

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



"The friendship of those we serve is the foundation of our progress"

Christmas is a special time of year when we celebrate faith, family, peace, harmony, optimism and good will towards others. It is in that spirit that I take this opportunity of behalf of our family, Trish, Carter and Paige, to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a healthy & prosperous New Year.

This is a favourite time of year for many, but for several people, there are challenges. Happiness, nostalgia, excitement and reverence are just a few emotions that are experienced this holiday season. Please take a moment to help those in need and take time to enjoy your family and friends. I will always be grateful for memories of growing up in Blaine Lake, especially the small home town feeling where everyone greeting you with a "Merry Christmas" and visiting with friends and neighbours was the highlight of the season.

We have so much to be grateful for in Saskatchewan. Our city and province is home to people of many faith traditions, who celebrate in different ways, but for many of us this season holds special times of sharing with family and friends.

May this Christmas bring love to your heart, health to your body, peace and joy to your home throughout the new year. From our home to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



READ CHRISTMAS MESSAGES FROM PREMIER SCOTT MOE, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR W. THOMAS MOLLOY AND THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION

2019 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR W. THOMAS MOLLOY
2018 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM PREMIER SCOTT MOE
2018 CHISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION

BE SURE TO INCLUDE A TOUR OF THE ENCHANTED FOREST IN YOUR HOLIDAY PLANS!



One of the most magical places in our province during the holiday season is located right here in the constituency of Saskatoon Willowgrove. Open now until January 4th, the awesome BHP Enchanted Forest is celebrating their 20th Awesomeversary Holiday Light Tour at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm!

Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park is located on Forest Drive off Attridge Drive. Note: Right turn only for westbound traffic off Attridge. No left turns.

• Tune your radio to the Enchanted Forest 97.3 FM • The Holiday Light Tour will normally require 20-30 minutes. • Please remain in your vehicle throughout the Tour.

Click here for additional details.

MEEWASIN SKATING RINK OPENS



The Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink @ Nutrien Plaza is undoubtedly one of Meewasin's most visited sites. Thousands flock to this winter wonderland for activities and get togethers, creating unforgettable memories.

This incredible outdoor skating rink is located in beautiful Kiwanis Memorial Park along Spadina Crescent next to the Bessborough Hotel. A warm up shelter, washrooms and limited skate rentals are available.

The Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink @Nutrien Plaza is now open for public skating. Weather permitting; the rink will continue to be open for the season daily from noon to 9:00 p.m. Admission to the rink is by donation and there are skates to use in the lodge.

There will be a special New Year's Eve Skating Party at the Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink @Nutrien Plaza.

Click here for more information.

DID YOU KNOW?



REPORT ON INTERSECTION REVIEW RELEASED

A traffic engineering review into safety at the intersection of Highways 35 and 335 is complete and the final report is now publicly available.

The purpose of the study was to review the geometric, collision, traffic and human factor characteristics of the intersection, identify any issues that could increase the risk of collisions at the intersection and recommend improvements that may reduce those risks.

The review was commissioned in the aftermath of the tragic accident involving the Humboldt Broncos this past April in which 16 people lost their lives and another 13 were injured.

Government's standard practice is to conduct an internal traffic engineering review following any fatal collision on the provincial highway system. Given the seriousness of this collision and the significant attention paid to it, the Ministry of Justice commissioned an independent consulting engineer to conduct the review.

The report made 13 recommendations to improve the overall safety of the intersection. The Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure will implement all 13 recommendations, reconfirming the previous government commitment to implement all recommendations resulting from the review.

Since this issue is before the courts, the Government of Saskatchewan will not comment further on the report.

In order to inform the public of the report's review and recommendations, the Government of Saskatchewan waives litigation privilege with respect to the report itself, but reserves all other

claims of privilege.

REPORT THE ILLEGAL SALE OF WIL GAME OR FISH MEAT PRODUCTS



Did you know ...

It is illegal to sell, advertise for sale, berter or trade any fish or wild game meat that was taken under either a sport licence, Treaty Right or Aboriginal Right. This constitutes trafficking in fish or wildlife, and is prohibited under Saskatchewan laws.

A Sale of Wildlife Permit is required to sell most animal parts. However, big game antiers that have been separated from the skull can be sold without a permit, but only with a valid hunting licence under which the antiers were taken. Shed antier can be sold without a permit.

your local conservation, contact your local conservation officer or Ministry of Environment field office. Sale of Wildlife Permits are available at ministry field offices or on saskatchewan.ca.

Lawfully taken and tagged hides can be sold by anyone.

Contact our 24-hour TIP service if you suspect wildlife, fisheries, forestry or environmental violations.

Call the toll-free number or submit the report online.

saskatchewan.ca/tip | 1-800-667-7561 SaskTel Cell #5555



Selling, bartering, and purchasing Saskatchewan's wild meat and fish is ILLEGAL and can result in fines and licence suspensions.

Trafficking negatively impacts game and fish populations by reducing them to a simple commodity. Help keep Saskatchewan's wildlife population strong by reporting any suspected illegal trafficking.

EXPLORE THE MAGIC OF WINTER IN SASKATCHEWAN PROVINCIAL PARKS



This winter, families and friends can explore the cool side of Saskatchewan's provincial parks, with a night of enchanting holiday lights, hot cocoa around a toasty-warm campfire or snowshoeing through forests of frost-covered trees. The Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport is offering a variety of winter events in provincial parks that the whole family can enjoy.

"Saskatchewan Provincial Parks are beautiful destinations to visit every season of the year and winter is truly no exception," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. "These upcoming events are a unique way to experience winter in our parks while enjoying fresh air and perhaps trying something new. I am pleased many local communities and organizations are teaming up to provide these wonderful opportunities in our parks for people of all ages."

Read the entire news release here.

'TIS THE SEASON OF GIFT CARDS - IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



Gift cards are a very popular way to send some holiday cheer to your friends, family and coworkers. The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority (FCAA) wishes to make consumers aware of gift card rules in the province, as FCAA sees a rise in calls and complaints about gift cards after the holiday season has concluded.

Consumers often have concerns about usage limits and expiry dates.

Gift Card Tips

- Gift cards can't expire Gift cards bought and sold in Saskatchewan are not allowed to
 have an expiry date (with a few exceptions). An expiry date is only allowed for gift cards
 that are issued for charitable purposes or where the consumer provides nothing of value
 for the card (e.g. as part of an advertising promotion).
- 2. There can be no additional fees All fees must be paid up front and no additional monthly or usage fees are allowed after the fact.
- 3. Read the fine print on the gift card It's important to read the fine print on a card before buying it to understand what limits may exist on its use.
- 4. Use your gift card as soon as possible If a retailer goes out of business, it is unlikely you can recover the value on your card.

For more information, visit http://fcaa.gov.sk.ca/consumers-investors-pension-plan-members/consumers-of-goods-and-services/gift-cards.

Contact Consumer Protection Division. The Consumer Protection Division may be able to help

consumers with gift card disputes. Consumers can call toll free at 1-877-880-5550 or by email at consumerprotection@gov.sk.ca.

SASKATCHEWAN GROWS BY MORE THAN 3,800 PEOPLE IN THIRD QUARTER OF 2018

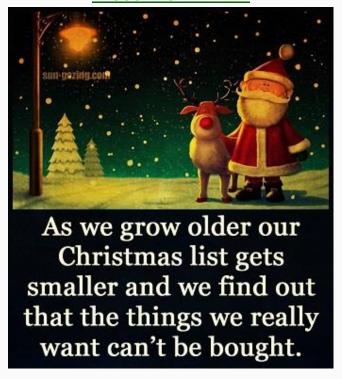
Saskatchewan's population continued to grow in the third quarter of 2018. According to the latest population estimates released today by Statistics Canada, Saskatchewan grew by 3,841 to 1,165,903 people as of October 1, 2018.

This represents the 50th consecutive quarter of population growth - the longest sustained period of population growth in Saskatchewan since quarterly records started being kept in 1971.

"Despite the challenges facing our energy sector, people still see Saskatchewan as a great place to live, and they're right," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Our government will continue working hard to stand up for Saskatchewan and ensure it's a great place to live, work and raise a family."

Saskatchewan's population growth in the most recent quarter was driven by net international migration of 5,261 and a natural increase (births minus deaths) of 1,762, partially offset by net interprovincial migration of 3,182.

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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