

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

From a Provincial Point of View



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Welcome spring!

**WATCH FOR OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER FOR HIGHLIGHTS OF
THE PROVINCIAL BUDGET**



**GREATER SASKATOON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
POWERHOUSE SERIES**



It was a pleasure to attend the Saskatoon chamber luncheon last week where Tammy Sweeney, CEO, TCU Place provided an in-depth look at how the enhanced convention centre will shape the ROI of the downtown entertainment district.

It is interesting to hear how the conference centre fits into the Downtown Entertainment and Events District and learn more about the features that will bring in MORE business to our community, and the potential with a new enhanced facility.

While a conference centre is more unknown to the local community than a large arena with concerts and sports, the economic impact is significant, and the contribution to the local community is substantial.

Did you know that TCU Place currently hosts more than 450 events per year, and the majority of those are conferences or meetings. And given that the pairing of our theatre and conference centre is unique in the Canadian landscape, we can do some incredible things by bringing the two facilities together for spectacular events.

WELCOME SPRING!



Well readers, Spring is finally here.

As we say goodbye to the cold winter months, it's time to welcome the arrival of spring!

Spring is a time of renewal and growth, and as we look forward to the presentation of the 2023 Budget, our government is excited to share the highlights with you.

It's a time to shake off the winter blues and embrace the fresh energy of spring. I encourage everyone to get outside and enjoy the beauty of nature, whether it's taking a walk in the park or simply sitting outside and enjoying the warmth of the sun.

As always, I am dedicated to bringing you the latest news and updates, and we look forward to sharing more with you this spring. We hope this season brings you joy, new beginnings, and plenty of opportunities to connect with friends and family.

We're here to help

you navigate provincial
government programs
and services.

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Please reach out with your comments, concerns or suggestions.

PROVINCE PASSES SASKATCHEWAN FIRST ACT



March 16, the Government of Saskatchewan passed *The Saskatchewan First Act*, which defends the province's economic autonomy and potential from federal overreach.

The Saskatchewan First Act amends the Constitution of Saskatchewan to clearly confirm Saskatchewan's autonomy and assert Saskatchewan's exclusive legislative jurisdiction under Section 92 (A) of the Constitution of Canada over a number of areas, including:

- the exploration for non-renewable natural resources;
- the development, conservation and management of non-renewable natural and forestry resources; and
- the operation of sites and facilities for the generation and production of electrical energy.

The Act will also create an independent Economic Impact Assessment Tribunal that will define, quantify, and report on the economic effects of federal initiatives on provincial investments and Saskatchewan projects, businesses and people.

"This Act protects our province from constitutional overreach by the federal government," Justice Minister and Attorney General Bronwyn Eyre said. "We will always stand up for Saskatchewan people against policies that hurt our economic potential and growth."

Following discussions with First Nations and Métis people and organizations, amendments were introduced by Athabasca MLA Jim Lemaigre to specifically state that nothing in the Act abrogates or derogate from Aboriginal and Treaty rights.

"Treaty rights are already enshrined and protected in all provincial legislation, as well as Section 35 of the federal *Constitution Act, 1982*," Eyre said. "However, I welcome the amendments from the Member from Athabasca which provide even further clarity and certainty about our government's respect for treaty rights."

PROGRAM BENEFITS POST-SECONDARY GRADUATES AT TAX TIME



Graduate Retention Program

\$739 Million in Tax Credits
Distributed Through GRP

Over **81,000** post-secondary graduates
benefited from the GRP since 2008. It's
the **only program** of its kind in Canada.

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Saskatchewan's Graduate Retention Program (GRP) is supporting more post-secondary graduates who live and work in the province. More than 81,000 post-secondary graduates in Saskatchewan have claimed \$739 million in GRP benefits since its inception.

"The Graduate Retention Program benefits post-secondary graduates by providing a tuition rebate on their income tax return," Advanced Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. "This program makes education more affordable and fosters job growth by helping Saskatchewan businesses recruit and retain qualified, skilled workers."

[Program Benefits Post-Secondary Graduates at Tax Time | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY



On 21 March the global Down syndrome community creates a single voice advocating for the rights, inclusion, and well-being of people with Down syndrome.

Learn more about World Down Syndrome Day and the Lots of Socks Campaign by visiting: <https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/lots-of-socks-campaign>

MORE PHYSICIANS BEGIN PRACTICING IN SASKATCHEWAN



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Fifteen new doctors are practicing in rural Saskatchewan, thanks to the Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment (SIPPA) program.

These newest physicians are among the 278 internationally-trained family physicians currently working in the province as a result of the SIPPA program. The vast majority - 77 per cent - practice in rural communities.

"We extend a warm welcome to these new doctors and their families to our province," Rural and Remote Health Minister Everett Hindley said. "SIPPA is one of the many ways that we are working to recruit more doctors to Saskatchewan, and I am pleased that this program continues to see success."

[More Physicians Begin Practicing In Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

WATCH FOR ICY CONDITIONS

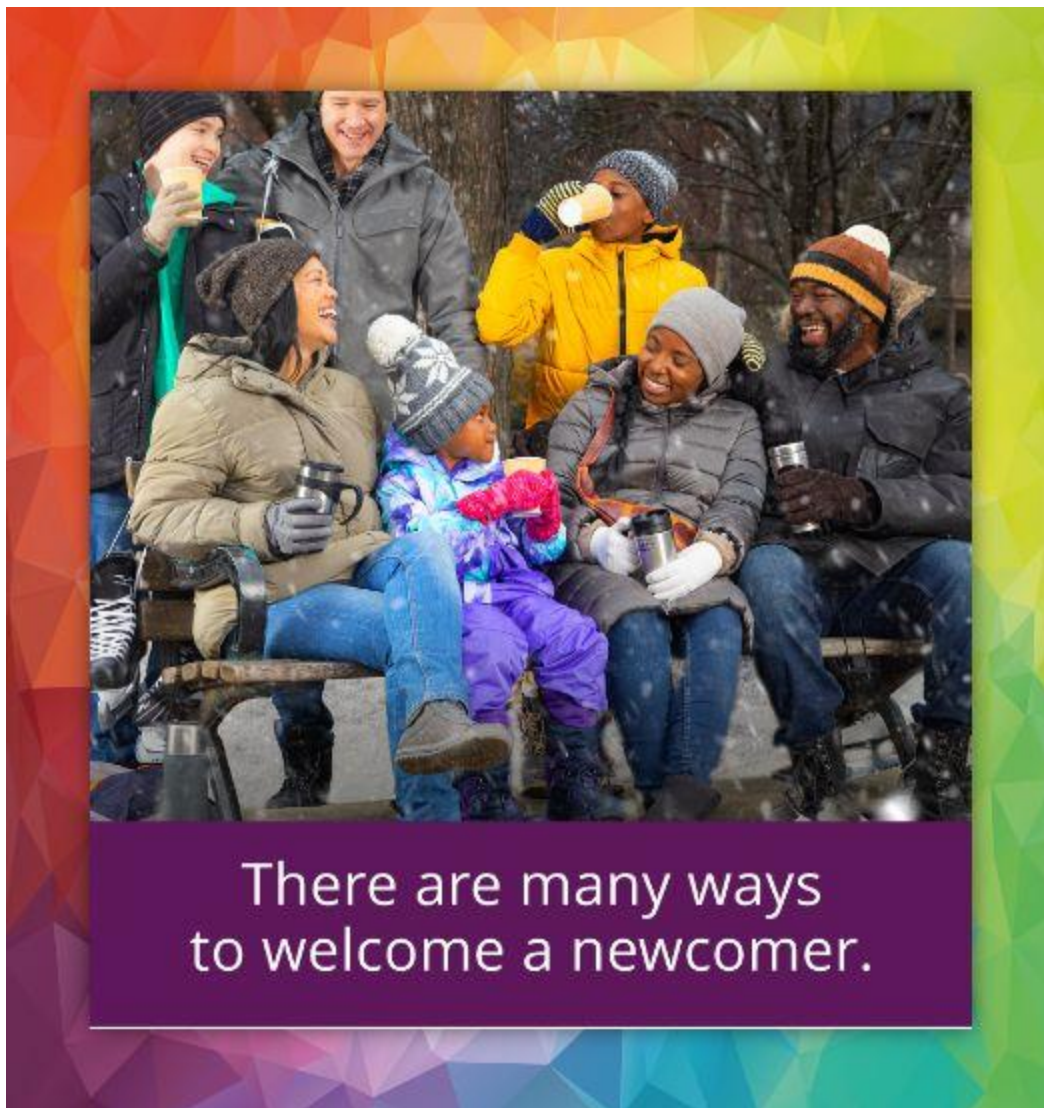


At this time of year, when daily temperatures fluctuate wildly and the warmth of the sun creates melt, every day activities like stepping out of a car in a parking lot or going on an afternoon walk can suddenly be an icy mess.

Tips to help prevent or lessen injury from falls:

- ❄ Be aware and always look where you step - there could be ice where there wasn't ice before
- ❄ Be cautious and allow for extra time
- ❄ Walk like a penguin - slower and with a wider gait
- ❄ Wear shoes with good grip
- ❄ Clear your sidewalk and put down de-icer/sand/salt if you notice ice build up

GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS



Give a Warm Welcome!

"People come to Canada for many reasons. No matter where they're from or why they're here, a warm Canadian welcome can make a difference. Help make your neighbourhood a better place for everyone to live"

[Canadian Immigration and Citizenship](#) (IRCC) have created this wonderful portal as a part of their [#ImmigrationMatters](#) initiative. You can learn how to get involved in giving a warm welcome to newcomers, learn more about why immigration matters to our country, celebrate immigrant stories, and more!

CONGRATULATIONS TO CAMECO AND ENERGOATOM!



I join Premier Scott Moe in congratulating Cameco and Energoatom on the signing of their historic agreement to supply uranium to meet Ukraine's full nuclear fuel needs through 2035.

With energy security top of mind, this agreement highlights how Saskatchewan and our industries are a reliable and stable supplier of the food, fuel and fertilizer the world needs.

Cameco President and CEO Tim Gitzel joined Energoatom President Petro Kotin in London today for the official signing of the contract with Ukraine's state nuclear energy utility. The supply agreement, previously announced on February 8, 2023, will see Cameco provide sufficient volumes of natural uranium hexafluoride, or UF₆ (consisting of uranium and conversion services), to meet Ukraine's full nuclear fuel needs through 2035.

His Excellency The Honourable Ralph Goodale, High Commissioner for Canada to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and His Excellency Vadym Prystaiko, Ambassador of Ukraine to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, were in attendance for the signing.

Cameco is proud to play an essential role in helping Ukraine achieve energy independence. Learn more at <http://ow.ly/yQOU50Nm7bt>

LEADING THE NATION ONCE AGAIN IN WHOLESALE TRADE

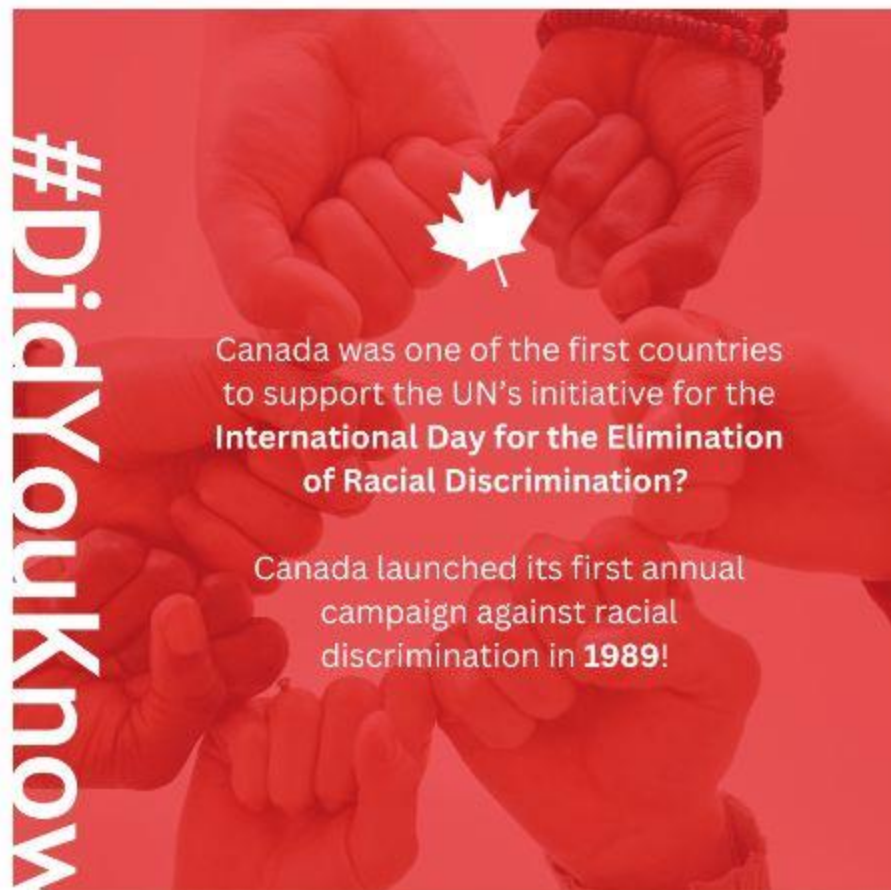


Strong wholesale trade numbers are just one of many economic indicators that are driving growth in Saskatchewan.

Being a leader in this key economic indicator shows our commitment to increasing trade, boosting exports, and strengthening Saskatchewan's international relationships to create opportunities and build a strong economy that benefits our entire province.

[Leading the Nation Once Again in Wholesale Trade | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

DID YOU KNOW?



DID YOU KNOW? The UN designated March 21st as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination? 🖐️🖐️🖐️🖐️🖐️ They did this in 1966 to mark a tragic event that took place on March 21, 1960 in Sharpeville, South Africa 🇿🇦 when 69 peaceful demonstrators were killed during a protest against apartheid.

SASKALERT APP - HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED IT?

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Why should you download the SaskAlert app? An emergency alert issued through SaskAlert will:

- ✓ let you know what the emergency is
- ✓ let you know where it is happening
- ✓ provide instructions for you to follow to stay safe
- ✓ advise you when the incident is over

Find out more and download the SaskAlert app by visiting <https://www.saskpublicsafety.ca/at-home/saskalert>.

**TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS OF
INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE, ABUSE OR SEXUAL ASSAULT**

Transportation Services

Available to Victims of Interpersonal Violence, Abuse or Sexual Assault



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The Northern Transportation and Support Initiative and the Transportation Reimbursement Fund provide transportation services to individuals and their families leaving interpersonal violence and abuse. The programs also support sexual assault victims who must travel for forensic examinations.

In 2022-23, we have dedicated \$164,000 to deliver these transportation services across the province.

FOCUSING ON SAFETY! PLEASE REVIEW THESE SAFETY TIPS

Safety Tips:

Did you know that using a higher wattage lightbulb than a socket is approved for can cause a house fire?

Check to ensure that you are using the correct wattage in all your fixtures and always check the maximum wattage when inserting a new bulb into a lamp or light fixture, being careful not to go over the recommended rating.



Did you know home clothes dryer fires peak in the winter? Make sure to clean lint filters each time you use the dryer, and clean your dryer vent ductwork yearly.



Would first responders be able to find your home in an emergency?

Your house numbers should:

- ✓ be large
- ✓ contrast with their background
- ✓ not be obscured by trees or decorations

- ✓ face the street that is named in the house address
- ✓ be clearly displayed at the driveway if the house is not visible from the road
- ✓ be visible at night

In an emergency, seconds count and ensuring your house numbers are visible can help first responders arrive sooner.



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Do you know if first responders would be able to find your rural home or cottage in an emergency?

Everyone in your home should know your legal land description and the exact directions from a known landmark or intersection. Write down the legal land description and directions and keep them near the fridge or phone where they can easily be found in an emergency.

You should also make sure the entrance to your property is clearly marked and visible from the road.

The Civic Address Registry (CAR) is a voluntary program that helps assist emergency responders in finding residences and businesses quickly in the event of an emergency. The CAR database is compiled using address information provided by communities and locates properties by establishing unique access point locations.

Check with your R.M. office to see if CAR is available in your R.M. and learn more about the program here:

<https://www.saskpublicsafety.ca/communities/car>



Are you safely charging your devices?

Lithium-ion batteries (found in cellphones, laptops, e-bikes and toys) can catch on fire or explode when not used properly.

While charging, never place a device under your pillow, on your bed, on your couch or in direct sunlight. Make sure to unplug your device as soon as it is fully charged.

If your battery looks deformed, gives off an odour or changes in colour, it's time to replace it. Find out where you can safely dispose of your batteries here: Batteries | Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council (saskwastereduction.ca)



This is your reminder to check your smoke alarm monthly.

Smoke alarms must be installed on each floor of a building, with the smoke alarm located

between sleeping rooms and the remainder of the floor and inside each sleeping room. Learn more about the importance of having a working smoke alarm here: <https://www.saskpublicsafety.ca/.../smoke-alarms-save...>



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When was the last time you cleaned out your toaster?

The crumbs in the bottom of your toaster accumulate and can create a fire hazard. Remember to clean the crumbs out weekly or monthly (depending on how often you use your toaster).



SASKATCHEWAN FIREARMS OFFICE LAUNCHES PUBLIC SAFETY CAMPAIGN



On March 20, 2023, the Saskatchewan Firearms Office will launched a public awareness campaign aimed at promoting the safe use and storage of firearms in the province.

"The safe use of firearms is the responsibility of every firearms owner in the province," Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Christine Tell said. "By improving public awareness, we can ensure that all owners use firearms properly and demonstrate safe behaviours for the next generation to follow."

[Saskatchewan Firearms Office Launches Public Safety Campaign | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

JUST THE LINKS - ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES



[Six New Early Learning Family Resource Centres In Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Celebrating March 20-25 as Social Work Week in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Phase One Underway For Addictions Treatment Spaces Expansion | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Physician Incentive Program Increased To \\$200,000 To Attract More Family Physicians To Rural And Northern Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Government Funding Saskatoon Alternative Response Officers | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan intervening in C-69 Reference Case Before the Supreme Court of Canada | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Governments Of Canada And Saskatchewan Partner To Invest \\$485 Million In Saskatchewan Under The New Five-Year Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)


[Cutting Red Tape: Transfer Station Code Chapter Brings Flexibility for Municipalities | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Investor Alert: CA Trade Capital LLC Is Not Registered | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Changes To Fees And Charges In 2023-24 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

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A photograph of a sunset or sunrise over a body of water. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds in shades of pink, orange, and blue. The water below reflects the colors of the sky, creating a shimmering effect. A semi-transparent white rectangular box with rounded corners is centered over the image, containing the text.

**Never regret a day
in your life: good days
give happiness, bad days
give experience, worst
days give lessons, and
best days give memories.**

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