

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



Provincial Point of View

April 18, 2018



THEY WOKE UP THAT MORNING WITH HOPES TO WIN THE GAME
BUT INSTEAD THEY UNITED THE WORLD.

**JERSEY DAY AT CENTRAL SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF THE
HUMBOLDT BRONCOS**



Across the country, Canadians donned jerseys in a massive show of support for the Humboldt Broncos. The initiative was started by a group in British Columbia as a way to honour the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey team and participation grew across Canada and beyond.

As Minister of Central Services, I was proud to join the staff at Central Services and see all the employees participating in support for the Humboldt Broncos. Pictured above is the group photo from Regina and below is the photo of employees from Prince Albert.



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 15 - 21, 2018



On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, I was pleased to have the opportunity to join Lieutenant Governor Tom Malloy, Manager of Government House Monique Goffinet Millerand a room full of dedicated volunteers at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at Government House Monday, April 16th. This is National Volunteer Week and Saskatchewan is known for volunteerism. Attending the luncheon was a great chance to express our gratitude to the many volunteers that put in thousands of volunteer hours to organize and support events held at Government House.

Thank you to all volunteers. This week is a special time to recognize the contributions of volunteers in our communities across our province. This year's theme is: "Celebrate the Value of Volunteering – building confidence, competence, connections and community".

Volunteering is often seen as a selfless act; a person gives their time, skills, experience, and passion to help others, without expecting anything in return. And while volunteering is a form of service, many volunteers will tell you that "you get more than you give". From opportunities to develop new skills, to finding deep and meaningful personal connections, the magic of volunteering is that it creates social and economic value for all.

PROVINCE ALLOCATES NEARLY 600 CHILD CARE CENTRE SPACES



Interested in developing a child care centre? Submit your application for new spaces by end of day May 11, 2018.

The Government of Saskatchewan has now allocated nearly 600 of the 1,015 licensed child care centre spaces committed to through the Canada-Saskatchewan Early Learning Child Care Agreement. Signed earlier this year, the agreement provides Saskatchewan with nearly \$41 million to improve early learning and child care over three years, including 1,500 licensed group and family child care home spaces.

“Affordable, high-quality child care allows parents to work or attend school knowing that their children are being cared for in a safe and nurturing environment,” Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. “We are pleased to inform communities across the province they will be receiving funding for additional child care spots. We are thrilled our children will be having fun and learning in these facilities in the near future.”

For information on submitting an application and to read the entire news release, click [here](#).

THIS YEAR'S BUDGET IS KEEPING SASKATCHEWAN ON TRACK!



We're controlling spending, delivering quality services, keeping the economy strong and balancing the Budget by 2019-20.

Our Government has a plan to return Saskatchewan to a balanced budget by next year, and that plan is on track.

The Government of Saskatchewan continues to control and carefully manage spending in the 2018-19 Provincial Budget. Many ministries are forecasting lower spending than in the previous fiscal year, while continuing to provide valued core services that are sustainable into the future.

Expenses are forecast to be down 1.4 per cent from last year's budget. Government has also realized \$5 million in savings by reducing the number of government-owned vehicles and \$19 million in savings from amalgamation into one health region, while improving front-line care.

While working to control spending, we continue to invest in the priorities of Saskatchewan people – health care, education and social services in particular. Investment in these three areas is \$10.4 billion, an increase of \$4 billion, or more than 64%, since 2007-08.

This year's budget provides \$700,000 for universal 100% coverage for HIV drugs and other supports; over \$520,000 for a new program to screen babies born in Saskatchewan hospitals for hearing loss; and \$2.8 million to individualized funding for children under six with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Our government's commitment to increase education operating funding for the 2018-19 school year was also delivered in this budget, as was nearly \$77 million in child care funding.

More than \$10 million in funding will support those who provide direct daily care to adults with intellectual disabilities, children in need of protection, plus supports for families. This includes foster

families and CBOs that deliver day programs and residential services to people with intellectual disabilities and provide family-focused services.

With continued funding in this year's budget, two new major hospitals – Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford and Jim Pattison Children's Hospital – are on track to be open by the end of next year.

In this budget, there are no increases to tax rates. Low personal and corporate income tax rates remain the same with no increases to Education Property Tax or Provincial Sales Tax rates.

We understand how competitive taxes help to attract people, businesses and investment to Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan is projected to have the fourth highest growth in the country in 2018 and third highest in 2019, according to private sector forecasts. Competitive taxes and targeted incentives support continued diversification and growth in Saskatchewan's economy.

The 2018-19 Saskatchewan Budget includes \$413 million of direct support to municipalities and \$123 million for municipal infrastructure; increases funding to STEP – the Saskatchewan Trade and Export Program to expand the province's export markets; and provides \$2.7 million for infrastructure, including Crown corporations, to support the growing province.

This year's budget also includes new growth tax incentives – the Saskatchewan Value-added Agriculture Incentive and the Saskatchewan Technology Start-up Incentive – to encourage investment, diversify the economy and create jobs.

Faced with significant challenges, including resource revenue decline of more than \$1 billion due in large part to low oil and potash prices, our Government initiated a three-year plan to control and carefully manage spending and achieve a balanced budget in 2019-20.

One of the main goals of our three-year budget plan is to reduce Saskatchewan's reliance on resource revenue, and that plan is on track. Non-renewable resource revenue now accounts for just 10% of the province's total revenue, down from a high of 32% in 2008-09.

This year's budgeted deficit is \$365 million in 2018-19. A return to balance is forecast for 2019-20 with a modest surplus of \$6 million. Higher surpluses of \$108 million and \$212 million respectively are projected for 2020-21 and 2021-22.

Balance ensures long-term sustainability and continued investments in infrastructure. Improved revenue stability, diversified economy, less dependence on resource revenue. This supports our Government's vision to ensure that Saskatchewan is the best place in Canada – to live, work, start a

business, to get an education and raise a family, and to build a life.

Our government's plan to keep Saskatchewan on track includes controlling spending, delivering high quality services for Saskatchewan people, no tax rate increases, and measures to keep our economy strong to return our province to balance in 2019-20.

CONTROLLING GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Budget savings through lower government vehicle costs

Government of Saskatchewan

Following cost-saving measures, government's 2018-19 vehicle fleet budget is reduced by over \$5 million.

| Fewer government-owned vehicles | Short-term private rentals | Strategic procurement |
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| A more strategic approach to management of vehicles reduced government's vehicle fleet size. | A yearlong pilot project took place, using private sector short-term vehicle rentals in Saskatoon, Prince Albert and North Battleford. | Government partnered with other provinces to buy vehicles, and achieved volume discounts on items like tires and windshields. |

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Examples of controlled spending

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DELIVERING HIGH QUALITY SERVICES

To keep Saskatchewan ***On Track***,
we are investing in ***health care***:



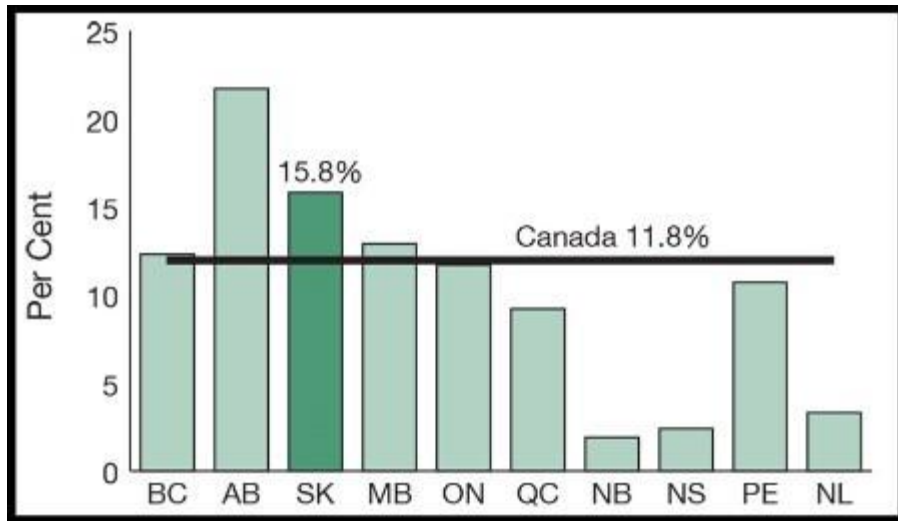
Two new major
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- Saskatchewan Hospital
North Battleford
- Jim Pattison Children's
Hospital

Government is continuing to invest in the priorities of Saskatchewan people – in particular, in health care, education and social services. Investment in these three areas is \$10.4 billion in this budget. That's an increase of \$4 billion, or more than 64 per cent, since 2007-08. Funding is at record levels in 2018-19 for health care and social services and assistance.


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NO INCREASES TO TAX RATES




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KEEPING OUR ECONOMY STRONG



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Value-added Agriculture
Incentive*



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RETURNING TO BALANCE

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Saskatchewan ***On Track***, includes:

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- ✓ **Delivering high quality services for Saskatchewan people**
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- ✓ **Keeping our economy strong**
- ✓ **Returning to balance in 2019-20**

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- **Third lowest debt-to-GDP in Canada resulting in strong credit ratings**

**FREE TAKE HOME NALOXONE KITS AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO
MAY WITNESS AN OVERDOSE**

The FACTS about street **FENTANYL**

There is no such thing as a safe street drug. Know the risks.

Fentanyl is often added to other illegal drugs without people knowing.

Fentanyl has been used illegally in various forms including:

-  Pills
-  Pure powder
-  Powder mixed with other drugs
-  Patches



**50 - 100
times**

more deadly than
Heroin • Oxycodone • Morphine

Fen-ta-nyl
[fen-tuh-nil]

An opioid narcotic, a prescription drug used for cancer patients in severe pain.



Overdose Signs

- Trouble walking or talking
- Pinpoint pupils
- Seizures
- Slow heartbeat
- Shallow breathing
- Bluish or cold/clammy skin



Slang Terms

- Fake oxy
- Greenies
- Green beans
- Green apples
- Apples
- Eighties
- Shady eighties

You can't
See it,
Smell it, or
Taste it.

Visit saskatchewan.ca/addictions for more information.



Call 911 if you suspect someone has overdosed!



Saskatchewan's publically-funded Take Home Naloxone (THN) program will be expanding to provide free THN kits to people who may witness an overdose, including friends and family members of those at risk.

“We believe that even one opioid related death is too many,” Health Minister Jim Reiter said. “Making Take Home Naloxone kits available free of charge to anyone who may need them has the potential to save lives.”

Over the past year, the focus of the THN program has been ensuring naloxone was available in most areas of the province. The THN program is now established in 15 communities across Saskatchewan, including Saskatoon, Regina, North Battleford, Kamsack, Yorkton, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Weyburn, Estevan, Kindersley, Buffalo Narrows, Swift Current, Melfort, Nipawin and Tisdale.

THN kits, education and training are currently available through the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA). Nearly 600 THN kits have been provided to individuals through this program and more than 1,900 individuals have received training.

Please take the time to read the remainder of this important news release [here](#).



For a list of sites where THN kits can be provided for free to those who are likely to witness an overdose, visit www.publications.gov.sk.ca/redirect.cfm?p=85696&i=106365.

For a list of community pharmacies that sell THN kits, visit <https://www.skpharmacists.ca/patients/naloxone>

FIRST PUBLIC OFFERING FOR 2018-19 FISCAL YEAR NETS \$2.9 MILLION



The first public offering of Crown petroleum and natural gas rights for the 2018-19 fiscal year raised \$2.9 million in revenue for the province on Tuesday, which is approximately double the amount raised in the April public offering in 2017.

“There are clear indicators of renewed activity taking place in Saskatchewan’s oilpatch, which is home to some of the most cost-effective plays in North America,” Energy and Resources Minister Bronwyn Eyre said. “Predictable policies and accessible resources make this province an attractive destination for the oil and gas industry, and we intend to keep working to make it even better.”

Saskatchewan’s petroleum sector continues to demonstrate clear signs of growth. The value of the province’s total oil production for 2017 significantly increased over the value for 2016, rising from \$6.9 billion to \$9.2 billion. As well, there was an estimated \$4 billion of investment in new exploration and development by the oil industry for 2017. This was up 42 per cent from the previous year’s figure—an indicator of sustained interest and confidence from the industry, as well as market optimism.

Click [here](#) to read the entire news release.

PROVINCE ANNOUNCES 2018 SASKATCHEWAN ORDER OF MERIT RECIPIENTS



Six outstanding Saskatchewan citizens have been selected to be invested with the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, the province's highest honour, during a ceremony in May.

"Saskatchewan's motto is, 'from many peoples, strength,' and these six exceptional individuals exemplify the strength our province derives from its citizens," Lieutenant Governor W. Thomas Molloy said. "Whether it's been through their leadership, the arts, activism or philanthropy, these men and women have enhanced their communities and Saskatchewan as a whole. I offer my sincere congratulations to each of them and thank them for their contributions to our province."

The 2018 recipients are:

- **National Chief Perry Bellegarde, Assembly of First Nations, Little Black Bear First Nation;**
- **Gail Bowen, Author, Regina;**
- **Dr. Robert Calder, Professor Emeritus and Author, Saskatoon;**
- **Maurice Delage, President of Delage Farms Ltd., Indian Head;**
- **Thelma Pepper, Photographic Artist, Saskatoon; and**
- **Neil Richards, LGBT Archivist and Activist, Saskatoon (posthumous).**

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

REGINA TO HOST 20TH ANNUAL SKILLS CANADA SASKATCHEWAN COMPETITION



More than 450 secondary and post-secondary students and apprentices from across the province will showcase their talents in the skilled trades and technologies at the 20th annual provincial skills competition hosted by Skills Canada Saskatchewan.

Events take place Friday, April 13 in Regina at Evraz Place Canada Centre and the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Regina Campus. The competitions cover a wide array of skillsets: from robotics and website development to automotive technology and cabinetmaking.

“The Skills Canada Saskatchewan Competition gives our province’s young people the opportunity to demonstrate their remarkable abilities in the skilled trades and technologies,” Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “To participate in this competition takes hard work and dedication, and I am confident these competitors will excel in whichever careers they choose.”

Read more about the Competition & Try-a-Trade Expo [here](#).

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 1, 2018

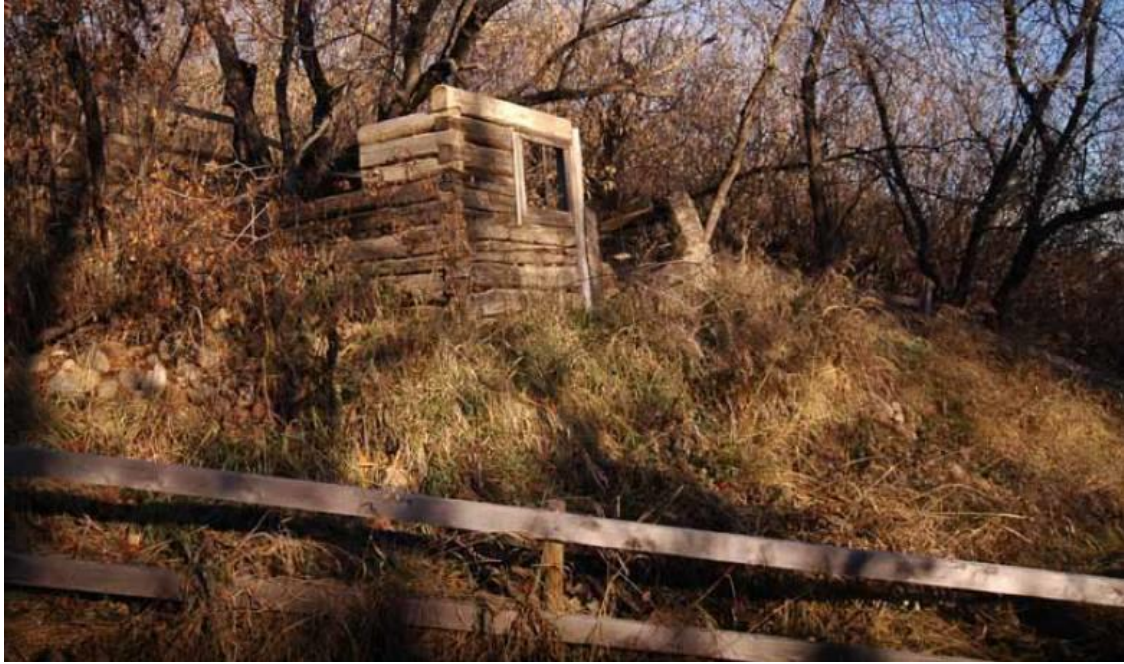


**Apply to represent Saskatchewan at
the Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa,
from October 17-20, 2018!**



Saskatchewan Agriculture asks if you Know a student in Grade 8-11? They are sending two students to represent Saskatchewan at the Global Youth Institute. The deadline is May 1. [#thinkAG](#)

[THE DOUKHOBOR HERITAGE SITE IS A PLACE TO VISIT!](#)



There is so much heritage and culture that surrounds my home town of Blaine Lake.

When a group of Doukhobor immigrants arrived at a ravine near Blaine Lake, Saskatchewan in 1899, a primary concern was finding shelter for the winter. This sheltered ravine not only provided protection from the weather, but also a fresh water supply. With limited building materials at their disposal, the Doukhobor settlers used the natural landscape to their advantage by excavating a hollow in the slope of the ravine to build a temporary home.

If you're planning to be in the area this summer, I encourage you to check out this historic site. Planning is underway for the 2018 Them Day which will be held July 7, 2018. As you enter, watch for a beautifully painted rock at the entrance to the site. Click [here](#) to learn more.

**GATHERING STRENGTH - FRAMWORK FOR RECREATION IN
CANADA FORUM 2018**



Gathering Strength/Rassemblez nos forces: Framework for Recreation in Canada Forum 2018 is a national event focused on building relationships, continuing dialog and working in cooperation towards achieving the values, goals and priorities identified in the [*Framework for Recreation in Canada: Pathways to Wellbeing*](#).

The Forum will be held on May 8-10, 2018 in Regina, Saskatchewan at the Delta Hotel Regina.

Join the movement of continued growth and vitality for recreation across the Nation at the Framework for Recreation in Canada Forum 2018 from May 8-10.

Don't delay, the early bird registration deadline ends April 13: www.gatheringstrength.ca

IT FINALLY FEELS LIKE SPRING - THE FIRST PELICAN HAS ARRIVED!



Out with the snowman, in with the pelicans!

The first pelican to touch down between the CPR Bridge and the weir did so Wednesday, April 18 at 1:54 p.m., as observed by the official spotters from Meewasin and the Saskatoon Nature Society.

Saskatoon residents have special visitors each summer. April through October, pelicans gather by the weir to fish. These birds, once on the endangered species list, have been a beautiful sight on the South Saskatchewan River since the late 1970s. For Saskatoon residents their arrival is a harbinger of spring.

The American White Pelican is one of the largest birds on the continent weighing 7-10 kg and having a wing span of up to 3 m. Breeding birds develop an orange horn on their bill that falls off after nesting season. The breeding birds seen at the weir have likely flown to Saskatoon from Redberry Lake, the site of the nearest nesting colony. They make the 160 km round trip daily. In late fall, our pelicans migrate to sites in California, Florida, Mexico and even Guatemala.

This is the 23rd year of the Meewasin Pelican Watch Contest. Previous arrival times have been between April 4th and April 20th.

The news conference to announce the winners of the Meewasin Pelican Watch Contest will be announced at a later date. Thank you to all who participated, the Saskatoon media and all of the

businesses that have supported the contest with prizes including: Don's Photo Shop, White Pelican Bed and Breakfast, Pelican Media, Houghton-Boston, Homestead Ice Cream, Wild Birds Unlimited Saskatoon, Wildlife Rehabilitation Society of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon Nature Society and Saskatoon public and catholic schools.

To learn more about the pelican, visit the Meewasin website meewasin.com

If you would like your event mentioned in this newsletter, please email me at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net



Saskatoon Prayer Breakfast

When: Saturday, April 21

Where: Prairieland Park, Hall A

Doors open at 7:30 am

Click [here](#) for information



Parkinson's Education Conference 2018

When: April 27th & 28th

Where: Saskatoon Inn

Click [here](#) for additional information or to register call 306-933-4481



Children's Hospital Jeans & Jewels Gala

When: April 27th

Where: TCU Place

Click [here](#) for additional information



Husky Dogs' Breakfast

When: Thursday, May 3rd

Where: Prairieland Park

Click [here](#) for information



City Wide Food Drive

When: May 5, 2018 - 10 am - 2 pm

Click [here](#) for information



Evergreen Community Association Spring Trade Show

When: May 5, 2018 - 10 am - 4 pm

Where: Evergreen Community Centre

Click [here](#) for information



Race for Kids

When: Saturday, May 26, registration at 10 am, race begins at 11 am

Where: Rotary Park

Click [here](#) for details



Save the Date for the 5th Annual Quinn Stevenson Memorial Golf

Tournament

When: Friday, August 17th @ the Willows

Watch for more details



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RELEASES

THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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