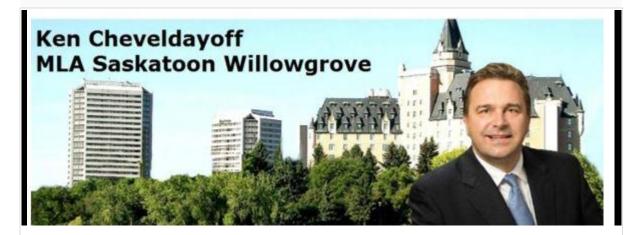
Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



#### **MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING TO INCREASE FOR 2019-20**



"Premier Scott Moe, Last year we committed to working with municipalities to develop a new, stable revenue sharing formula that works for everyone.

Today we got to that formula, and municipalities across Saskatchewan will get \$10 million more to invest in their communities where they see the greatest need." Watch the video live from SUMA <u>here</u>

Today, Premier Scott Moe announced that Saskatchewan municipalities will see an overall funding increase of more than \$10 million for 2019-20, bringing the total amount to \$251 million next fiscal year for the municipal revenue sharing program. The announcement was made while Premier Moe addressed the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) at their Annual General Meeting.

The additional \$10 million in 2019-20 represents a four per cent increase from the current fiscal year, following a review of the program and consultation with municipal stakeholders that began in 2018 and resulted in a new predictable, sustainable and transparent formula.

"Municipalities across Saskatchewan will continue to have a consistent source of unconditional provincial revenue to invest in their local priorities," Moe said. "The adjusted revenue sharing formula recognizes our current fiscal reality, evolves this key provincial program, and retains the fundamental qualities of predictability, sustainability and transparency."

Read the entire news release here.



#### **REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE**

Saskatchewan is a national leader in manufacturing sales and wholesale trade growth. This is an encouraging sign of our economic resilience. Coupled with strong job numbers, we can be

optimistic that our economy will continue to grow and create opportunity for Saskatchewan people.

Agriculture is a key driver of our economy and plays an essential role on a global scale. Continued investments in research are vital to ensuring producers are growing what the world needs in the most efficient and sustainable way possible.

At the recent CropSphere conference in Saskatoon, in partnership with producers and the Government of Canada, the Government of Saskatchewan announced support for dozens of new crop and livestock and forage-related research products.

These investments help to cement Saskatchewan's status as a leader in agriculture research and create even more opportunities for our producers and agribusinesses, which in turn increases the competitiveness of our industry.

These investments also help to grow our reputation as an internationally recognized leader in the biosciences. Continued investment also helps to attract more world leaders in the field to our province, fostering continued innovation.

Innovation and technology play a critical role in growing our economy.

Our province is home to a thriving technology sector, and our government is encouraging its growth through the Made in Saskatchewan Technology (MIST) Program. The program is designed to find solutions from the province's technology-based companies whose products may improve public service delivery. Innovation Saskatchewan has now started accepting applications. To learn more about the MIST Program and how to apply, visit innovationsask.ca.

Our technology sector continues to punch above its weight, and we want to keep it growing into the future. If you have a tech startup idea, you can also check out our Saskatchewan Technology Start-up Incentive.

Thank you to all entrepreneurs for their hard work and commitment to growing industry and opportunity in Saskatchewan.

Modernizing regulations and cutting the red tape is a priority of the Government of Saskatchewan. Unnecessary regulation and red tape costs business, residents and the governments millions of dollars and thousands of hours in lost time every year.

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) recently recognized Saskatchewan for

its ongoing leadership in red tape reduction by setting clear targets as well as measuring and reporting the regulatory burden. In 2017-18, regulatory modernization efforts were forecast to achieve \$132.9 million in savings over the next 10 years—across government and Crown corporations.

The Government of Saskatchewan has also introduced the 'Help Cut Red Tape' web page, which is an easy, practical way for entrepreneurs to submit their red tape headaches directly to the government and have them addressed.

Saskatchewan's efforts to modernize regulations and reduce red tape have earned our province the CFIB's highest A grade in its 2019 Red Tape Report Card.

Effective red tape reduction also means addressing inter-provincial regulatory irritants. Saskatchewan actively participates as a member of the Regulatory Reconciliation and Cooperation Table, as part of the Canada Free Trade Agreement.

Saskatchewan and Ontario are also working with industry to identify opportunities to remove red tape for businesses selling goods or services across Canada.

For more information on how to Help Saskatchewan Cut Red Tape, visit <a href="http://saskatchewan.ca/help-cut-red-tape">http://saskatchewan.ca/help-cut-red-tape</a>.

#### ARCHIVES WEEK CELEBRATED THROUGH STORIES AND DOCUMENTS



Journeys of newcomers to Canada will be celebrated as the Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Council for Archives and Archivists (SCAA) join to celebrate Archives Week from February 3-9.

"Archives Week provides an excellent opportunity to showcase the rich history of our province, and to hear the stories of new Canadians building their lives here, past and present," Minister Responsible for the Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan Ken Cheveldayoff said.

One of the key events for the week New to Town: Newcomer Reflections Then and Now takes place the evening of February 6 at the Bushwakker Brewpub in Regina. The night features speakers discussing their journey to Canada and Saskatchewan, with readings and excerpts of documents from the past.

"The Provincial Archives enjoys partnering with other archives during this week," Provincial Archivist Linda McIntyre said. "The records featured in these events are only a snapshot of all that archives have to offer to the people of the province."

Click <u>here</u> to read more and learn about the many activities taking place throughout the province during archives week.

## **OPTIMIST HILL CAMPAIGN**



Saskatoon Willowgrove constituent Brad Sylvester is one of the hard working Optimist Club members who worked tirelessly to make their dream of a winter park in Saskatoon a reality! Their vision, hard work and determination has paid off. The Optimist Hill project is complete! Rental skis, snowboard and tubes have been moved into the rental buildings. The temporary chalet is fantastic. The hill will be groomed to perfection with lots of snow! This could not have been accomplished without the many sponsors that supported this amazing community project! Stay tuned for the soft opening very soon and the opening celebration Feb. 10th.

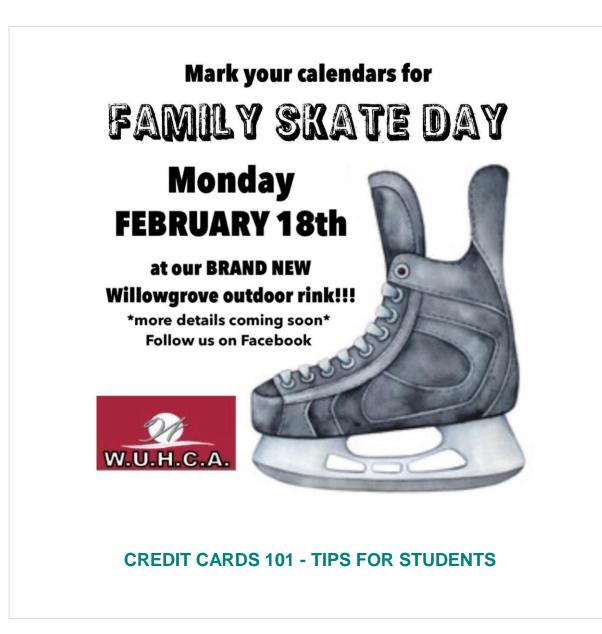


Do you have any ski or snow board equipment that your children have OUTGROWN and would be willing to donate the equipment to the Optimist Hill project? They are currently in need of small children and youth sizes in their rentals. Any help in this area would be much appreciated.

Special thanks goes to <u>The Lake Louise Ski Resort & Summer Gondola</u> for sending boards, skis, bindings, and boots to get this project kicked off!!

They want all children to experience the joy of skiing and snowboarding as they grow up. If you have any questions, please call Miriam at the NEW Optimist Hill phone # 306 361-7547.

### WILLOWGROVE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - MARK YOUR CALENDARS - FAMILY SKATE DATE FEBRUARY 18





The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority (FCAA) is offering advice to students about credit card usage to help them responsibly use their first credit card. When used responsibly, a credit card can help build good credit history which is important when it's time to buy a car or a house.

"Making late credit card payments or skipping them will seriously harm your credit rating," FCAA's Consumer Credit Division Director Cory Peters said. "It's important to always make your minimum payment on time. Better yet, if you always pay the full balance on time you can avoid interest charges entirely."

Keep the following tips in mind when getting a credit card:

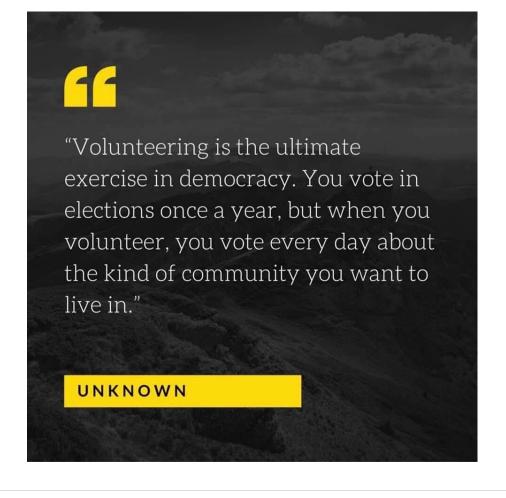
- Always make your minimum payment on time At the very least, make the minimum payment by the due date and to avoid interest charges, pay off the full balance on time.
- Don't share your PIN If something happens to your account and you've given someone your PIN, you are on the hook.
- Avoid cash advances There often is a fee associated with this and interest is charged immediately.
- Read your statement Make sure your transactions recorded in the statement are accurate and check for any fraudulent and unauthorized charges. Fraudsters can sometimes gain access to your card without you noticing it.

• It's not free cash – If you can't afford to pay it off right away, think twice before buying something with your credit card. Not all credit cards are the same, offering different interest rates, fees and rewards. Make sure to research which one is the right fit for you.

For more helpful information on credit card usage, visit <u>http://fcaa.gov.sk.ca/financial-literacy/youth-parent-educators/credit-card-tips</u>.

## SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE FAMILY OF KAYDEN KOT

It was such a pleasure to attend "Kisses for Kayden" last weekend. It is evenings like this when I am especially proud to have the opportunity to serve a community that comes together to support a great cause. Special thanks to the organizers, volunteers, donors and all those involved.

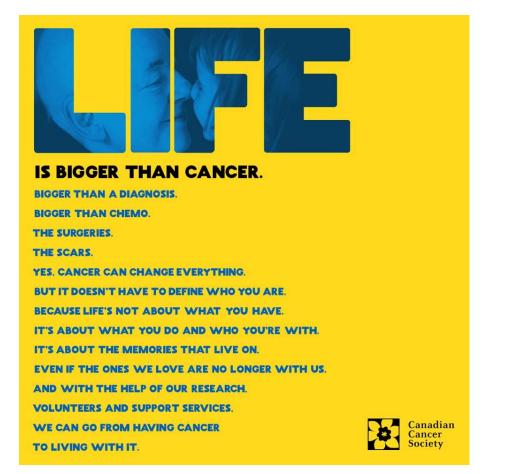


I'm delighted to share a heartfelt thank you from Kayden's parents to everyone that supported this fantastic event:

Peter, Sylvie, Edyn and Kayden Kot would like to thank everyone who was able to attend and/or support Kisses for Kayden on February 1st. The evening was a huge success! The insurmountable support that we continue to receive and the gratitude we feel as we continue to advocate for our son and his quality of life simply cannot be put into words. From the bottom of our hearts...Thank You! We hope to see you again at the event next year!



#### TODAY IS WORLD CANCER DAY



Today is World Cancer Day. With nearly 1 in 2 Canadians expected to be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime, we all have a reason to take action. Cancer can change everything. But it doesn't have to define us. Because LIFE is bigger than cancer.

Join us in sharing this powerful message and learn how you can help create a world where no Canadian fears cancer: <u>http://bit.ly/2WyHXDw</u>

#### SYLVIA FEDORUK CANADIAN CENTRE FOR NUCLEAR INNOVATION RECEIVES \$800,000 FROM INNOVATION SASKATCHEWAN



Innovation Saskatchewan is pleased to support the Sylvia Fedoruk Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation (Fedoruk Centre) in Saskatoon, by providing \$800,000 in funding to renovate and equip the Innovation Wing of the Saskatchewan Centre for Cyclotron Sciences (SCCS). In total, the Government of Saskatchewan has provided \$19.5 million to the SCCS since 2015.

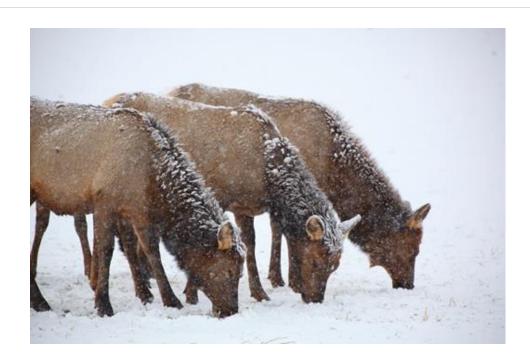
The Fedoruk Centre operates the SCCS on the campus of the University of Saskatchewan, and supplies radiopharmaceuticals to the Royal University Hospital (RUH) for the diagnosis and treatment of cancer by nuclear imaging. The funding from Innovation Saskatchewan supports the renovation and equipping of vacant space at the SCCS Innovation Wing, to create specialized labs for researchers working on new drug treatments using medical isotopes.

The SCCS is an important scientific facility for researchers conducting work with nuclear imaging technologies in the treatment of cancers, antibiotic resistant bacteria, and infectious diseases. As well, the funding will support a new imaging lab – the first of its kind in Canada – for researchers studying plants and soil bacteria to improve crop productivity.

"The Saskatchewan Centre for Cyclotron Sciences and the Fedoruk Centre are vital to our health research cluster and have attracted world-class researchers to Saskatchewan," Minister Responsible for Innovation Saskatchewan Tina Beaudry-Mellor said. "The research being conducted in this facility is generating expertise in the health and agriculture sectors, advancing Saskatchewan into the global research market."

Read more here.

#### BIG GAME MANAGEMENT LICENCES AVAILABLE FOR ELK IN THE MOOSE MOUNTAIN AREA



The Ministry of Environment is issuing 100 Big Game Management Licences for elk in Wildlife Management Zone (WMZ) 33 that will be valid from February 4-25. This decision is in response to significant concerns about agricultural damage and will help reduce the elk population in the region.

Big Game Management Licences are issued by the ministry to address concerns about overabundant big-game populations.

The licences will be issued on a first come, first served basis through the Saskatchewan Hunting, Angling and Trapping Licence system at 9 a.m. on Monday, February 4.

Click here to read the entire news release.

#### RENEWED LOTTERY AGREEMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BENEFIT SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITIES



A renewed lottery agreement guarantees eligible sport, culture and recreation organizations will continue to receive and benefit from Saskatchewan Lottery proceeds for the next five years.

This morning, the Government of Saskatchewan, Sask Sport, SaskCulture and the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association signed the agreement.

"Saskatchewan Lotteries is a successful fundraiser for community sport, culture and recreation," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. "The Saskatchewan Lotteries provides opportunities to more than 600,000 participants in many communities across our province. These far-reaching benefits would not be possible without our partners, Sask Sport, SaskCulture and the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association, and of course thousands of volunteers."

"We fully support the new lottery agreement, and look forward to another five years working with our partners to build active, healthy communities in Saskatchewan," Sask Sport Chair Leslie Blyth said. "Long-term planning is essential to non-profit organizations and their ability to deliver quality, sustainable programs, services and events. This agreement will continue to positively impact our communities and provide more opportunities for all. Together, we all win!"

Read the entire news release here.



Saskatchewan Health Authority: Thank you <u>#Saskatchewan</u>! Together with your incredible generosity we raised \$532,560 at Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Radiothon to equip the new Pediatric In...tensive Care Unit at the new children's hospital opening later this fall. <u>92.9 The Bull</u> <u>98 COOL Country 600 CJWW</u>

READ MORE: https://pattisonchildrens.ca/17th-annual-jim-pattison-chil.../

# READY TO ESCAPE THE COLD? FIVE TIPS FOR BOOKING A TRIP



- 1. Pay with a credit card (make sure you know which currency CAD, USD, etc. is being used). It is easier to get a refund through a credit card provider.
- 2. Minimize or avoid cash/cheque deposits. It may be more difficult or impossible to get a refund if the third party goes out of business.
- 3. When booking airfare/hotel/car rental through a third party (online or in person), confirm your booking with the actual supplier to ensure the reservation was received and that the dates and details are correct.
- 4. Make sure to thoroughly read the cancellation policy set out in your travel contract.
- 5. Do research, read customer reviews, check with the Better Business Bureau, www.bbb.org/saskatchewan, and the Association of Canadian Travel Agencies (ACTA), www.acta.ca, to confirm that the third party is well established and has a good reputation within the community.

#### **Contact Consumer Protection Division**

The Consumer Protection Division may be able to help consumers who have problems with a travel contract. They can call toll free at 1-877-880-5550 or by email at <u>consumerprotection@gov.sk.ca</u>.

The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority (FCAA) wants people to enjoy their winter getaways this year. If you are planning a trip, make sure you follow these simple tips so your dream vacation doesn't turn into a nightmare. Here are five steps to protect yourself in case something goes wrong when booking a trip:

#### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT ... OLD-FASHIONED SKILLS FOR KIDS



In our digital world, there are still some analog skills that are VERY much needed! Here are some practical ways to encourage kids to become capable and empathetic members of society.

You can print this list from the post. It's not meant to be exhaustive or to be a burden to do every single one, but just a starting point with things to think about.

LINK: https://frugalfun4boys.com/40-old-fashioned-skills-for-kids-today/



Provincial Point of View is a great way to connect with our community. We appreciate the opportunity to share the successes we see in our constituency and highlight the many events happening in our community. If you have a suggestion for items you would like highlighted in this newsletter, please email: ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net



WUHCA Family Skate Day When: Monday, February 18th Where: Willowgrove outdoor rink Watch their facebook page <u>here</u> for details



RBC Training Ground Program When: February 23 Where: Henk Ruys Soccer Centre Click <u>here</u> for details



Dress for Success Saskatoon Ensemble

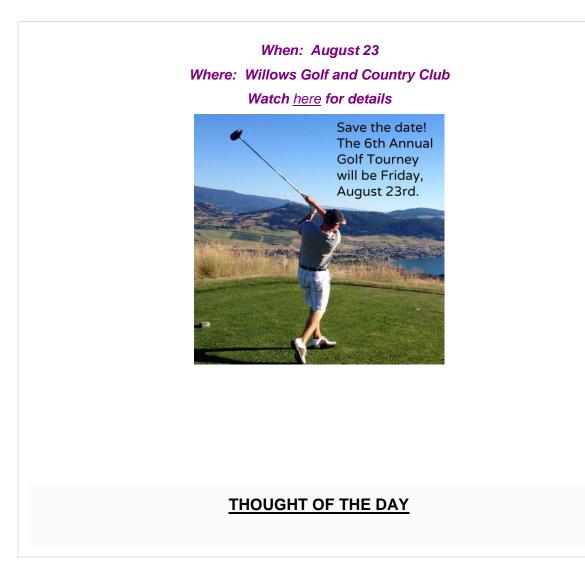
When: March 7 Where: Remai Modern Click <u>here</u> for additional information



Caregiver Workshop 2019 When: Monday, March 18 Where: Cliff Wright Library Click <u>here</u> to register or for more information



**Quinn Stephenson 6th Annual Golf Tournament** 





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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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