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## **PROVINCE LAUNCHES FREE LEGAL ADVICE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

The Government of Saskatchewan's program for survivors of sexual violence, *The Listen Project*, is now open to the public.

The program provides legal advice to survivors of sexual violence, and is hosted by Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan (PLEA).

"We acknowledge that Saskatchewan has unfortunately high rates of sexual victimization and recognize sexual violence survivors often need help in responding to and overcoming such violence," Justice Minister and Attorney General Don Morgan said. "The government stands with these survivors, and this program is a testament to our ongoing commitment to address the problem of sexual violence in Saskatchewan."

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

## **SRC LEADS CANADIAN COMPANIES IN SUSTAINABILITY PERFORMANCE**



April 19th, the Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC) was recognized for its sustainability performance, ranking first on the Corporate Knights Future 40 Responsible Corporate Leaders listing. This is the fifth consecutive year that SRC has been recognized for its positive impacts and responsible practices by Corporate Knights.

Established in 2014, the Future 40 ranks Canadian companies, with revenues under \$1 billion or with less than 2,000 employees, based on 16 key performance indicators related to employee, environmental and financial management. Publicly available information, including annual reports and corporate social responsibility reports are used to provide data for the analysis.

“As one of Canada’s leading and most valued research and technology organizations, we are proud to conduct our business activities in an environmentally and socially responsible manner while continuing to provide positive economic impacts in Saskatchewan,” SRC President and CEO Dr. Laurier Schramm said. “Third-party recognition demonstrates that corporate social responsibility has become embedded in our organizational culture.”

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

## **EMERGENCY SHELTER UPGRADES WILL SOON BENEFIT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

The Government of Canada, the Government of Saskatchewan and Meadow Lake Tribal Council are working together to rebuild Waskoosis Safe Shelter (Waskoosis), a six-bedroom facility, to ensure the safety and security of women and children fleeing domestic violence.

The Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan are jointly contributing more than \$1.2 million to the shelter which, upon completion, will be wheelchair-accessible, have office and programming space, and additional security precautions.

Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development and Minister Responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), and Trade and Export Development Minister and Member of the Legislative Assembly for Meadow Lake Jeremy Harrison on behalf of Social Services Minister and Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (SHC) Paul Merriman, made the announcement April 20, 2018.

Click [here](#) to read quick facts and find associated links.

## **PERMIT PROCESS FOR CANNABIS WHOLESALE PERMITS NOW OPEN**



The Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA) is now accepting applications for wholesale cannabis permits as well as licensed producer registrations.

Permitted wholesalers will be able to purchase cannabis from federally-licensed producers that are registered to supply the Saskatchewan market or from other permitted wholesalers operating in the province.

Wholesale permittees can only sell to retailers, not the general public, and must physically operate within Saskatchewan. There is no limit to the number of wholesale permits and no deadline to apply. Federally-licensed producers must also register with SLGA if they want to sell cannabis to Saskatchewan wholesalers or retailers.

That registration process is now open.

“Our government is committed to ensuring that the legalization of cannabis is focused on protecting the public,” Minister Responsible for SLGA Gene Makowsky said. “Having SLGA permitted wholesalers and federally-licensed producers will help ensure that the supply of cannabis in our province is safe.”

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

## DO NOT GIVE AVA TRADE YOUR MONEY



The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan (FCAA) has issued a Temporary Cease Trade Order against Ava Trade Limited, that appears to be operating an unregistered online platform that allows users to trade in FOREX and Contracts for Difference (CFD).

“An investor should always check to see if a company is registered to trade in the jurisdiction that the investor resides, before handing over their money,” FCAA Deputy Director Ed Rodonets said. “A company’s registration status can be checked by using the Canadian Securities Administrators’ National Registration Search database at [www.aretheyregistered.ca](http://www.aretheyregistered.ca). Just because a company claims to be registered in a foreign country, does not mean they are registered everywhere.”

Anyone contacted by Ava Trade should contact the FCAA Securities Division at 306-787-5936.

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



**EARTH DAY CLEAN UP APRIL 29 - WILLOWGROVE UNIVERSITY  
HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**



Earth day was April 22. Willowgrove University Heights Community Association usually celebrates by hosting a community clean up. However, due to the wet & cold this year, they have moved their community spring clean up day to Sunday, April 29.

From 10 am-2 pm join the group at the Willowgrove square for supplies to help you pick up trash and renegade recycling material from windy winter days.

If you want to clean up around your block on Earth day and the parks next weekend, fantastic! They'll see you April 29. Happy Earth day!

**GOVERNMENT INTRODUCES BILL TO SAFEGUARD  
SASKATCHEWAN'S ENERGY INTERESTS**



Photo credit: Global News

April 23, Energy and Resources Minister Bronwyn Eyre introduced Bill 126, *The Energy Export Act*, for first reading in the Saskatchewan Legislature.

The bill responds to the inaction by the federal government to assert its jurisdictional authority to ensure the Trans Mountain Expansion Project proceeds. The bill will create the legislative framework necessary to optimize the value of Saskatchewan's oil, gas, and refined petroleum products. It establishes a permitting process for individuals or corporations seeking to export such products outside the province.

The new legislation will provide a means to advance Saskatchewan's key economic interests, including jobs, investment, industry revenue and activity in the energy sector. It is similar in intent to legislation recently introduced by the Government of Alberta.

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

**BE SURE TO CHECK THE HIGHWAY HOTLINE FOR ROAD  
UPDATES DUE TO SPRING FLOODING**



Highway 2 - one km north of Wakaw - still has water over the road this morning. Crews are on site and letting traffic through. Detour is no longer in place.

Check with the [www.saskatchewan.ca/highwayhotline](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/highwayhotline) for updates and for other road closures/detours due to spring flooding.

**JIM PATTISON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ON SCHEDULE FOR A  
LATE 2019 OPENING**





Construction on Saskatchewan's new Jim Pattison Children's Hospital over 80% complete. With the interiors being finished from the top down, the fourth floor Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for [#Saskatchewan](#)'s youngest and most vulnerable babies is virtually complete and moving through architectural inspections.

On the exterior, colourful glass fins are being installed on the building, giving the maternal and children's hospital a youthful and family friendly look. The crane, which has been a prominent feature in the Saskatoon skyline since 2014, is scheduled to be removed in May. The electrical grid will soon be activated and the provincial hospital is on schedule for a late 2019 opening.

## **START-UP TAX INCENTIVE**



The 2018-19 budget includes the creation of a new technology start-up tax credit.

Check out this article to see what Saskatchewan's tech sector is saying about it: <http://thestarphoenix.com/.../sask-budget-tech-sector-welcome...>

# DID YOU KNOW

- Since 2007, the Government of Saskatchewan has invested more than \$780 million to develop or repair 16,000 housing units across our province.
- The Government of Saskatchewan has allocated funding for nearly 7,000 child care spaces since 2007.

- **The Employment Standards Division at Labour Relations and Workplace Safety recovered more than \$2.5 million in unpaid wages in 2016-17.**
- **Established as a new Treasury Crown Board in November 2017, the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency is meeting the needs of our rapidly-growing province and current technology demands, so residents can continue to enjoy excellent emergency communication services.**



## SENIORS TECH BUDDY FAIRS

Presentations on financial fraud and internet safety. One on one help with tech devices by students from local high schools. Learn how to use your laptop, tablet, iPad, smartphone, iPhone or other device.

**Tuesday April 10th at St. Joseph High School**

**115 Nelson Road, Saskatoon**

**9:15am-9:45am Registration/Check-in**

**9:45am-11:00am Financial Fraud and Internet Safety Presentations**

**11:00am-12:15pm One on One help with technology by high school students**

**OR**

**Thursday April 19th at Bishop James Mahoney High School**

**231 Primrose Drive, Saskatoon**

**10:00am-10:30am Registration/Check-in**

**10:30am-12:30pm Financial Fraud and Internet Safety Presentations**

**12:30pm-1:30pm One on One help with technology by high school students**

**\$10 fee to cover administration cost**

**FREE TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO NEED IT**

**Phone: 306-652-2255 Email: [admin@scoa.ca](mailto:admin@scoa.ca)**

**Or in-person at Saskatoon Council On Aging (SCOA):  
2020 College Drive, Saskatoon (Saskatoon Field House)**



**SASKATOON FIRE DEPARTMENT WARNS OF ROTTING ICE**



Warm weather has arrived after a long winter and is now causing ice on the City's lakes and ponds to deteriorate or rot. The Saskatoon Fire Department now asks people to stay off the ice since it may be unstable.

Assistant Chief Wayne Rodger says Saskatoon Fire Department staff have evaluated the ice conditions and have determined the ponds are no longer safe for recreational use.

"The degradation we're observing along the shoreline could make access treacherous," Rodger says. "Once the ice starts to deteriorate -- as it has this year -- the thickness of the ice is no longer an indication of its strength."

He says with warmer temperatures, several different factors come into play to make the ice unstable:

- When the snow cover melts, the sunlight and solar radiation travels through clear ice and is absorbed by the water below causing it to warm. Through this process the ice melts from the bottom up. The solar radiation causes ice crystals to deteriorate dramatically weakening the ice. Because this happens from the bottom up, even ice that appears stable may not be safe.
- When water pools on top of the ice, perhaps from the melting snow cover, it will be warmer than the ice and again allow solar radiation to travel through the ice causing it to melt faster.
- When water is moving above or below the ice surface, such as the inflows to our storm retention ponds from attached to storm sewers, ice will weaken. In the same way, river currents constantly affect the quality of the ice on the river making it unstable and dangerous for use.

The Saskatoon Fire Department again reminds residents to never go on the river ice and asks them to stay off the ice on the city's lakes and ponds for the remainder of the 2018 season.





### 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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### 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.**

***"From a Provincial Point of View"* is a weekly message from Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Saskatoon Willowgrove. Your opinions are important and your letters, emails, and phone calls on any issues relating to the provincial government are welcomed.**

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