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Provincial Point of View

April 10
Wishing everyone a
Happy Easter!



McORMOND DRIVE & COLLEGE DRIVE INTERCHANGE -
MEETING TOMORROW, TUESDAY, APRIL 11th!



Two years ago City Council received a report outlining the 10 year priorities for major improvements on the City of Saskatoon's transportation network. One of the projects on that list was an interchange at the intersection of McOrmond Drive and College Drive. That same year, the functional plan for this interchange was presented to the community at an open house. Feedback at the time focused on the desire to speed up the timeframe for construction of the interchange to retain a free flow movement of traffic.

Construction of the McOrmond Drive and College Drive interchange will begin in April 2017, helping improve access and ease congestion in southeast portions of the city. Prior to work affecting traffic, the City is hosting an Information Session for residents and businesses in the vicinity of McOrmond Drive and College Drive:

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

St. Joseph High School

115 Nelson Road

In addition to the McOrmond Drive and College Drive interchange, a second interchange at Boychuk Drive and Highway 16 will be built simultaneously to reduce costs. These savings are

estimated to be a minimum of \$1 million based on reduced procurement costs, due to only a single procurement, and economies of scale for design and construction of the project. Together, the simultaneous construction of the two interchanges is known as the Saskatoon Interchange Project.

Throughout the construction of this interchange, communications will be key. Information regarding the interchanges will be made available here, at saskatoon.ca/interchanges. As the project progresses, more specific information will be shared with the community here, through public service announcements and through community associations. Residents can also [subscribe to receive regular project updates](#) via email.

PREMIER CONCLUDES SUCCESSFUL WASHINGTON MEETINGS



Wall Made Case for Free Trade with New Administration and U.S. Legislators

Premier Brad Wall concluded his trade mission to Washington, D.C. where he promoted the continuation of a strong trade relationship and free trade between Canada and the U.S. as a benefit to both countries.

“Saskatchewan is an exporting province, so it’s important to be down here making the case for free trade, especially at a time that the new administration is looking at re-opening NAFTA,” Wall said. “Thousands of jobs in both countries are dependent on trade between our two countries, and those jobs are threatened by any new trade barriers.”

Wall said everyone he met with understood the importance of the Canada-U.S. trade relationship.

“While it probably makes sense to update NAFTA, which is now nearly 25 years old, I am confident that everyone wants to do so in a way that protects the unique trade relationship between our two countries and the jobs it creates,” Wall said. “That said, Canada cannot be complacent about the future of our trade relationship with the U.S., and Canadian officials at both the provincial and federal levels need to be continuously engaging with U.S. leaders on this and other important issues.”

To see a list of who Premier Wall met with, click [here](#).

FINAL WEEK FOR PROVINCIAL CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS



As Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, I encourage you to book your campsites! The launch is down to the final three days.

During the launch period, a queuing system has been implemented, as it has been in the last two years, to help manage the demand and ensure technical stability. This year, Saskatchewan’s provincial parks will be celebrating Canada’s 150th anniversary. On Canada Day (Saturday, July 1) and Canada’s Parks Day (Saturday, July 15), entry to all Saskatchewan provincial parks will be free. In addition to these free entry days, there will special events throughout the provincial park system, including a province-wide geocaching program and a scavenger hunt to “Picture Yourself” in a Saskatchewan provincial park.

Click [here](#) to read the entire news release and see the launch schedule.

VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE HONOURED



The Battle of Vimy Ridge Commemorating 100 Years

I was pleased to be among a crowd of over two hundred people that gathered to attend the service commemorating the Battle of Vimy Ridge at Kiwanis Park in Saskatoon. Also in attendance were colleagues; the Honourable Don Morgan, MLA David Buckingham, MLA Eric Olauson, MLA David Forbes. Other dignitaries in attendance included MP's Kelly Block and Kevin Waugh, along with Mayor Charlie Clark.

People around the country remembered the thousands of Canadians who gave their lives as we commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. We pay tribute and thank every Canadian who has served our country.

This weekend we were proud to recognize the sacrifice that our Canadian and Saskatchewan veterans made 100 years ago in the capturing of Vimy Ridge.

Their valour not only contributed to the eventual Allied victory in the First World War, but marked Canada's coming of age as a nation. The sacrifice of those that lost their lives at the Battle of Vimy Ridge during the First World War was commemorated on the 100th anniversary of the battle, during special events on April 9 and again on April 12 in Regina. The Battle

of Vimy Ridge took place in the Nord-Pas-de-Calais region of France on April 9 through 12 in 1917, between the Canadian Corps and heavily-entrenched German troops. More than 400 Saskatchewan soldiers were among the nearly 4,000 Canadians who perished in the fight.

“The Battle of Vimy Ridge has become known as a defining moment in Canada’s rise as a nation in the world community,” Provincial Military Liaison and Moose Jaw Wakamow MLA Greg Lawrence said. “It’s a privilege to honour those whose sacrifice left such a lasting legacy for all Canadians. It’s especially fitting that we pay tribute during Canada’s 150th anniversary celebrations to those who gave so much to preserve our freedom.”

To read the government news release, click [here](#).

**SASKATCHEWAN'S 911 OPERATORS AND DISPATCHERS
CONNECT RESIDENTS IN CRISIS WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES**



Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 9 to 16

No matter the crisis, the province's 911 operators and emergency service dispatchers are ready to help.

“Each day, 911 operators and emergency service dispatchers seamlessly connect those in dire circumstances with police, fire and emergency medical services,” Government Relations Minister Donna Harpauer said. “They provide this vital support with a remarkable combination of efficiency and compassion.”

For additional information, click [here](#).

**TOW TRUCK LIGHTING CHANGES COMING TO INCREASE
VISIBILITY AND SAFETY AT ROADSIDE**



Regulations to be Amended This Spring

Government today introduced and passed legislation improving safety for tow truck operators. The Traffic Safety (Tow Trucks) Amendment Act, 2017 permits blue lights to be used in conjunction with amber lights on tow trucks.

The legislation was introduced and passed in one day, which is a rare occurrence and requires the unanimous support of the Legislature. The move comes after tow truck operator Courtney Schaefer was killed March 7, 2017, in a collision along the roadside near the Gerald area during blizzard conditions.

“We’ve heard from tow truck operators about how they risk their lives daily while they assist motorists in distress,” Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) Joe Hargrave said. “Adding blue lights will increase visibility, heighten awareness as well as increase safety for all operators and the public.”

Read more [here](#).

WUHCA EARTH CLEAN UP DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 22



Our community is invited to participate in the WUHCA Earth Day Clean up. Get ready to play outside!

WUHCA Earth Day clean up is planned for Saturday, April 22. Home base will be Willowgrove Square from 10 am-2 pm. The community association will provide large garbage bags, gloves, a sharps disposal, and a place to drop off collected garbage (and hopefully some snacks). You can also grab a plastic bag and pick up trash as you head out around your neighborhood and the parks. Take your kids, or walk your dog!

Areas are not assigned. Volunteers are just asked to pick up trash wherever they see it, and simply dispose of what you find in your city bin if you don't make it to the square.

Each year the Willowgrove Community Association and the many volunteers make a huge difference in the appearance of our community by participating in the Earth Day Clean up.

I am always amazed when I check the WUHCA website and see the many programs and activities that volunteers in our community work so hard at. Special thanks to the entire committee for all they do to make our community a better place. Please take some time and help this fantastic community organization with their efforts.

Check out the many WUHCA events and programs by clicking [here](#)

**NEW INTERNAL TRADE AGREEMENT WILL BENEFIT
SASKATCHEWAN BUSINESSES AND WORKERS**



The new Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) will level the playing field for Saskatchewan businesses and workers as they pursue opportunities across the country, according to Saskatchewan's Minister responsible for Trade.

Jeremy Harrison was in Toronto last Friday with other federal, provincial and territorial trade ministers for the announcement of the agreement, which will greatly reduce barriers to trade, investment and worker mobility when it takes effect on July 1 of this year.

“Saskatchewan has long championed a Canadian market that is open and transparent and which allows our businesses to compete fairly and freely across the country,” Harrison said. “The negotiations on this agreement were complicated and at times challenging, spanning two and one-half years and 21 separate sessions, but the goodwill and collaboration of the parties involved has resulted in an agreement of which all our governments can be proud.”

Read more [here](#).

2,000 JOBS CREATED IN MARCH



Saskatchewan!

There were 2,000 jobs created in March 2017 in Saskatchewan when compared with March 2016.

“Saskatchewan’s economy is strong and resilient and the job numbers today are an encouraging sign,” Economy Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “March was the second consecutive month with year-over-year job creation. This news combined with recent announcements including Brandt Manufacturing’s expansion to Saskatoon, G3’s new grain elevators, and Grain Millers expanding its plant in Yorkton, are signs that our economy is moving forward.”

Read the entire news release [here](#).

**SASKATOON TO HOST ANNUAL OLYMPIC-STYLE SKILLS
COMPETITION & "TRY-A-TRADE EXPO"**

Skills Canada Saskatchewan is holding the 19th Annual Skills Canada Competition & Try-a-Trade Expo in Saskatoon on April 7, 2017.

Events will take place at the CNH Training Centre and Saskatchewan Polytechnic Saskatoon Campus. Skills Canada Saskatchewan's Olympic-style competition provides a forum for students to compete and showcase their skills in numerous trade and technology areas, from welding to machine shop to 3D animation.

Gold medal winners qualify to represent Saskatchewan at the Skills Canada National Competition in Winnipeg in June 2017.

"The competitors at Skills Canada competitions have determination and passion for the trades they have chosen to enter," Economy Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "The talent and enthusiasm will help guide them as they move forward in developing their skills and move on in their careers."

Find out more [here](#).

MOST POPULAR BABY NAMES IN SASKATCHEWAN FOR 2016



The top 20 baby names for 2016 were released by eHealth Saskatchewan today. Liam was the most popular name for baby boys for the seventh year in a row, and Olivia and Emma tied for the most popular name for baby girls.

The second most popular boy name was William and the third most popular girl name was Ava. There were 73 baby boys named Liam in 2016, followed by William, Oliver, Noah and Benjamin. There were 78 baby girls named Olivia and Emma, followed by Ava, Emily, Amelia and Sophia.

Check out the top girls and boys names [here!](#)

SAVE THE DATE - HOUGHTON BOSTON DOGS' BREAKFAST XVII



Save the Date! Houghton Boston Dogs' Breakfast May 4, 2017. [Click here](#) for Ticket Information.

The net proceeds of the breakfast are dedicated to supporting the education of Huskie Football Student Athletes. The financial commitment from the past 16 years has funded over 400 scholarships and has played a major role in assisting the Huskies to field a top quality CIS Football program.

Your support is vital to the success of this event and greatly appreciated. The Huskies look forward to seeing you this fall at Griffiths Stadium in PotashCorp Park for another exciting season of Huskie Football on the road to the Vanier Cup.

All of the proceeds from the breakfast go towards the education of Huskie Football student-athletes

PROVINCE STRENGTHENS SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME AND VIOLENCE

Government today introduced and passed legislation to support individuals fleeing interpersonal violence and families of victims of crime.

The Victims of Interpersonal Violence Act and The Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 will be amended to allow a tenant to end a fixed-term rental agreement with 28 days' notice if they or their family members are being abused by another resident or former resident.

"These amendments will provide a way out for someone living in a violent domestic situation," Justice Minister and Attorney General Gordon Wyant said. "The fact that an individual has signed, for example, a year-long lease will no longer factor into their decision to leave."

[Read the entire news release here.](#)

OIL DRILLING NUMBERS DOUBLE IN FIRST QUARTER



Saskatchewan's petroleum industry is showing signs of a positive start for 2017 after results for drilling activity during the first three months of the year were more than double the figures of

2016.

“An increase of more than 450 wells drilled is an optimistic indicator for our oil industry and, by extension, Saskatchewan’s economic outlook for the year ahead,” Energy and Resources Minister Dustin Duncan said.

Read the news release [here](#).

BUILDING PERMITS RISE



BUILDING PERMITS

February 2017 **\$246.7** million

Month-over-month growth

Non-residential 2nd highest in Canada!

138% vs. **-4.5%**
Saskatchewan vs. Canada

Month-over-month growth

Residential 3rd highest in Canada!

10.6% vs. **-17.1%**
Saskatchewan vs. Canada

Source: Statistics Canada, 95M (table 001-0001)
Seasonally adjusted numbers.

Saskatchewan

Non-residential building permits in Saskatchewan increased by 138.0 per cent (seasonally adjusted) between January and February 2017, well ahead of the 4.5 per cent decline recorded nationally. Saskatchewan had the second highest percentage increase among the provinces.

“The rise in non-residential building permits demonstrates the continued strength and resilience of the Saskatchewan economy,” Economy Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “When compared to the rest of the country, Saskatchewan’s building permit growth is well above what other provinces are experiencing.”

You can click [here](#) to read the entire news release.



State of the City Address

Sponsored by the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce

When: Tuesday, April 11

Where: TCU Place

[Register Now](#)



WUHCA Earth Day Clean Up

When: April 22, 10 am - 2 pm

Where: Willowgrove Square

Click [here](#) for information



Saskatoon Prayer Breakfast

When: Saturday, April 29

Where: Prairieland Park

Click [here](#) for details



Huskie Dogs' Breakfast

When: May 4

Where: Prairieland Park

Click [here](#) for Ticket Information



Holy Family 2nd Annual Bingo

When: Friday, May 5

Where: Holy Family School Gym

Please email hfsfundraising@hotmail.com for more information.

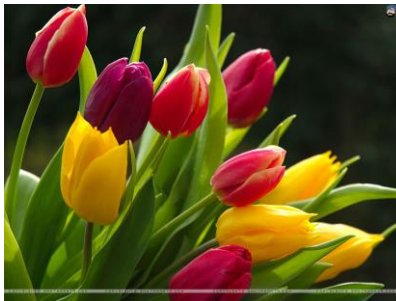


Evergreen Community Association Spring Trade Show

When: Saturday, May 13

Evergreen Community Association is seeking vendors, volunteer and entertainment

For more information contact Helen at hel_125@hotmail.com



The Edwards School of Business Leadership Conference

When: May 18

Where: TCU Place

Click [here](#) for information



Race for Kids

When: Saturday, May 27

Where: Rotary Park, 10 am start

"Support of Boys and Girls Clubs"

Click [here](#) for details



The Teddy Bear Picnic 2017

When: May 27

Where: Deifenbaker Park

Click [here](#) for details



Team Naomi Get Well Now 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Save the Date!

When: June 3

Where: Greenbryre Golf and Country Club

For information contact teamnaomigetwellnow@gmail.com and watch this newsletter for more details



20th Annual Zoogala - Save the Date

When: June 16

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm and Zoo

Click [here](#) for information on sponsorship and tickets



Canadian Country Music Association Awards

When: September 10

Tickets on Sale Now, click [here](#) for details



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THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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KEEP IN TOUCH

I appreciate the many opportunities to make a positive difference in my 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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