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Provincial Point of View February 7, 2014

GOVERNMENT FUNDING HELPS MUNICIPALITIES BUILD INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RECYCLING PROGRAMS

Saskatchewan municipalities are getting a financial boost as they prepare to participate in the Multi-Material Recycling Program (MMRP). As Minister of Environment, I was pleased to announce that a \$500,000 grant will be provided to the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) to help eligible communities improve or implement recycling programs.

“Recycling plays an important role in building a strong economy and a healthy environment. These dollars will help municipalities to build necessary infrastructure, improve their programs and potentially divert up to 40 per cent of residential waste from provincial landfills each year.” I stated in the news release announcing this program.

To be eligible for funding, municipalities will be assessed on their infrastructure needs and their demonstrated co-operation with other municipalities. The grant will cover up to 40 per cent of eligible project costs, while municipalities to fund the remaining portion. SUMA will administer the grant program.

“We appreciate the Ministry of Environment’s ongoing support of recycling programs,” SUMA President Debra Button said. “This funding will help our growing communities get the infrastructure they need to meet their residents’ recycling needs.”

Since 2004-05, the province has granted more than \$9.45 million to SUMA, the Association of Regional Waste Management Authorities of Saskatchewan, and the Saskatchewan Association of Rehabilitation Centres to support recycling efforts. For more information about recycling programs in Saskatchewan, visit www.saskatchewan.ca/recycling.

Through its 44 offices across the province, the Ministry of Environment plays a leadership role in

providing science-based solutions, compliance and mitigation measures aimed at protecting the environment, safeguarding communities and helping to meet the challenges of economic growth.

[Government Funding Helps Municipalities Build Infrastructure for Recycling Programs](#)

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION RADIOTHON



This is the final day of the three day Annual Children's Hospital Radiothon. This is the 12th year this event has taken place from The Centre Mall in Saskatoon. Listening live on 600 CJWW, 98 Cool FM and 92.9 The Bull, this three-day event shares inspiring stories of love and courage from families, volunteers and medical professionals from across Saskatchewan.

The Radiothon has been incredibly successful in the past and I'm sure this 12th year will once again have a great outcome. I look forward to volunteering this morning. Please call in!

Thanks to the outstanding support of our volunteers and supporters, funds for urgent pediatric medical equipment and the new Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan will soon be a reality.

If you haven't called in, please do. I encourage everyone to support this important event!

COREY CHAMBLIN NAMED CFL COACH OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Riders Head Coach Corey Chamblin who was named 2013 Canadian Football League Coach of the Year. Chamblin becomes the 6th head coach in Roughrider history to win this very well-deserved award.

Corey demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication and excellence as our team captured their fourth Grey Cup Championship.

GOVERNMENT WISHES TEAM CANADA AND SASKATCHEWAN OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC ATHLETES GOOD LUCK



The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to congratulate the athletes with Saskatchewan connections who will attend the 2014 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in Sochi, Russia.

Nineteen Saskatchewan athletes qualified to compete: Chelsea Valois (Bobsleigh, Zenon Park), Lyndon Rush (Bobsleigh, Humboldt), Ben Coakwell (Bobsleigh, Moose Jaw), Graeme Rinholm (Bobsleigh, Saskatoon), Scott Perras (Biathlon, Regina), Mark McMorris (Snowboard, Regina), Hayley Wickenheiser (Hockey, Shaunavon), Ryan Getzlaf (Hockey, Regina), Patrick Marleau (Hockey, Aneroid), Chris Kunitz (Hockey, Regina), Paige Lawrence (Pairs Figure Skating, Kennedy), Rudi Sweigers (Pairs Figure Skating, Kipling), Lucas Makowsky (Speed Skating, Regina), Kali Christ (Speed Skating, Regina), Marsha Hudey (Speed Skating, White City), William Dutton (Speed Skating, Humboldt), Colette Bourgonje (Para-Nordic Cross-Country Ski, Porcupine)

Plain), Brittany Hudak (Para-Nordic Cross-Country Ski, Prince Albert) and Kurt Oatway (Para-Alpine, Regina).

“Congratulations, athletes, on qualifying for the upcoming Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Kevin Doherty said. “Thank you for being strong role models and exceptional ambassadors, and for showing the world that you can grow up to be a world-class hockey player, figure skater or snowboarder right here in Saskatchewan.”

Programs that promote amateur sport participation in Saskatchewan include the Sport Legacy Fund, a gift-giving program that encourages those who have benefitted from sport to make a donation to sport for the benefit of current and future amateur sport participants; SPORT. It's More Than A Game, a campaign that aims to grow and develop amateur sport in Saskatchewan by promoting the benefits of amateur sport participation; and the Saskatchewan Program for Athletic Excellence, which helps financially support the province's elite athletes.

“The success of our high performance athletes reflects the strong programs and resources we have in our province,” Sask Sport Inc. President Shane Reoch said. “For most athletes, they come through the Saskatchewan amateur sport programs with the support of volunteer coaches and community programs in our province. Then they move on to the programs in place for high performance athletes such as Future Best, Canadian Sport Centre, Sask and the Saskatchewan Program for Athletic Excellence. Congratulations, you make Saskatchewan and Canada proud!”

[Government Wishes Team Canada and Saskatchewan Olympic and Paralympic Athletes Good Luck](#)

SUMA CONVENTION 2014

I had the pleasure of attending the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) 109th annual convention in Regina this week. The theme of SUMA's convention this year was “Strength From Many Peoples”. A very fitting theme as hundreds joined to celebrate the strength of our province and our people.

Along with Premier Wall and many of my colleagues, we had the opportunity to renew acquaintances and listen to the concerns and suggestions of the hundreds in attendance. It was great to see members of our Saskatoon City Council, as well as many others from across the province.

As Minister Responsible for SaskWater, it was an honour to speak to the delegation about our long-standing relationship with their association. As our province continues to move forward, as laid out in the government's Plan For Growth, SaskWater strives to meet the needs of our ever-expanding population. This growth would not be possible without the partnerships we enjoy with SUMA and many Saskatchewan communities. I had the pleasure of outlining a few of the highlights from SaskWater's past year that have us excited about the future of this province.

I sincerely thank the organizers and all those that I had the opportunity to meet with. The SUMA Convention Tradeshow has become the largest annual trade show of its kind in North America. Congratulations on another successful convention.

CITY LAUNCHES WEBSITE FOR "GROWING FORWARD! SHAPING SASKATOON"



The City of Saskatoon is pleased to announce the launch of the Growing Forward! Shaping Saskatoon website at www.growingfwd.ca.

"Growing Forward! is an exciting initiative that will take us from vision to action - on how we grow to half a million people," says Alan Wallace, Director of Planning and Development. "The Growing Forward! website is mobile-friendly and is the first step to providing ample opportunities for people to have their say about their future."

Change is inevitable and how the City manages that change is important. Growing Forward! Shaping Saskatoon is a wide-reaching public planning exercise. It will help guide civic investments to accommodate Saskatoon's growth to half a million people within the next 30 to 40 years.

"The input we get from the website will be incorporated into the City's Growth Plan to Half a Million," Wallace says. "We hope this framework will allow us to make changes in our community in a way that will keep Saskatoon a prosperous and great place to live for all citizens."

Growing Forward! will build on a strong foundation of past achievements and public input. It will look at ways to improve how we move around Saskatoon while making sure growth within the City remains sustainable. This project will address three key elements:

- Shaping Growth;
- Shaping Transit; and
- Shaping Bridges.

A public event will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, at TCU Place to start the discussion about future options for transit, bridges, and how to shape Saskatoon's growth to half a million people.

For more information on Growing Forward! Shaping Saskatoon, please visit www.growingfwd.ca.

SASKATOON SILVER SPRINGS CONSTITUENT SELECTED FOR RBC OLYMPIANS PROGRAM

Congratulations to Jillian Gallays who has been selected as part of the RBC Olympians Program for 2013-2015. Jillian is a world-class wrestler and has earned a spot in RBC's 47 member Canadian athlete team.

The RBC Olympians Program was introduced in 2002 and recruits and hires both current and retired Olympic and Paralympic athletes to work for RBC as community ambassadors to bring the Olympic messages of excellence, teamwork, leadership and commitment to our communities.

This outstanding program provides the participants with skills and experiences that will help them find a career for life after sport. The program provides funding and allows the participants to focus on training and competition. More than 200 current and retired Olympic and Paralympic athletes have participated in the RBC Olympians Program.

Congratulations Jillian and thank you RBC for this fantastic program.

FEBRUARY IS HEART HEALTH MONTH IN CANADA



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February is Heart Month, the Heart and Stroke Foundation uses the month of February to raise awareness of how to be heart and healthy conscience. The Heart and Stroke Foundation is dedicated to helping all Canadians live longer, fuller, healthier lives. But, despite 60 years of progress, heart disease and stroke remains leading causes of death and hospitalization in Canada.

It is more common than people know, 9 in 10 Canadians have at least one risk factor for heart disease and stroke, and more women in Canada died of Heart Disease than of cancer. This month is to help raise money and awareness for the Heart and Stroke Foundation so that they might continue educating people and help fund as many as 1,500 researchers.

2013 BUILDING PERMITS HIT RECORD HIGH

It was a busy year for construction in Saskatchewan as building permits hit an all-time annual high in 2013. There were \$3.15 billion in building permits issued in the province last year, up 1.1 per cent over 2012, the third highest percentage increase among the provinces and ahead of the 0.2 per cent decline posted nationally.

“Saskatchewan bucked the trend again with only four provinces showing an increase in building permits on a year-over-year basis,” Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. “The fact that it was another record-setting figure just shows how good a year we had in 2013.”

[2013 Building Permits Hit Record High](#)

DID YOU KNOW...

... Canada's coldest day, was set on February 3, 1947 when the temperature in Snag, Yukon, hit - 63 C.

... Jon Ryan is the first athlete from Saskatchewan to win the Super Bowl.

... Saskatchewan's cities, towns and villages are responsible for purchasing more than \$2 billion in goods and services each year.

... To date there are 15,222 live births registered in Saskatchewan in 2013.

... Total land sale revenue for the 2013-14 fiscal year is \$106.2 million.

... Saskatchewan is the Largest Per Capita Exporter in Canada. 2013 will go down as another record for exports, hitting \$32.9 billion.

JUST THE LINKS

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February 4, 2014 - [Minister Stewart to Lead Agriculture Trade Mission](#)

February 4, 2014 - [Caitlin Taylor Wins Year-Long Saskatchewaner Position](#)

February 5, 2014 - [Province Supports Federal Action to Address Grain Transportation Challenges](#)

February 5, 2014 - [New Municipal Mill Rate Factor Limit to Provide More Taxation Fairness Among Property Classes](#)

February 6, 2014 - [Most Popular Baby Names in Saskatchewan in 2013](#)

February 6, 2014 - [February Land Sale Tops \\$50 Million](#)

February 6, 2014 - [Another Record Year for Merchandise Exports](#)

COMING EVENTS

Saskatoon Wellness Expo

Date: February 7 - 9

Where: Prairieland Park

When: Fri. 5 pm - 9 pm; Sat. 10 am - 6 pm; Sun. 12 pm - 5 pm

Saskatchewan Equine Expo

Date: February 14 - 16

Where: Prairieland Park

When: 10 am - 8 pm

5th Annual Chef's Gala and Showcase

Date: February 15

Where: Prairieland Park

When: 5:30 pm

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

“Solutions nearly always come from the direction you least expect, which means there’s no point trying to look in that direction because it won’t be coming from there.”

~ Douglas Adams, *The Salmon of Doubt*

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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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