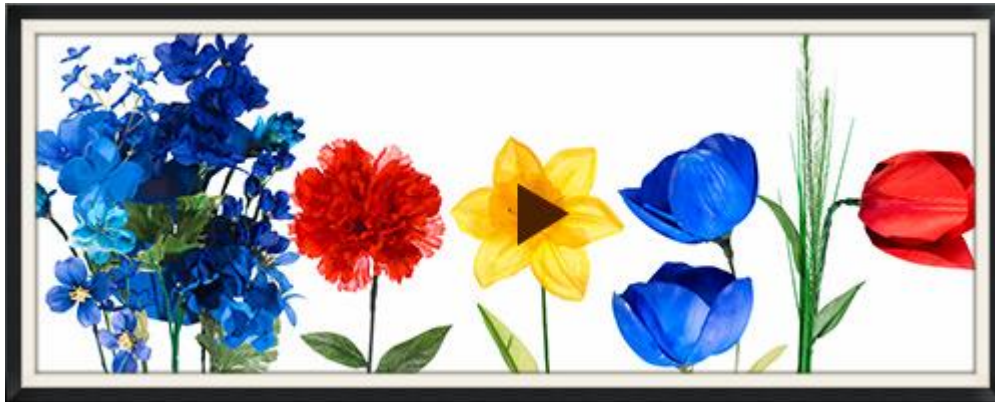


Check out What's happening in Saskatoon Silver Springs and throughout the Province!



### KEEPING SASKATCHEWAN STRONG



I appreciate you taking the time to read Provincial Point of View. There is always so much going on in our community, city and province. I value your input. Please continue to let me know your ideas and suggestions for making this newsletter better.

Together, our diverse economy and our balanced budget will keep our province strong. With no tax increases, controlled spending, record investments in infrastructure and by investing in people, our government will continue to work for you and your families.

With the changing of the seasons, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in many activities in our community. I sincerely thank all of the community groups for their tireless efforts, ensuring our growing population enjoys a good quality of life.

One of the highlights of my year is hosting you at our [Annual Picnic in the Park](#). Please mark your calendars for [June 18th](#) and watch this newsletter and your mailbox for additional details. The picnic will be held at the Forestry Farm and we are working on making sure we have a great meal along with fantastic entertainment. Don't miss it!

## **PREMIER WELCOMES NEW CANADA URANIUM DEAL WITH INDIA**



Saskatchewan’s uranium mining industry yesterday celebrated a milestone achievement, as a historic new agreement with India sets the stage for shipments of Canadian uranium to that country for electricity generation.

Premier Brad Wall was in Ottawa yesterday for the signing of a supply contract between Cameco Inc., a subsidiary of Saskatoon-based Cameco Corporation, and the Department of Atomic Energy of India. The premier witnessed the signing along with Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is in Canada on a state visit.

“I would like to thank the federal government and Prime Minister Harper and the Government of India and Prime Minister Modi for reaching the agreement and business framework that made the Cameco contract possible,” Wall said. “India has a dynamic and growing nuclear energy program, and the opportunity to supply this major customer is a huge deal for our industry, the workers it employs and the Saskatchewan communities it supports.”

**Note:** *Congratulations to Saskatoon Silver Springs resident, Tim Gitzel, who is President and*

*CEO of Cameco. Mr. Gitzel indicated this deal opens the door for Saskatchewan and comes with massive upside for potential sales in the future.*

[Read more about this historic uranium deal](#)

## **SASKATOON RESIDENTS AMONG THOSE HONOURED WITH THE SASKATCHEWAN ORDER OF MERIT**

Today, Lieutenant Governor Vaughn Solomon Schofield announced the names of the 10 new recipients to be invested into the Saskatchewan Order of Merit – the province’s highest honour, which marks its 30th anniversary this year.

"Like those invested into the Saskatchewan Order of Merit over the past three decades, this year's recipients are individuals of uncommon achievement, generosity and vision," Solomon Schofield said. "I congratulate them on this well-deserved honour and I thank them for their extraordinary contributions to our province."

The recipients for 2014-15 are:

- Mr. Jack Brodsky, Saskatoon
- The Reverend Lorne Calvert, Saskatoon
- Dr. Wilf Keller, Saskatoon
- Ms. Anne Luke, LL.D., Regina
- William (Bill) McKnight, P.C., LL.D., Saskatoon
- Ms. Yvette Moore, Moose Jaw
- Maestro Victor Sawa, Regina
- Ms. Ellen Schmeiser, Q.C., Saskatoon
- Dr. David E. Smith, O.C., F.R.S.C., Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario (previously from Saskatoon and Regina)
- Mr. Henry Woolf, LL.D., Saskatoon

[Read full release here](#)



The City-wide Food Drive began 10 years ago right here in our constituency of Arbor Creek and Erindale. It is absolutely wonderful to see the progress in the past decade as the food drive expanded to cover the entire city of Saskatoon.

It was always the intention of the founders to have enough food donated to fill the cupboards of the Food Bank for the months of May and June. The food drive has accomplished that for the past three years and this years goal is to collect enough food donations to support those in need well into the month of August.

I have been pleased to have the opportunity to help each and every year since the first drive. It is a fantastic opportunity for the entire family to get involved and help those in need. Congratulations to the organizers of this successful food drive.

Brown paper bags will be delivered to each home throughout the entire city a few days prior to the event. Watch your mailbox for your donation bag and fill it with healthy non-perishable food. Please set your bag on your doorstep by 10 am on Saturday, May 2nd for the volunteers to collect.

This is such a worthy cause. Please help the Saskatoon Food Bank make a difference for thousands of families in our city! A volunteer barbeque will be held at 1:00 pm at Circle Drive Alliance Church for the volunteers. Please make this year's food drive a success! Thank you to the organizers, volunteers and everyone that contributes out by donating food.

**SASKATCHEWAN TAX CREDITS HELP KEEP TAXES LOW**

With the personal tax filing deadline for the 2014 tax year approaching, Saskatchewan people are encouraged to take advantage of the various provincial tax credits to help keep their taxes low.

“If you’re a recent first-time homebuyer or post-secondary graduate, tax credits are available which can reduce your taxes payable and keep more money in your pockets,” Finance Minister Ken Krawetz said. “Saskatchewan people with lower incomes or with children enrolled in sports programs or cultural or recreational activities, as well as workers who are required to purchase tools as a condition of their employment can also take advantage of tax credits aimed at helping them keep more of what they earn.”

[Click here to read what Provincial tax credits include](#)

## **CHILD FIND SASKATCHEWAN CHARITY BREAKFAST**



### **A MISSING CHILD IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY**

Child Find Saskatchewan is hosting a Charity Breakfast Wednesday, May 6th at the Saskatoon Hilton Garden Inn from 7:15 am to 8:15 am.

Special guests are father and son, Lyle Miller and Zach Miller. The Millers will speak about being the subject of Saskatchewan's first Amber Alert and will share their story in the hopes of making a difference in the lives of others. They hope that telling their story might offer some healing for others and raise awareness of missing and exploited children while focusing on safety and prevention. Please plan to attend and hear this heartbreaking story.

I encourage you to contact Child Find Saskatchewan at 306.955.0070 should you wish to become a table host or a guest at this charity fundraiser.

All proceeds go towards programs focusing on education, prevention and services for children, youth and searching families. All programs and services at Child Find Saskatchewan are free of charge.

## **SASKATCHEWAN WAIT TIMES FOR SURGERY AMONG THE BEST IN CANADA**

A national report shows Saskatchewan patients are benefiting from improved access to surgery, with surgical wait times among the shortest in the country.

The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) report, *Wait Times for Priority Procedures in Canada, 2015*, was released April 14, 2015.

In Saskatchewan, 90 per cent of all patients had an offer of surgery within three months of booking between December 2014 and February 2015.

“Since the launch of the four-year Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative in April 2010, we have made tremendous improvement in patients’ access to surgery,” Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. “Close to 10,000 more surgeries were performed last year, compared to five years ago, and the number of patients waiting more than three months for surgery has dropped by 87 per cent over the past five years.”

[Read more by clicking here](#)



I congratulate my colleagues Laura Ross and the Honourable Christine Tell, along with Tina Beaudry-Mellor for the work they are doing for young girls. The ladies are hosting a luncheon Thursday, May 7. at the Conexus Arts Centre, 200 Lakeshore Drive, Regina.

The proceeds from this luncheon will help fund a Self-Esteem Workshop for Girls. They feel that

as a mother, sister, friend or a female role model you have the power to positively impact the self-esteem of a special girl in your life.

For more information call 306.584.8846 or email: [letsdolunch@sasktel.net](mailto:letsdolunch@sasktel.net).

Help Laura, Christine and Tina support young girls in our province by attending this fundraising luncheon. The workshop to be held October 4th will be a fun interactive afternoon for girls ages 10 - 13 exploring self-esteem. Healthy strong girls grow up to be healthy strong women!

## WUHCA EARTH DAY NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP



Our community is invited to participate in the WUHCA Earth Day Clean Up in Willowgrove Square April 22 from 10 am - 3 pm. Last year the group focused on Wallace Park and the green spaces around Willowgrove Square.

An incredible job was done last year by the many volunteers as 18 huge green garbage bags were collected with the help of community members. What is really special is that at Willowgrove School they try to make each day "Earth Day". The school's "Green Team" consists of 68 students in grades 2 and 3 who recycle school paper, plastic and drink containers. Look at a portion of their Earth Day Canada's Top 10 actions:

### **Willowgrove Green Team Helping the Planet one green deed at a time!**

1. Buy what you need, not what you want.
2. Replace incandescent light bulbs with LEDs.
3. Walk, cycle, car pool and use public transportation.
4. Choose local and organic foods that are in season, and support local food producers.
5. Wash full loads of clothes in cold water and hang to air dry.
6. Install ceiling fans and programmable thermostats.
7. Vacation, travel and work as close to home as possible.
8. Take short showers instead of baths.
9. Choose natural, non-toxic cleaning products.
10. Donate, reuse and recycle items before throwing them into the trash.



I am always amazed when I check the WUHCA website and see the many programs and activities. 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](#)

## **THIS WEEK IS EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK IN SASKATCHEWAN**

Government Relations Minister Jim Reiter announced this week, April 12 to 18 has been proclaimed as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Saskatchewan to honour the people working on the front lines of telecommunications emergency dispatching.

“Saskatchewan’s 911 operators and emergency services dispatchers are the first point of contact when people need help and compassion the most,” Reiter said. “The work these professionals do with police, firefighting, rescue and emergency medical services is critical in keeping us safe. It’s an honour to recognize these dedicated men and women for the challenging job they do each and every day.”

Last year, Saskatchewan 911 operators took 312,031 calls.

[Read the full news release here](#)

## **SASKATCHEWAN MAINTAINS LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - JOBS INCREASE**

Saskatchewan’s unemployment rate was 4.4 per cent in March 2015 (seasonally adjusted), maintaining the lowest rate among the provinces for the 18th straight month, well below 6.8 per cent recorded nationally according to Statistics Canada.

“We continue to have the lowest unemployment rate in Canada thanks to employers creating more new jobs for Saskatchewan people, showing confidence in our diverse economy,” Immigration, Jobs, Skills and Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “The increase in the number of jobs over last year is proof that Saskatchewan’s economy remains strong.”



[Read full release by clicking here](#)

## **JUST THE LINKS**

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[Water Security Agency Launches 2015 Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program 2015](#)

[Maureen Woods Education Bursary Recipient Announced](#)

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[Manufacturing Shipments Hit Highest Record Ever](#)

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## **PLEASE CHECK OUT SOME EXCITING COMING EVENTS**

### **Saskatoon Prayer Breakfast**

**Date:** April 18

**Where:** Prairieland Park

**When:** 7:30 am - 10 am

[Click here for additional information](#)

### **Bust a Move**

**Date:** April 18

**Where:** Saskatoon Field House

[Click here for additional information](#)

### **WUHCA Earth Day Clean Up**

**Date:** April 22

**Where:** Willowgrove Square

**When:** 10 am - 3 pm

**Watch for further details**

### **City Wide Food Drive**

**Date:** May 2

**Where:** throughout the city

**When:** 11 am - 1 pm

**Note: There will be a barbeque at 1 pm on May 2 for all volunteers at the Circle Drive Alliance Church**

[Click here for additional information](#)

**Teen Aid Saskatoon - Fundraising & Silent Auction**

**Protecting Our Children In A Digital Age**

**Date: May 3**

**Where: Smiley's Buffet & Event Centre, 702 Circle Drive East**

**When: 5 pm**

[Click here for additional information](#)

**Child Find Charity Breakfast**

**Date: May 6**

**Where: Hilton Garden Inn**

**When: 7:15 am - 8:30 am**

[Click here for additional information](#)

**WUHCA Community Garage Sale**

**Date: May 7, 8 & 9**

**Watch for further details!**

**SABEX Awards - Celebrate Success**

**Date: May 14**

**Where: Saskatoon Prairieland Park**

[Click here for additional information](#)

**MLA Ken Cheveldayoff's Annual Picnic in the Park**

**Date: June 18**

**Where: Forestry Farm**

**When: 4 pm**

**Mark your calendars and watch for details!**

**ZOOGALA**

**Date: June 19**

**When: 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm**

**Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo - Lions Event Pavilion**

[Click here for additional information](#)

## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"In seeking happiness for others, you will find it in yourself". Unknown

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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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