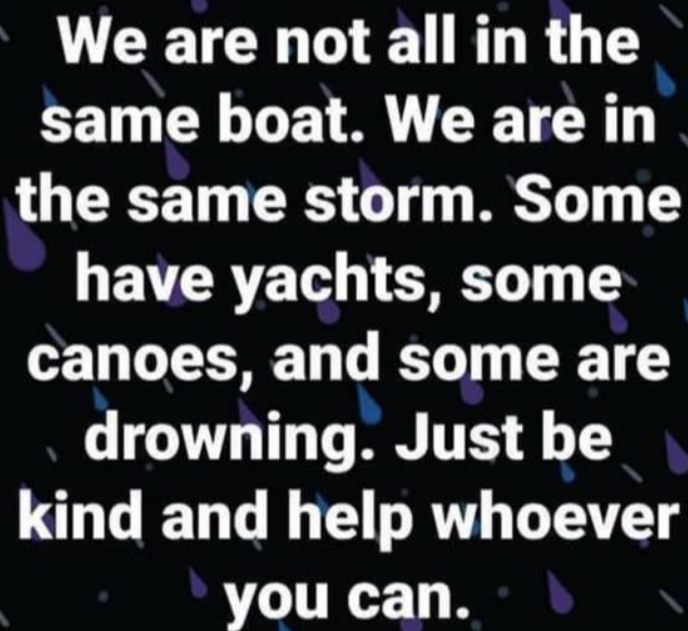
[and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan Announce Construction of Two New Family Homes in Regina | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Government of Saskatchewan Announces 20 Enhanced Emergency Shelter Spaces in Regina | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**



**We are not all in the  
same boat. We are in  
the same storm. Some  
have yachts, some  
canoes, and some are  
drowning. Just be  
kind and help whoever  
you can.**

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